

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 23, 2020

Service Notes:

Hymns: 566, 559, 730, 794, 621, 580, 623, 565
Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:1-15
Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10
Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14
Sermon: "Justification for Sinners" Luke 18:9-14

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Day		Date	Time	Attendance
Tuesday	Matins	08/11	8:00 a.m.	<i>livestreamed</i>
Wednesday	Matins	08/12	8:00 a.m.	<i>livestreamed</i>
Thursday	Matins	08/13	8:00 a.m.	<i>livestreamed</i>
	Divine Service		7:00 p.m.	36
Friday	Matins	08/14	8:00 a.m.	<i>livestreamed</i>
Sunday	Divine Service	08/16	8:00 a.m.	80
	Divine Service		10:00 a.m.	48

BULLETINS are given by Carol Georgson in celebration of Maynard Georgson's 85th birthday.

FLOWERS are given by Gerri Simko and are given in celebration of Gunther Stroschin's 18th birthday.

DIVINE SERVICE AND COMMUNION For the next few weeks, we ask that you call the church office at (414) 282-8220 to sign up to attend Divine Service with communion on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. We will also continue to take appointments for communion during non-service times. Please call the church office or email Pastor to establish a non-service appointment for communion at prfabrizius@ourfatherslutheran.org. You can always leave a message on Pastor's phone, and he will return your call as soon as he is free.

PRAYER OF COMFORT for the family of Sally Kais who passed away Saturday, August 15. Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they shall inherit eternal life.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held in the church next Sunday, August 30, at 11:30 a.m. Please plan to attend.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will collect mite boxes on August 30, the *last* Sunday of the month. Mite boxes can be left at any time in the mite box in the narthex.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	08/23	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Thursday	08/27	DIVINE SERVICE	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	08/30	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
		Voters' Assembly Meeting (<i>in the church</i>)	11:30 a.m.

WE PRAY for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Mike Bice (brother-in-law of Todd Pfander), Kathleen Brook, Arlene Brown, Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, LaVerne Edenfield, Ricky Feller, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Maynard Georgson, Mark Gerloff, Richard Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Michelle Johnson, Clarence Laube, Rhonda Lesniewski, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Dave Sievert.

OFFICE HOURS for the church and school have changed back. They are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SCRIP The next order due date is **September 13**. Order forms are available in the church narthex or in the church/school office. You may drop them off in the box at the church OR in the church/school office. Summer Office hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

ADOPT-A-BILL PROGRAM list includes: Gas Bill, Electric Bill, Front of Church Landscape, Health Insurance, High School Arrearage, Mortgage, Office Supplies, School Air Conditioner, School Boilers, School Storage Building, and Water Bill. Consider supporting this worthy cause. Envelopes are on the narthex bulletin board.

FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/19-8/19/19)	\$66,552.75
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/20-8/17/20)	\$72,246.71
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$79,948.06
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$7,701.35)

THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 23, 2020

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 4:1-15 (ESV)

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering,

⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14 (ESV)

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 50:7-23 (ESV)

⁷ “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. ⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. ⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. ¹⁰ For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. ¹² “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, ¹⁵ and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

¹⁶ But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? ¹⁷ For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. ¹⁸ If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers. ¹⁹ “You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. ²⁰ You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. ²¹ These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you. ²² “Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!

²³ The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”

INTROIT

God is in his holy habi- | tation;*

[he] settles the solitary | in a home.

The God of Israel—he | is the one*

who gives power and strength to his | people.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant | with joy!

O God, when you went out before your | people,*

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.

Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*

God is our sal- | vation.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

“Justification for Sinners”

August 23 through August 29, 2020

Why should we memorize the verse of the week? It is chosen because it has value in teaching the faith and is conducive to prayer and meditation. During the school year, the verse will be the same as the one learned by heart in the classroom. The entire family can learn the verse at home at the same time. What is the benefit of learning Bible verses by heart? The Word of God which is learned by heart becomes the foundation for faith and a life of prayer and confessing Christ in our earthly vocations. The Christian who is immersed in God’s Word will not stop at learning only these verses by heart, but will continue to “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” other passages as well throughout his entire life. A helpful practice is to confess these passages out loud at meal times and before going to bed. Repeat them with your family several times, so that the text becomes thoroughly familiar. The Lord promises that His Word will not return to Him void. It will bring forth abundant fruit in the lives of His people.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ¹⁶ I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes... **Romans 1:16 (ESV)**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 132

PSALMODY PRAYER: O God, grant that like David before me, I may not sleep, but provide a dwelling place for the Christ Child, Your Anointed, within my heart. Do not turn away from the promise made to David, but clothe Your poor priests with the righteousness of Your Anointed. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Exodus 28:1-43
Tuesday	Exodus 30:11-16
Wednesday	Exodus 32:1-14
Thursday	Exodus 32:15-35
Friday	Exodus 33:1-5; 34:1-10, 27-35
Saturday	Mark 7:31-37

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments:

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Luther, Lectures on Genesis 3:13: Therefore, I urge you with all diligence to consider the teaching of the Gospel a matter of the utmost importance. For we see from this passage what happens in the case of Adam and Eve when sin is present and this knowledge of the promise and of grace is lacking. The condemnation of Satan also points to the same result; for just as he lacks the promise of grace, so he cannot put an end to his transgressions, blasphemies, and hatred of God. For this reason, Adam’s situation is better. He is called to account that he might acknowledge his sin and, after he is thoroughly frightened by his sin, be given courage through the promise of the remission of sins. About this a most beautiful text now follows, in which the preaching about Christ is included. However, just as the end of this affair shows the very great kindness and mercy of God toward man (inasmuch as He calls him back for the remission of his sins and for eternal life through the Seed who was to come), so also the beginnings of this affair, if we evaluate them properly, are more lenient than what Adam deserved. There is not that terrible sight as on Mt. Sinai, where trumpet blasts were mingled with flashes of lightning and peals of thunder. But God comes in a very soft breeze to indicate that the reprimand will be fatherly. He does not drive Adam away from Himself because of his sin, but He calls him and calls him back from his sin. Yet Adam does not understand or see this fatherly concern, since he is overwhelmed by his sin and terror. He does not notice that God deals far differently with the serpent. He does not call the serpent. Nor in order in this way to call it to repentance—does he ask the serpent about the sin that has been committed. But He condemns it immediately. This shows that even then Christ, our Deliverer, had placed Himself between God and man as a Mediator. It is a very great measure of grace that after Adam’s sin

God does not remain silent but speaks, and in many words indeed, in order to show signs of His fatherly disposition. With the serpent everything is done differently. And so, although the promise concerning Christ is not yet there, it is already noticeable in the thought and counsel of God.

(LW 1:180-181, St. Louis: Concordia, 1958)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB 730 *"What Is the World to Me"* (stanza 4)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 30, 2020

"Be Opened!"

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY: 797, 545, 730, 862, 635, 618, 941

READINGS

Isaiah 29:18-24

2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Mark 7:31-37

The Decapolis or Ten Towns is the location of this miracle and serves as a reminder of the bondage men have under the Decalogue or Ten Words which we commonly call the Ten Commandments. The death of sin holds us as deaf mutes unable to hear or speak except by the grace of God. Convicted of sin, not only externally but also in the heart, by the Ten Commandments, you cry out for the mercy of God. In His love, the Lord pulls you aside from the multitude. The way Christ heals is particularly instructive. He puts His fingers in the ears and then spits and touches the tongue. So, in your baptism, Christ touched you with His Word upon your eardrum and the water of life which flowed from His side. Your ears were opened to hear His words of salvation with the hearing of faith, and your mouth was opened to speak His praise. Those words upon the ears of the deaf man were life-giving words for they came from the One who is Life. His Word created the heavens and the earth. His Word opened the ears of the deaf. His Word continues to give life when it is spoken at Holy Baptism.

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