

Surely
GOD IS MY HELP



THE
LORD *preserves*
MY LIFE.

PSALM
54:4

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Greatness In God's Kingdom Means Humility

BROOKLYN LUTHERAN CHURCH | Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

September 23, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us. But we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, filled with activity pages and books; a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons with a rocking chair, children's books and toys; Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device. *Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.*

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

See how deeply the love from God penetrates our heart and soul. We are called to reflect that intense and all-embracing grace in our lives and attitudes toward those around us. Indeed that should be our ambition, not the promotion of self, but the imitation of Christ. We learn how fixed we are on that right ambition when we face opposition and contradiction.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord, keep us humble. We have no reason to boast before you except in Jesus and all he has done to make us your own. In Christlike love, help us to lead humble lives for you. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist

Pastor Erich Westphal

Organist

Bethel Janisch

Ushers

Andrew Boyd

Larry Gens

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OPENING HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads”

Cantabile Singers

OPENING RESPONSES

M: O Lord, open my lips

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: Let us worship him.

HYMN

In place of the Venite

“Hallelujah”

Cantabile Singers

THE WORD

LESSON

Numbers 12:1-15

Faith works when our greatest ambition is to reflect
God’s love even to those who cause us to suffer.

Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman). ²They said, “Has the LORD really spoken only through Moses? Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” The LORD heard this.

³(Now the man Moses was very humble, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

⁴Right then the LORD spoke suddenly to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, “You three come out to the Tent of Meeting!”

The three of them came out. ⁵The LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance to the tent. He called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward. ⁶He said, “Now listen to my words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, will make myself known to him in a vision. In a dream I will speak with him. ⁷Not so, however, with my servant Moses. He is faithful in my whole household. ⁸With him I speak face to face, clearly,

and not in riddles. He sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses?”⁹ The LORD’s anger burned against them, and he left.

¹⁰The cloud went up from above the tent, and immediately Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. Aaron turned to Miriam and saw that she was leprous.

¹¹Aaron said to Moses, “My lord, please do not hold this sin against us. We have acted foolishly. We have sinned. ¹²Please do not let her be like a stillborn infant that comes out of its mother’s womb with its flesh half-eaten away.”

¹³Moses cried out to the LORD, “God, please heal her, please!”

¹⁴The LORD said to Moses, “If her father had merely spit in her face, would she not be disgraced for seven days? Have her confined outside of the camp for seven days, and after that she can be brought back in.”

¹⁵Miriam was confined outside of the camp for seven days, and the people did not set out until Miriam was brought back in.

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GOSPEL

Mark 9:30–37

Faith works when our chief concern is receiving and imitating the humble, sacrificial love of Christ.

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise.”

³²But they did not understand the statement and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me.”

HYMN

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Cantabile Singers

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us | 486

SERMON

“Got Wisdom?” | **James 3:13-18**

¹³Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good way of living show that he does things in wise humility. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie, contrary to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but it is worldly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶In fact, where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and every bad practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then also peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who practice peace.

NOTES

1. What is the **MAIN THING** that God teaches me in this passage?
2. What **SIN** does God lead me to confess, based on this passage?
3. What does God lead me to **GIVE THANKS** for, based on this passage?
4. What does God lead me to **PRAY** for or about, based on this passage?

TE DEUM

We Praise You, O God | **CW pg. 48**

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Please record your visit on the Connection Card.

OFFERING HYMN

“Give Me Jesus”

Cantabile Singers

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Lord, Have Mercy | **CW pg. 50**

LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRAYER FOR GRACE

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HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior | **492**

CLOSING LITANY AND BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

After the benediction

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

Cantabile Singers

SAVE THE DATE(S)

Mission and Ministry Sunday	October 21	10:00 am
Canvassing Event	October 21	11:30 – 1:30 (or so)
Trunk or Treat	October 27	4 – 6 pm
Reformation Sunday/ Friendship Festival	November 4	10 am Worship Service 11 am Chicken Dinner

Next year, we will be celebrating **Brooklyn Lutheran's 60th Anniversary** on **February 10**. Watch for more information later in the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to the cantabile singers for enhancing our worship with their musical gifts this morning.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN? On the back of your connection card, we are looking for hymn requests.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE SHOPPING AT HOME DEPOT THIS FALL? As you know, SCRIP has gift cards for sale. For every \$200 we sell in Home Depot gift cards, we are automatically entered for a chance to win \$25,000. Please consider buying Home Depot cards to help us get entered in the drawing.

SCRIP CARDS – We have a supply of cards on hand and many others can be ordered and picked up next week after the service. Stop by the table on your way out today.



WELS MISSION JOURNEYS provides opportunities to participate in Christian service through short-term mission trips (at home and abroad). Do you like to travel? Do you want to make a difference? These trips will inspire a lifelong journey of service and outreach. Talk to Chris Schallert (Discipleship Chairman) or pastor, if you are interested.

Calendar Week

Today

Sunday School	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am

Tuesday

Bible Class	3:15 pm
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Wednesday

Lawn Mowing	6:00 pm
Ryan Burmeister, Sheli Pollard	

Sunday

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Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am

Serving in The Lord

Ushers

Today:	Andrew Boyd Larry Gens
Next Sunday:	Andrew Boyd Larry Gens

Organist

Today:	Bethel Janisch
Next Sunday:	Sasha Schallert

October Money Counters

Steve Deuth
Guy Schimenz

Blessings from The Lord

Attendance

Bible Study – 9
Sunday Service – 44
Men's Growth Group – 2
Tuesday Bible Class – 9

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