

_____Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost_____

FAMILY VALUES SERIES



OUR FAMILY WELCOMES CHILDREN

September 26th & 27th, 2021



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As Christians united in common faith, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to nurture believers and bring the lost to faith in Jesus through God's Holy Word and Sacraments.

Welcome!

- All worshipers are asked to sign the Fellowship Cards during the offering. These are located in the card holders in the pew.
 - Restrooms are in the church basement located just at the bottom of the front stairs. Changing tables are available to parents.
 - An elevator is available on the north side of the church entrance.
 - The basement is available to parents needing to quiet small children. The area is equipped with closed circuit TV.
 - Hearing assistance devices are also available from the ushers.
 - Out of respect for all who worship today, please silence all electronic devices.
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Our Family Welcomes Children

We continue a series on Our Family. In our family, we learn from our brother Jesus to put others first and to serve rather than be served.

HYMN

For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray – **CW 500**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

KYRIE



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

GRADES 5-6 SING (10:30 service)

Father Welcomes

Refrain:

Father welcomes all his children to his family through his Son.

Father giving his salvation; life forever has been won.

Little children, come to me, for my kingdom is of these.

Love and new life have I to give, pardon for your sin. (refrain)

In the water, in the Word, in his promise, be assured;

All who believe and are baptized have been born again. (refrain)

Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with him,

Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God. (refrain)

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Plot against Jeremiah

Because the Lord revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹ I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰ But you, Lord Almighty, who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 31

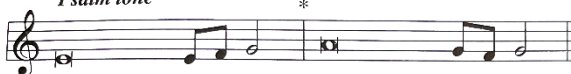
We put our trust in God

Refrain



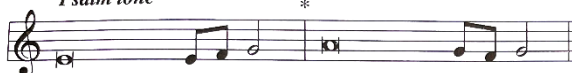
Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a-fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav-ior.

Psalm tone



In you, O LORD, I have taken *réfuge*;^{*}
deliver me in your *righteousness*.

Psalm tone



Be my rock of *réfuge*;^{*}
a strong fortress to *save* me.

Into your hands I commit my *spírit*;^{*}
redeem me, O LORD, the *God* of truth.

Refrain

My times are *in* your hands;^{*}
save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your *goodness*;^{*}
which you have stored up for those who *fear* you.

You heard my cry for *mercy*;^{*}
when I called to *you* for help.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son^{*}
and to the Holy *Spírit*,^{*}
as it was in the *beginning*,^{*}
is now, and will be forever. *Ámen*.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

James 3:13-18

Two kinds of wisdom

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY (CW 510)

ALL: ♪ *I pray you, dear Lord Jesus, My heart to keep and train That I
your holy temple From youth to age remain.
Oh, turn my thoughts forever From worldly wisdom's lore; If I
but learn to know you, I shall not want for more.*

GOSPEL LESSON & SERMON TEXT

Mark 9:30-37

Be last to be first



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. ³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." ³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. 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 does not welcome me but the one who sent me."



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN

Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd – **CW 508**

SERMON

Pastor Kenneth Frey

To be first, be last

CREATE IN ME



Cre - ate in me a



pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -



OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Our Children Jesus Calls – **CW 296**

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: (spoken) Amen.

HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father - **CW 449**

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Worship Notes

Presiding Minister: Matthew Holtz
Organist: Nancy Zander

Service Teams:

8:00 a.m.	B. Holz (Head Usher), J./M./C. Holz, G. Fredericks, M. Fay
10:30 a.m.	R. Fischer (Head Usher), J. Fischer, Z. Vogel, T./M./B./B. Blob, M./M. Eichsteadt, P. Tiedt, C. Wilson, T./T. Paschen, E. Dvorak
6:00 p.m.	C. Waack (Head Usher), J. Ings, C. Feidt, P. Rooyakkers, J. Kaepernick

Greeters:

8:00 a.m.	J. & R. Schultz
10:30 a.m.	D. & V. Sheldon
6:00 p.m.	Volunteers Needed

Welcome

In an age of anxiety we still believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In an age of confusion we still believe that the Bible is the word of God, inerrant and infallible.

In an age of doubt we still believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of guilt we still believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, bringing complete pardon and joy to all believers.

In an age of reason we still believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

In an age of change we still believe in one unchanging God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.



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