

OH, THE DEPTH OF THE RICHES  
OF THE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

FOR FROM  
AND THROUGH  
AND TO

ARE ALL THINGS.

TO HIM BE THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

ROMANS  
11:33,36

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jesus Calls Us to Abandon Worldly Ambition

September 30, 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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sinners sin. We all sin. But we cannot excuse our sin because we act like others. Sin requires radical surgery. Jesus says: "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off" (Mark 9:43). The good news is that Jesus was "cut off" from his own Father through his death on the cross, in order to reunite us with God and with one another. As his servants we are the "salt" of the earth, standing out as we show allegiance to Jesus and the gospel.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord God, help me so that I don't step in the way and stop the efforts of others as they also serve you—especially when their ideas are different from mine. Amen.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Liturgist**

**Organist**

**Ushers**

Pastor Erich Westphal

Sasha Schallert

Andrew Boyd

Larry Gens

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## **OPENING HYMN**

*Renew Me, O Eternal Light* | **471**

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Numbers 11:16, 24-29

Faith works by humbly looking for opportunities to serve while giving thanks for the gifts that others have and use in service.

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather seventy men from the elders of Israel for me, men whom you know to be elders and officers for the people. Take them to the Tent of Meeting and make them stand there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>Moses went out and told the people the LORD’s words. He gathered seventy men from the elders of the people and had them stand all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him. He took from the Spirit that was on Moses and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do it again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men, however, remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. They were listed among the elders, but they had not gone out to the tent. The Spirit rested on them, and they prophesied back in the camp. <sup>27</sup>A young man ran and reported this to Moses. He said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!”

<sup>28</sup>Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide from his youth, answered, “My lord Moses, stop them!”

<sup>29</sup>Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of the LORD’s people were prophets so that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

**PSALM 51** | EHV

This psalm is a model confession. There are no excuses or complaints. It focuses exclusively on the sinful self and a gracious God.

**C: Create in me a pure heart, O God.  
Renew an unwavering spirit within me.**

L: Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare your praise.**

L: For you do not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.

**C: You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

L: The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit.

**C: A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**C: Create in me a pure heart, O God.**

**Renew an unwavering spirit within me.**

L: Do not cast me from your presence.

**C: Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

L: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

**C: Sustain me with a willing spirit.**

L: I will teach rebels your ways,

**C: and sinners will turn to you.**

**C: Create in me a pure heart, O God.**

**Renew an unwavering spirit within me.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

James 4:7-12

Faith works as a heart, purified by the gospel, produces the fruit of humility that looks for ways to selflessly serve.

<sup>7</sup>So, submit yourselves to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded people. <sup>9</sup>Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be changed into mourning and your joy into gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up.

<sup>11</sup>Do not speak against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother is speaking against the law and judging the law. But if you judge the law, you are not one who does the law, but a judge. <sup>12</sup>There is one lawgiver and judge. He is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 2:10,11

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.

## KID'S DEVOTION

### GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

Jesus shows us that faith works through humble service that is devoted to his glory and in line with his Word.

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name. We tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

<sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not try to stop him, because no one who does a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil about me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>Amen I tell you: Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will certainly not lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall into sin, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around his neck. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed, than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, <sup>44</sup>‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>45</sup>If your foot causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell, <sup>46</sup>‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>47</sup>If your eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good. But if the salt loses its flavor, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* | **493**

### SERMON

**“Let Go Your Ego” | James 4:7-12**

*Sermon Notes on the following page.*

# SERMON NOTES

James 4:7-12

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?

## 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 with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

*Please record your visit on the Connection Card.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

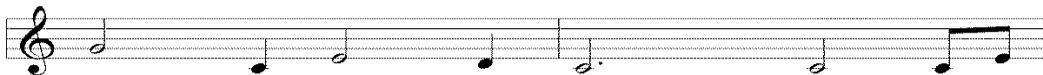
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## LORD'S PRAYER

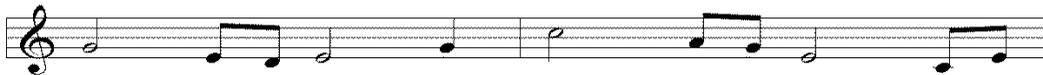
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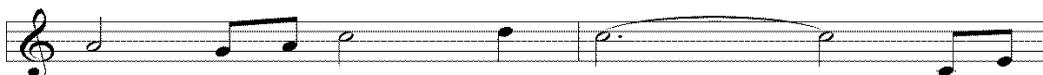
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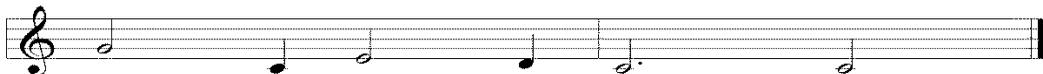
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 lives to be my friend.



*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

A seed remains a seed, unless it is planted in the ground and nourished. God has planted the seed of faith in our hearts. He intends that our faith grow and produce fruits of faith.

