EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

After Pentecost



DO NOTHING

Out of Selfish or vain conceit.

Rather, value others

ABOVE YOURSELVES,

not looking to your own interests

but each of you

to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4

T. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 30th and October 1st, 2023

The Season

In the first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost) we look at the life of Christ—his birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. In the second half of the year, we look at the teachings of Christ.

The Sunday

God doesn't want us to simply go through religious motions like some sort of show. He sees right through that. God's desire is that our repentance would demonstrate sincere sorrow over sin. God wants us to see the grace and forgiveness he has shown us in Christ, and in response, to love him back deeply and sincerely.

Prayer before Worship

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord." Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Coralee Henning

Ushers: Mike Beyer (6 pm Saturday)
Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday)

Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday) Doug Strack (10:30 am Sunday)



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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

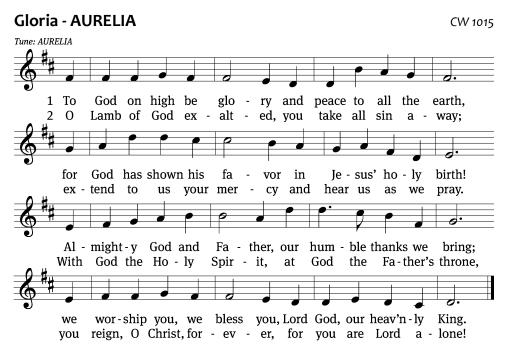
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**



The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

"'The parents eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'?

³"As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹Yet the Israelites say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

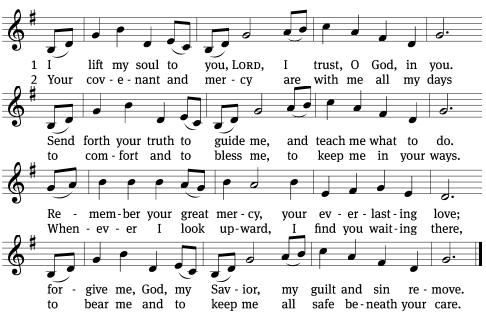
³⁰"Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 25B



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Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

"and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 51:17

Alleluia!

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart you will not despise.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:23–32

²³Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

²⁴Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?"

They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet."

²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."

Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

²⁹" 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

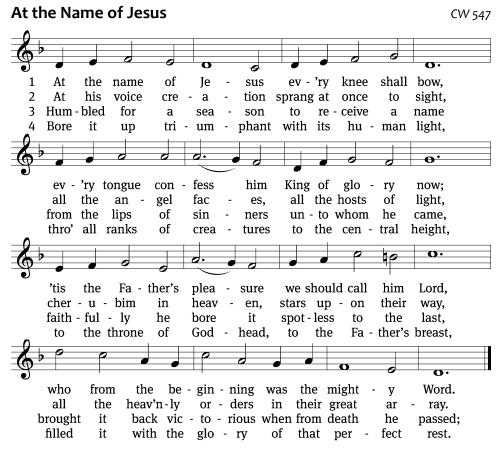
³¹"Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectos and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!



- In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true.

 Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.
- 6 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again in his Father's glory, with his angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

O Lord of hosts, eternal, immortal, and invisible King, we praise and thank you for protecting your people through your holy angels, who always behold your face and worship your majesty. Grant, we pray, as you have commanded them to do your will and to serve those who are the heirs of salvation, that they may also care for us that we may be delivered from every peril of body and soul that threatens us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Be merciful to the people of all nations, O Lord. And since you will reveal your Son Jesus from heaven with his mighty angels to take vengeance on all who have denied you and rejected your love in Christ, extend for the nations their time of grace so that they might come to believe and live eternally. Use us as messengers of your gospel to penetrate the powers of darkness and to bring many to glory. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Look on our own land with your favor. Give our citizens a love for what is true and right. Grant your blessing to all who have authority over us. Prosper our schools and colleges as they train many to proclaim your grace. Bless those who work with their minds and those who labor with their hands so that all human work may benefit your holy Church. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Direct your holy angels to serve all who are in want, trouble, pain, sorrow, disappointment, anxiety, or any other trouble. Comfort them with your power and grace. [Especially bless... here name the person and the cause of the petition.] Grant that your presence may brighten our homes, that children may learn of your tender love, and that all parents may walk in the counsel of your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

May your holy angels serve you as they serve us and at the end of our lives lead them to carry us to the riches of paradise. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer. Amen.

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.





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Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

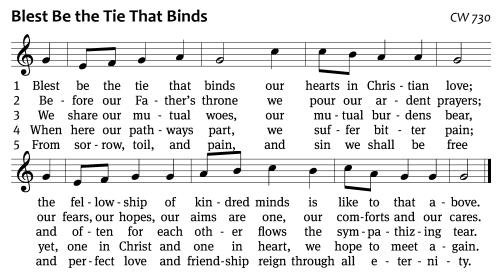


Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



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Announcements

LWMS Circuit Rally: St. Lucas will be hosting a Circuit Rally on October 7th, beginning at 8:30 am, for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. Rallies are semi-annual gatherings in which mission-minded women come together to encourage one another in spiritual growth and mission awareness. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet and join with sisters (and brothers) in Christ for worship, fellowship, and to learn about missions at home and around the world.

The rally will aim to focus support on the home, joint, and world missions projects represented in the Home & World Missions Projects booklet. This allows our time, treasures, and talents to directly support WELS Missions in reaching lost souls with the precious gospel message.

