



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
October 18, 2009**

Alleluia. I will proclaim Your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You. 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: Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for using Your Word and Sacraments to give me life through Your Holy Spirit. Grant that I may never grieve Your Spirit by indifference or stubbornness, but humbly accept His gracious work in me. Amen

HYMNS: 382 390 317 321

ORDER OF SERVICE: Common Service, Page 15
We thank Bethany seminarian, Peter Heyn, our worship leader today.

Prayer of the Day—Spoken by all together,

Almighty God, in Your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases 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: Genesis 2:18-24 (Page 4)

Notice the love of God in the creation of Eve. That same love of God is evident when He provides us with a pious spouse; likewise in love He provides us with His blessings of good order and peace where we adhere to our God assigned roles in a spirit of humble obedience to God and loving service to one another.

Psalms of the Day: Psalm 139b (Page 117)

What dignity our life has when we know the truth confessed and celebrated in this psalm! No matter what my circumstance, it is by God's grace and gift that I was born, not the mere biological function of two other people. Each day His thoughts of grace toward me are richer and more abundant than I could ever measure.

A HAPPY HOME RECIPE

- 4 cups of love
- 2 cups of loyalty
- 3 cups of forgiveness
- 1 cup of friendship
- 5 spoons of hope
- 2 spoons of tenderness
- 4 quarts of faith
- 1 barrel of laughter

Take love and loyalty, mix it thoroughly with faith.

Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding

Add Friendship and hope.

Sprinkle abundantly with laughter.

Bake it with sunshine.

Serve daily with generous helpings.

Attend Church Regularly



Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:9-11 (Page 1864)

This is how much God loves us! This is how much He yearns to have us as members of a heavenly and eternal family: He gave His Son, even into death. That Son obeyed His Father in order to make us His own brothers. May His example of love and His example of obedience in gaining our salvation inspire and motivate our lives in His family.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 (Page 1570)

Divorce is a sin that separates not only the members of the marriage from one another but the guilty from God as well. It's so because God says so. Perhaps the chief scandal in divorce is the diminished ability of one or both parents to bring their children to Jesus for His blessing. On the other hand, what joy and satisfaction for parents who receive and then each day bring back to their Savior these special fruits of God's love.

Choir: **"As A Little Child"**

SERMON: Matthew 22:34-46 (Page 1535)

Christ Redirects Our Focus

- ✘ From Bondage in Sin.
- ✘ To Salvation in Him.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for the week:

"Foundations for Christian Marriage."

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

Today 10:00 Worship: Ushers G. and C. Schimenz
3:00 Wise Penny Annual Meeting at West.
6:30 West Regents; 7:30 General Board

Wed 7:00 Choir

Thurs 6:30 Sunday School Teachers Meeting

Fri. 9:30 Bible Class

Sat. Dinner Auction at West
(5:00 Silent Auction, 6:00 Dinner, 7:30 Live Auction)

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

8:45 Sunday School

8:55 Adult Classes

**10:00 Worship—Ushers: V. Lorenzen & R. Wyman
Wise Penny Work Day**

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 51

Sunday School Attendance: 5; Adult Bible Class: 10

Offering: \$1717.00; Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,565**

Offerings YTD: \$97614; (Budget: \$102,600) short:-\$4987

West Lutheran Dinner Auction will be this Saturday, October 24. If you wish to donate perishable food items, they 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.

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!

Brooklyn Bridge School is hosting its 4th annual Harvest Party Friday, October 30 from 6:30—8:00. Any donation of candy for prizes is always appreciated. Helpers are needed to run the different games —No previous experience necessary! Speak with Katie today if you are willing to help.

Everyone is invited to come for fellowship with the preschool parents. It's a fun evening!

Fun With Fleece...On Saturday, October 31 at 10:00 we will be making fleece lap blankets for our shut ins. If you wish to make your own the information is in the Commons area on the table by the telephone.

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.

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!

Our Service on SAINTS TRIUMPHANT SUNDAY, November 15 at 10:00 will be a remembrance of the 63 who were buried from this church and have passed before us into the glory of heaven. A reception will follow the Service. You and your family are all invited. Isaiah 51:11 – *The Ransomed..... Will Enter Zion With Singing*

Vision Document...On Sunday, October 25, the congregation will receive a copy of the vision document. Every member is encouraged to read and embrace it. Following an abbreviated Service on Sunday, November 8, there will be a town meeting to discuss our vision for the future. Prayerfully consider the role you will play in implementing these visions.

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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