We grow in grace by connecting to God's Word and letting the message of Christ dwell in us richly (Colossians 3:16). We need the law to root out the sin that dwells in us like a pernicious weed and threatens to choke out our faith. But once sin is exposed, our heart is fertile ground for the message of God's grace to us in Christ. Confident of our full forgiveness, we want to do God's will. The Gospel empowers us to grow!

Therefore, maturing in our Christian life is not about what we do, but about what God does in us by his grace. The goal is not to learn all there is to know about the Bible, as if we are training to be competitors on *Jeopardy!* We desire to grow in grace so that we are fully equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:17) The better we know Jesus, the better equipped we are to face trials and temptations in our lives.

The way to do this is by meditating on the Scriptures. As you do, his grace takes root in your heart, your faith grows and produces a harvest of righteousness.

On the reverse side of this sheet, you will find suggestions. Then commit yourself to *growing in grace* by checking an option on the back of the Connection Card.

## **WAYS TO GROW IN GRACE...**

### **Post The Weekly Church Bulletin Cover**

Try hanging the weekly bulletin cover where you will see it every day during week. This can help remind you to keep your mind focused on the word of God. Also it can serve as a reminder of last week's service.

### **Memorize The Verse Of The Day**

The Verse of the Day is usually printed in the bulletin and in your emailed bulletin. We will also have little slips of paper printed with the verse of the day you can take with you and put in your purse or wallet. You could take time to memorize that verse. By the end of the year, you could have over fifty verses memorized!

### **WELS Daily Devotionals ([wels.net](http://wels.net) or WELS app)**

Download the app to your phone or laptop. You are able to listen to the daily devotional message or read it. It doesn't cost anything and is only about 5 minutes long. It's a great way to start your day or add to your daily meditations.

### **3-Year Bible Challenge**

For those of you wanting a larger challenge, we have a Bible challenge. The challenge packet is in the Information Center. You will receive a daily selection of Scripture to read, so that, over the course of three years, you will have read the entire Bible.

### **Sign-Up For A Small Group Bible Study**

Adding an additional Bible Study to your weekly church service gives you further opportunity to grow in your faith. We currently have a men's growth group that meets every other Monday evening, a Tuesday afternoon Bible Study, and our Sunday morning Bible Study.



# TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 27

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Our third annual Trunk or Treat event is just a month away. Start planning ways you could decorate your car's trunk and pass out candy.

We have applied for a Thrivent grant that pays for the candy, hot chocolate, water, cupcakes, etc. Last year, many of the families stayed and chatted in our fellowship area. It was a nice way to welcome them to our church. If you want to be part of this event, please sign up on the sheet in the Information Center. If you do not want to decorate your trunk, you can sign-up to help with serving treats inside.

## NEXT SERMON SERIES:



We want to make a mark on the world. We want to be remembered for something. We want to be significant. As followers of Christ, our identity is found in him. Our purpose, then, is to leave the “print” of Christ on the world. In Mark chapter 10, Jesus gives us four ways we are to leave a distinctively Christ-like mark on the world.

- 10/7 – Family focused
- 10/14 – Proper priorities
- 10/21 – Greater good
- 10/28 – Just Jesus

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**CHOIR MEMBERS** old and new, our choir rehearsals begin this Wednesday evening at 6:45 pm

**FORWARD IN CHRIST** new editions are located in the Information Center.

### MINISTRY & MISSION SUNDAY

On October 21, 2018, we are celebrating God's blessings on his church and renewing our commitment to the Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:18-20). As part of this special day, you will have the opportunity to take ownership and participate in the kingdom endeavors Jesus gives to us by distributing door-hangers advertising and inviting our community to our Trunk or Treat event and Friendship Festival.

### WEST LUTHERAN

Spaghetti Dinner	Oct. 16	6:00 pm
Concert	Oct. 16	7:30 pm
Fall Festival	Oct. 27	10 – 4
40th Anniversary	Oct. 27	7 pm

More information is posted on the bulletin board. Feel free to take an announcement flyer off of the board.

### SAVE THE DATE(S)

Reformation Sunday/	November 4	10 am
Friendship Festival		
Chicken Dinner		11 am
Brooklyn Lutheran's 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Feb. 4	

### Calendar Week

#### Today

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

#### Monday

Men's Growth Group	7:00 pm
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#### Tuesday

Pastors Study Club	9:00 am
Bible Class	3:15 pm

#### Wednesday

Choir	6:45 pm
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#### Sunday

Sunday School	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am
LWMS Rally, Hastings	1:30 pm

### Serving in The Lord

#### Ushers

Today:	Andrew Boyd Larry Gens
Next Sunday:	Isaac Hill

#### Organist

Today:	Sasha Schallert
Next Sunday:	Sasha Schallert

#### October Money Counters

Steve Deuth
Guy Schimenz

### Blessings from The Lord

#### Attendance

Sunday School - 4
Bible Study - 17
Sunday Service - 73
Tuesday Bible Class - 9

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