



**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
October 11, 2009**

*So don't lose
your flavor! ...
live in peace
with each
other.*
Mark 9:50

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia!

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

HYMNS: 586 530 773 (See Insert) 539

ORDER OF SERVICE: Morning Praise, Page 45

Prayer of the Day—Spoken by all together.

Mercifully grant, O Lord 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Numbers 11:16,24-29 (Page 225)

Moses rejoiced in the gifts that God gave to His people and desired that those gifts be even more abundant to the glory of God and the benefit of God's children. Each looks for his God-given opportunities to serve, while giving thanks for the gifts and service of others.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 51b (Page 87)

A clean heart is the constant need of all of us. Without it

From Rev. Fischer's September 22, 2009 paper presented at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary attended by Pastor Holub, p. 21-22.

This portion answers—

Why Have A Vision To Implement?

“Planning is a major weakness [in our congregation]. It usually doesn't extend past the annual budget. “ In a healthy congregation, planning plays an important role. Trying just to keep the status quo isn't planning for the future, it is more like organizing hospice care. Good planning begins by stepping back to ask critical questions that will help give perspective and provide strategic direction. “The key is ‘Why are we here?’ It seems so simplistic. It is not to build buildings. It is not for stats. It is people.” First comes an understanding of that mission. Next an envisioning of what God wants us doing to fulfill that mission over the next few years and then developing the specific plans that are consistent with that mission and help make steps towards achieving the vision.

This is the difference between a mission statement and your vision. “Mission [is] ‘what we exist to do’...and vision is ‘what God is calling us to do in the immediate future in this particular place (next year, next three years, or some other period).” In other words, the mission statement defines a general purpose for the congregation's existence while the vision statement translates the general purpose into a more specific statement of direction. Vision is not a matter of being able to see the future as much as it is being alert and opening your eyes to see the opportunities that God is presenting in your community and circumstances.

Dying congregations may have a sense of urgency to make “changes.” But there is a strong sense of denial (despite the sense of urgency) and a temptation to make only superficial changes that do temporary fixes that only delay healthy changes. Borden describes it this way: “In some cases, sadly, the congregation decided to cannibalize itself by selling off property, creating mixed marriages of merger with other dying congregations that only postponed the inevitable, or disguising the situation by renting facilities to other congregations.” To me, this is just a form of spiritual hospice care. However, pain can help us to have a healthy discontent with the way things are. Vision creates a picture of something better. How else does the doctor get a patient who is unhealthy to change his behaviors, than by creating a sense of urgency through explaining how the bitter medicine will lead to a better cure?

there is strife and envy among God's people. With it there is joy in his salvation and the longing to make a pure and purified sacrifice of service to God for the building of His Church.

Second Lesson: James 4:7-12 (Page 1884)

Lament and cry over the crosses we impose on one another, when our own jealousy and pride give birth to strife and loveless faultfinding. The fruit of true repentance is humility that serves with a pure heart.

Duet: Verse for the Day

SERMON: Mark 9:38-50 (Page 1569)

Can't We All Get Along?

- ✘ Peace Between Us and God.
- ✘ Peace Between Us and Our Fellow Christians.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for the week:

“Faith Founded On The Rock”

Today's Offering Counters: G. Schimenz and A. Boyd

Today	10:00	Worship Ushers: R. Stelter and A. Boyd
Mon.		Wise Penny Work Day
Tues.	6:00	Spaghetti Supper and Concert at West
Wed	7:00	Choir
Thurs	9:00	Kitchen Cleaning
Fri.		No Bible Class
Sat/	9:00	Fall Clean up, inside and out

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

8:45 Sunday School

8:55 Adult Classes

10:00 Worship—Ushers G. and C. Schimenz

The flowers on the altar were given in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their anniversary by Jerry and Karen Steinbach. We thank them for beautifying our Service today

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 82

Sunday School Attendance: 9;

Adult Bible Class: 15; Adult Sunday School: 6

Offering: \$3271.80; Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,565**

Offerings YTD: \$95897; (Budget: \$100,035) short:-\$4139

Fall Clean Up is this coming Saturday beginning at 9:00 am.

Spaghetti Supper & Concert will be on Tuesday, October 13. The supper will be served at 6:00 pm and the concert will begin at 7:30 pm. More info on bulletin board.

Brooklyn Bridge School News — Starting this month, we will be seeing a few new faces helping out here at school. An older sister who attends Northview Junior High School, along with some of her friends, will be coming by after their classes are done to help with projects or clean up around the school and church. They are working to fill a certain number of community service hours required of the students attending there. We are excited they are able to come and thankful for all of their help!

West Lutheran Dinner Auction will be Saturday, October 24. If you wish to donate new items, a personal service, or a theme backed basket, please bring them to WLHS by October 16. Perishable food items may be brought the day of the auction. Please attach a donation form to each item. (Visit www.wlhs.net for invitation and donation form.) There is a signup sheet by BELC bulletin board to reserve a table.

A Reformation Rally Service on Sunday, November 1st, 4:00 pm, is being planned by West Association Congregations. It will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Monticello.

On Reformation Sunday we will **hold an after Service food and fellowship** for the purpose of gathering offerings toward a new phone system for our church and parsonage. We hope to raise \$500+ to be matched up to \$500 by Thrivent. The phones are expected to cost well over \$1,000.

Thanks to all who placed offerings in our after worship summer fellowships. \$227 was given, which will be matched by Thrivent and go toward our lawn mower costs.

Thrivent Policy Holders! – Now is the time to make a last Matching Gift to Brooklyn Bridge School, West, MLC or any other WELS school. As a matter of fact, the fund from which Thrivent distributes those dollars could run out in the weeks ahead, long before the end of the calendar year. Your gifts toward the Lord's work are important! Act now!

Vision Task Force has completed their work of taking all the input from our Listening Sunday and incorporating it into an objectives and goals document. Under God's blessing, over the next five years we will put into place a great number of programs to give us the best possible chance to thrive as a congregation.

The Council has been the first to review the document at their October meeting. On Sunday, October 25, the congregation will receive copies. For the most part, from here on out it is in the hands of 100+ active Brooklyn Lutheran Church members to make all these programs go with little short of "blood, sweat, and tears." It calls for hard but blessed work on the part of all members – all of whom are appreciative of Christ's blood, sweat, and tears for our eternal salvation and the salvation of souls in our community which still need to be reached with the Gospel. Following an abbreviated Service on Sunday, November 8, there will be a town meeting to discuss our vision for the future.

Poinsettias? Already! Yes, Christmas is rapidly approaching and we are asking if you are willing to purchase a poinsettia plant for decorating our Church during the Christmas season. There is a sign up sheet with a handy payment envelope on the table in the Commons area.



*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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