Focus on Ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary: This WLS Focus on Ministry is intended to bring high school boys onto the WLS campus, allow them a chance to speak with current students, and lead them to think more about the pastoral ministry.

We have scheduled two more Focus on Ministry events at WLS for 2023-2024: Sunday-Monday, November 12-13, 2023, and Sunday-Monday, February 25-26, 2024.

During this trip the student will tour the seminary campus, visit classes, worship in chapel, and stay in the dorms. They'll also enjoy fellowship, games, food, and entertainment with young men from the seminary who are preparing to be pastors. They will answer questions and share what it's like to train to be a pastor.

Special Hymnal Presentation: On Saturday, October 14 at 3 p.m., the members of Nain Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI (WELS) are hosting a talk entitled "'Nice to Meet You!' Getting to Know the New Songs of *Christian Worship*." The presenter is Dr. Jeremy Bakken, Director of Worship and Sacred Music at Northwestern Publishing House. The lecture is free and registration is not required, but will help in preparation. Visit nainlutheran.org/lectures for more information and to register. Snacks will be served.

Bags & Bingo at KML: Join at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on Saturday, October 14, at 5:00 PM for Bags & Bingo, hosted by the Charger Club! The bags tournament is for anyone of high school age and above, and Bingo is for all ages. For more info and to register, visit kmlhs.org/bagsandbingo. Come out and support KML and enjoy time with the KML Chargers Family! Together we can make this new event a hit! (This event will be held in place of KML's annual Trivia Night which has been moved to a date TBA in early 2024.)

Save the Date – **PTO Spring Fundraising Gala:** The PTO for our Lutheran grade school is excited to announce they will hosting a Gala, "Pearl of the Sea", this spring to raise money for much needed upgrades to the school's security system. The event will take place on **March** 7th, 2024, at Foundry 45, and will be an enchanting evening full of fantastic food provided by Crave Catering, live music by Whole Yachta Love, and fellowship. In addition to the food, fun, and fellowship there will be a silent auction as well as a raffle.

The PTO would like to reach out for assistance in making this an enjoyable and successful evening. They are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks, donations of any size, silent auction items, and gift baskets for the raffle. The PTO will provide a donation receipt for any donations made that will include the PTO's tax-exempt number for your records.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, providing a donation, or have any questions, please contact Liz Dreher at (262) 923-0241 or Jenell Enright at (608) 669-3190 or jenellenright@gmail.com.

KML Open House: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School has been blessed to provide a Christian education to high school students for 50 years. In celebration, we are hosting a 1950s themed **open house on Sunday, October 15, from 1:00-3:00 PM**. Kids of all ages are invited to come in 50s themed costumes for a candy scavenger hunt, treats, and fun craft. Campus tours will be available. Visit with our staff along the way to find out more about KML. For more info or to register to attend, visit kmlhs.org/open-house.

KML Job Openings: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is looking to fill the following positions:

<u>Concessions</u>: Work in KML's concession stand during home games and tournaments. This
entails simple food preparation, customer service, and clean up. The schedule involves
nights and weekends.

• <u>Part-Time Morning Janitor</u>: 5:00-9:00 AM on school days. Basic janitorial duties: sweeping, mopping, cleaning bathrooms. Starting wage: \$16/hour.

Interested? Questions? Contact Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org).

KML Grandparents' Days: KML invites the grandparents of our students to come for a visit! Select either Thursday, October 19, or Friday, October 20. For more information and to register, visit kmlhs.org/grandparents. Registration deadline: October 9, 2023. Registration is needed to ensure adequate food, seating, and materials. Questions? Contact Mrs. Melanie Schoeneck (262.677.4051 x4018; melanie.schoeneck@kmlhs.org).

Ultimate Alumni Tailgate Party: In celebration of KML's 50th anniversary, this year's alumni homecoming tailgate will be held on October 6, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 PM at KML. Alumni and their spouses/significant others and children are invited to attend! We will host a food truck, bounce house, and fun games again this year, ALL FOR FREE! Alumni, spouses, and their high school aged-children will receive a voucher/wristband for the food truck. Elementary-aged children and younger of alumni will receive a voucher for the concession stand. Register at kmlhs.org/alumnihoco23 to secure your spot at our Ultimate Alumni Tailgate Party! Registrations are required to ensure adequate food and fun. Registration Deadline: September 22, 2023

Fall Band & Choir Concert: Please join us in person or online (kmlhs.org/stream) as students from KML glorify God through music! This concert will take place on Sunday, October 1, at 2:30 PM in the KML PAC Auditorium. We hope you can join us!

Keys Run: We e are happy to support our local community by partnering with the KEYS Run, from the KEYS Scholarship organization. The 30th annual Keys Scholarship fun run/walk will be held at Kewaskum High School on Sunday, October 8th, 2023 at 11 am. KEYS, Inc. is a non-profit organization established in 1985 to accept contributions to provide scholarships for Kewaskum High School graduates. For more information, or to register for the run/walk, please visit us at us at Keys-Scholarships.org or scan the OR code to register and secure your spot .

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Sadie Homuth – 10/1 Debra Backhaus – 10/2 Amy Prochnow – 10/2 Caleb Franzen – 10/4 Nolan Shaske – 10/4 Autumn Valentino – 10/4

Teegan Buslaff - 10/5

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Amanda Prost - 10/1

Calendar

Readings for October 1st - October 8th, 2023

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