

# **THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

September 26, 2021

## **THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION**

### **PRELUDE**

#### **THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**

Pastor: In biblical times, salt was treasured almost as much as gold. Among its many uses was preserving food and other perishables. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us salt, by which He reveals how much God values us. Sometimes people outside the Church also see our worth and offer their support. It is nothing new! Moses valued two men who received the Spirit even though they were missing from gathering with the seventy elders. Jesus valued a man healing in His name, though he was not one of the Twelve. We are worth our salt, our relationship to Christ, so much that a person receiving us receives Christ. And within the Church, our saltiness supports, prays for, cheers up, confesses, and forgives our fellow members. We are worth so much that God does not want anything to cause us to stumble. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

### **PREPARATION**

(Please stand)

### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 104:33–34*

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**People:** (spoken) **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Pastor: May my meditation be pleasing to Him,

**People:** (spoken) **for I rejoice in the LORD.**

**OPENING HYMN**

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” *LSB 816 vs 1*

**From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise  
Alleluia alleluia  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue  
Alleluia alleluia  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession)

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*James 5:7, 9, 12, 14, 16; Mark 9:50; Psalm 104:31, 35b*

Pastor: We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today's Epistle. So James urges, “Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.” Let us ask God for grace and mercy.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: James writes, “Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord. . . . Do not grumble against one another, brothers. . . . Let your ‘yes’ be yes and your ‘no’ be no. . . . Is anyone among you sick? . . . Pray over him.”

**People:** (spoken) **We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake.**

Pastor: God has cured our sickness of sin by sending His Son to die in our place. He loves us so much, values us and calms our fears, saying, ***“Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace.”*** As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**People:** (spoken) **may the LORD rejoice in His works.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!**

*(Please Stand)*

**☩ WORD ☩**

## **HYMN**

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” *LSB 816 vs 2*

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord  
Eternal truth attends Thy Word**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more**

**Alleluia alleluia  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

## **KYRIE**

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

**People:** (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For peace from God and peace among our  
brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to the  
Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For peace among all who seek to serve Christ  
and support His Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who gather here  
to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in  
service, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” *LSB 816 vs 3*

**All praise to God the Father be**

**All praise eternal Son to Thee**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Whom with the Spirit we adore**

**Forever and forevermore**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** (sing) **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You want nothing to separate us from Your grace and mercy.

**People:** (spoken) **Grant that we realize how valuable You consider us and then seek to be at peace with one another;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (sing) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 ESV*

Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent.

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 as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. Now 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. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

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Pastor: “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit on them!”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

Pastor: He will command His angels concerning you

**People:** (spoken) **to guard you in all your ways.**

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

**People:** (spoken) **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

**EPISTLE** *James 5:1-20 ESV*

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-

indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he

prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

**THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH** (sing)

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**People:** (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 9:38-50 ESV*

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the

sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CREED** Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at**

**the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **RECEPTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” LSB 851 verses 1&2*

**Lord of glory You have bought us  
With Your life-blood as the price  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand**

**Grant us hearts dear Lord to give You  
Gladly freely of Your own  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures  
Warmed by You at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive**

**+ SERMON+**

“Salt: How the hurt can help”

**Text:** Mark 9:38–50 (The Gospel Lesson)

**Goal of the Message:** That the Spirit, working through the Word, will enable everyone present to overcome his sinfulness so he may be gracious toward others and treasure God’s grace for himself.

(Please stand)

**OFFERTORY** *LSB pages 192-193*

**ALL:** (sing) **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the Prayer of the Church)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church and for all people in their various needs.

For the Church here and around the world, witnessing to the good news in Christ, that we see the worth within one another, the value our heavenly Father places on us, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy, and grant that nothing separate us from You and Your love for us in Christ.**

Pastor: For those who do not know Christ but support the work of the Church to meet people's physical, social, and spiritual needs, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy, and bless them according to Your abundant grace.**

Pastor: For people who serve in positions of governmental authority among the nations, for those who raise crops and tend herds, and for all who connect resources with the needs of their fellow citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy, and give them joy in serving.**

Pastor: For all who struggle to put bread on the table and a roof over their families, those who face injustice and discrimination, and all who are denied human rights, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy, and give us hearts to help those in need.**

Pastor: For all near and dear to us who call out to God in their distress, . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy, and bring about healing, comfort, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for them.**

Pastor: For ourselves, that we recognize the gifts God has placed among us by which we may care for one another and our community, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy, and give us guidance and strength to serve in Your name.**

Pastor: Grant us, heavenly Father, that what we ask for in faith we may obtain through Your unfailing mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## ✠ SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**People:** (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom You sent to die in our place; by His rising, He has destroyed all that might separate us from Your love, including death itself. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **SANCTUS** (Sing) *LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna,**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh. He took on Himself the punishment for our sinful condition and our daily sinning and has bestowed

on us His complete righteousness, for which You deem us worthy to call us Your sons and daughters. Gathered now in His name, we ask You to strengthen our faith to rely on Your Word and Spirit. Gather us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, gracious God, we give glory now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**All: 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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” LSB 814 vs 1-4*

**O bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all in me join  
And aid my tongue to bless His name  
Whose favors are divine.**

**O bless the Lord, my soul,  
Nor let His mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness  
And without praises die.**

**‘Tis He forgives thy sins  
‘Tis He relieves thy pain;  
“Tis He that heals thy sicknesses  
And makes thee young again**

**He crowns thy life with love,  
When ransomed from the grave;  
He that redeemed my soul from hell  
Have sov'reign pow'r to save.**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

(Please Stand)

## **THE BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to  
life everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing  
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all  
goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-  
begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for  
His sake You have given us forgiveness of sins, life,  
and salvation in this Sacrament,

**People:** (spoken) **and we ask You to strengthen us  
thereby so that we are moved to value and serve  
one another in peace and joy;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor  
and ✠ give you peace.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**HYMN**

“God Bless Our Native Land” *LSB 965*

**God Bless our native land;  
Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night.  
When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers arise  
To God above the skies,  
On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God!!**

## THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Hamilton, Elder & Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please READ

Please do not use items in the freezer/fridge unless you brought them in.

### **Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park**

35667 W. 8 mile Rd Livonia, MI

Cemetery plots for sale \$1,000 each

Garden of Hope Block 16 Section 519

Graves 1, 2, 3, 4 (will split apart)

Call Carl or Connie @ 734-282-4332

Everyone, Please

Fill out a yellow attendance card & place it in the offering plate at the back of the church.

### **Attendance**

Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am 44

## **Prayer List**

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### **Anniversary**

#### **Birthdays**

Victor Thompson – September 27<sup>th</sup>

Amy Hudson – September 29<sup>th</sup>

#### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Ken Knick, at home*

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

*Mack Mayfield, at home*

*Carmell Faulk, at home*

#### **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**Gayle French**, Prayers for Good test results

**Barbra Arno**, friend of Gayle French & Pam Benford –  
Terminal Brest Cancer

**Mack Mayfield** – approved for hip surgery on  
September 28<sup>th</sup>

**Shirley Griffin** – healing after surgery

**Hurricane Ida** – for the ones who lost people or items.

**COVID-19 people**- continuing prayer for healing

**Pastor Tony Sikora** – Home but very weak

**Pastor Griffin** – Continuing to improve

**Phyllis Dasher** – Eye surgery soon

**Kim Armstrong** – Upcoming surgery