



Pray in
The
Spirit
at all
times

**THE FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
September 13, 2009**

**Alleluia. Your words became
a joy to me, and the delight
of my heart. Alleluia!**

Ephesians 6:18

GREETINGS and WELCOME to
Brooklyn Lutheran Church.

VISITORS please sign the guest book.
Come and worship with us again soon!

Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **Large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.

Prayer Before Worship: Heavenly Father, I have come to worship You. Draw near to me in Your gracious Word, and assure me of Your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear Your voice and sing Your praise. Amen

ORDER OF SERVICE: Morning Praise, Page 45

HYMNS: 541 459 474 192

PRAYER FOR THE DAY—Spoken by all together.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with Your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1,2,6-8 (Page 279)

God is serious about all of His Word, both the Law and the gospel. Those who don't take seriously God's gifts soon lose those gifts as a consequence of despising His commands. A peaceful and orderly life rests on those

who follow His Word. Those who do not know His Word may be moved to hear it by the godly lives of Christians.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119c (Page 111)

We give thanks to God, not only because He has given us His holy law and gospel, but also because He often lets us see the consequences of disobedience and unfaithfulness to His Word.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23 (Page 1563)

Adding to God's Word is just as bad as subtracting from it. In both cases man sets aside what God has said in favor of what he wants in order to justify himself apart from God's Word and Christ's work. Those who would take the law seriously need first and always the cleansing power of the Gospel; those who refuse to take the law seriously prove thereby that their hearts are still unclean and separated from God.

SERMON: Ephesians 6:10-20 (Page 1824)

Stand Strong In The Lord

- ✘ Know What You're Standing Up Against
- ✘ Know What You Need To Stand

Soloist: (In place of Te Deum) **"Be Strong in the Lord"**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for the week:

"Clean Hands and A Pure Heart"

Today's Offering Counters: D. Gabrielson, L. Heebl

Mon. Wise Penny Work Day

Tues. St. Croix Pastors' Conference
7:00 VTF

Wed 6:30 Lawn Mowing: D. Carstensen & J. Steinbach
7:00 Choir Begins

Fri. 9:30 Bible Class

Next Sun. - 6:30am Time of Grace, TV ch 9

8:45 Sunday School

8:55 Bible Classes

10:00 Worship

7:00 West Regents

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 61

Offering: \$2680.00; Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,565**

Offerings YTD: \$85,618 (Budget: \$89,775) short: -\$4157

Thank you to all those who served us refreshments for our fellowship time following Services this summer! Week after week—many stayed after worship for good snacks and company. It has been a good summer!

We kicked off our **fall program of Sunday School and Bible Class** with a Continental Breakfast this morning! The children of Sunday School will be receiving a grab bag gift after each month in which they arrived every Sunday before we start with devotion in the chapel at 8:45am.

Week 2 from Brooklyn Bridge School

We are busy working on routines that will help our classes run smoothly for the rest of the year. There is artwork back in the hallways and pictures on the bulletin boards. Make sure to check them out. To find out more about what we are doing each week, take a look at the newsletter on the website, or pick up a copy by the mailboxes.

Over **50 years there have been 63 funerals at Brooklyn Lutheran**. There were none the first 6 years. The most ever was in 1999 when there were 5. The list of those who were buried from our church is on a table by the commons bulletin board. Could you help us locate some of the families to let them know about our special Sunday remembering them on November 15th? Please check over the list.

“Positively Lutheran”: Sometimes even members of a confessional Lutheran church find it difficult to describe fully what they believe. Get answers to your questions and to what others may ask about your church and what you stand for by attending this weekly Bible series with Pastor Holub.

For **parents of Sunday School children and others** who wish to review their Genesis Bible History, there is an adult Sunday School lesson which complements what the children are instructed in their class each week.

The flowers on the altar were given in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Dawn and Larry Heebl. We thank them for beautifying our Service with flowers.

Mission Festival in two weeks from today (September 27). Rev. Leon Piepenbrink will preach on **“The Surprises of Mission Work”**. Rev. Pheng Moua, pastor of Immanuel Hmong Church of St. Paul, will accompany Pastor Piepenbrink and speak and answer questions during adult Bible Class time, as he helps us understand Hmong culture and history. Come with your questions! A potluck will follow the Service

West Lutheran High School Enrollment this fall totals 164 with 29, 54, 38, and 43 in classes 9th through 12th grades. A few years back West peaked at about 243 enrollment. 97 (59%) of the student body is WELS or ELS. About one half of the other 67 are LC-MS. 11 of the 50 Christian congregations represented are among the 20 association churches, plus there are one each from two other WELS churches. Brooklyn Lutheran has no students at West for the second year in a row.

Please keep West in your prayers that the number of students benefiting from the program might rebound, also this is important to the financial status of the school to have full classrooms of tuition paying students. In the current recession, as stated even before, congregational financial support from association churches has continued to wane. Wise Penny has been a real blessing and needs our support of free labor, items contributed for sale, and patronage in order to help West, LIMA, and Christian Life Ministries.



Brooklyn Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission:

We exist to use the Gospel of Christ to win the lost and to nurture believers, all to the glory of God.



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