

# September 26, 2021

## The Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Announcements

*Invocation a Cesar Franck*

Joseph Beesau

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

**Confession and Forgiveness**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

Entrance Hymn

*Oh, Sing to the Lord*

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Greeting, Kyrie

*"In peace, let us pray..."*

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

## The Hymn of Praise pp. 148-149

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day:** L: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading: 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

## Psalm 19:7-14

L: <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**C: <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;**

**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

L: <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**C: <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

L: <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

C: <sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

L: <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C: <sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

### Second Reading: James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Anthem

*King Jesus Is A-Listening*  
Men's Choir

William Dawson

### Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?..."*

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C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

The Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

**Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.**

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Sermon

Pastor Bryan Robertson

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Offering Hymn***Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

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**The Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church:** L: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Benediction**

P: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you, Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!****The Hymn***Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

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**Ringing of the Bell****Postlude***Finale from ALBUM GREGORIAN 1895*

Eugene Gigout

<u>Activities this Week at St. John's</u>		<u>Sept 26, 2021 to Oct 3, 2021</u>
Sunday, Sept 26	8:30am	Worship
	9:30am	Sunday School
Tuesday, Sept 28	2:30pm	Communion Evergrn Crt, Good Sam.
Wednesday, Sept 29	6:00pm	Youth Bells
	7:00pm	Sr Bells & Confirmation
	8:00pm	Sr Choir
Sunday, Oct 3	8:30am	Worship w/communion
		Choir Dedication & Blessings of Backpacks, distribution of Bibles to 3 yr-olds
	9:30am	Sunday School

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Scripture Reader	8:30am	Owen Grimstad
Acolyte	8:30am	Ushers
Ushers	8:30am	Ron & Linda Dahlstrom
		Lee Ellickson family
Greeters	8:30am	Bill & Becky Roe
		Matt & Dawn Teslow
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

**Radio Broadcast Ministry** - Today's radio broadcast is given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie, listeners from Decorah. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

**Pastor will be blessing backpacks on Sunday, October 3, along with distribution of Bibles to 3 yr-olds.**

**We can now accept donations** for the purchase of the property next to our church: 404 West Main. Any donation will be included in your giving statement. You may include them in your Sunday offering or send them to our office. Thank you for your generosity!

**Please pick up your Volunteer Duty sheets** in the Narthex.

**Adopt A Pot:** The Meatball Supper Committee is looking to purchase some high-end quality pots & colander for use during preparation of the potatoes at the meatball supper. If you would like to donate to this project, please send or give your donation to the Church Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**WOULD ALL OF ST. JOHN'S WOMEN** during the months of September and October, please give a donation of at least \$6 (the price of a ticket) for the Fall Salad Luncheon & Bake Sale that **will NOT TAKE PLACE** this fall. We still want to be of **SERVICE** by sharing all that we collect with the 8 to 12 organizations that we have given to for many years even when the Coronavirus makes us change our plans. Checks must be made out to ST. JOHN'S WELCA or cash should be placed in an envelope marked to go to St. John's WELCA. Bring your donations to church or mail them to St. John's Lutheran Church. **THANK YOU!!**

**First Presbyterian Church, Waukon, IA** is hosting a Fall Harvest Dinner on Wednesday, Sept 29 from 4:30pm till gone. Menu includes: ham, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, chocolate chip cookie and pumpkin dessert. \$12 per dinner. **DRIVE THRU ONLY** (no phone orders)

**Wilmington Lutheran Church Meatball Supper** on Sunday, October 10 at Spring Grove Fest Bldg, from 10:30am to 1pm. **DRIVE THRU ONLY**. Menu: meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, country coleslaw, lefse dinner roll, apple dessert and water. \$12 per meal. **Everyone welcome**