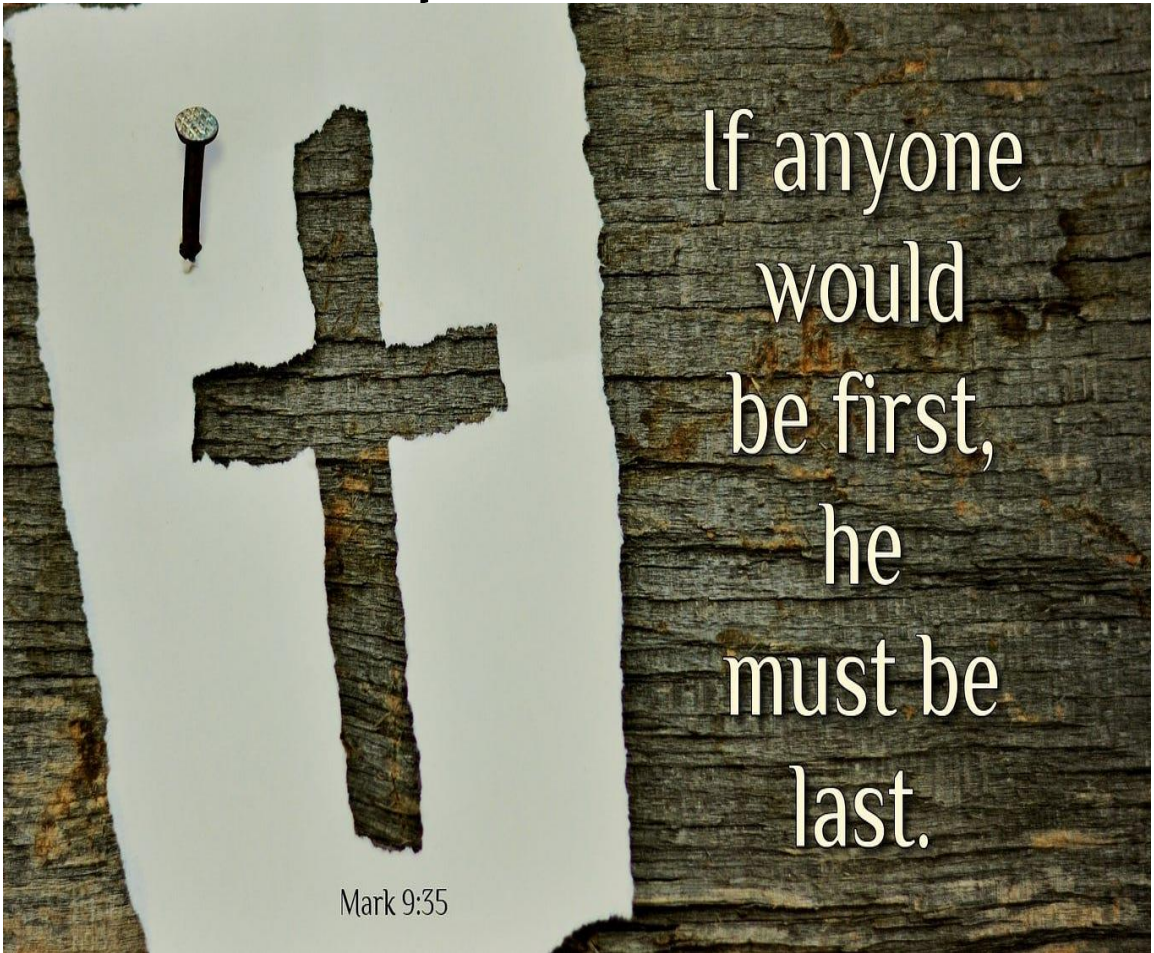


# Grace Lutheran Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024



If anyone  
would  
be first,  
he  
must be  
last.

Mark 9:35

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✠ ✠ *In The Name of Jesus* ✠ ✠

Carillon Call to Worship

Welcome and Parish News

Prelude

Processional Hymn

651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,  
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,  
4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;  
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.  
Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.  
Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.  
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.  
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817, alt.  
Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76  
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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Versicles

Common

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** **Teach me Your paths.**
- P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** **Your Word is truth.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

## Introit

Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
 and he will give you the desires | of your heart.  
**Commit your way | to the LORD;\***  
**trust in him, and | he will act.**  
 He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\*  
 and your justice as the | noonday.  
**Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\***  
**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out**  
**evil de-| vices!**  
**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.**  
 Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
 and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

## Collect

- L** O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Chamber Ensemble

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

*Prichard*

## Old Testament

*Jeremiah 11:18–20*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew;  
 then you showed me their deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
 led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me  
they devised schemes, saying,  
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
that his name be remembered no more.”  
<sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,  
who tests the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*James 3:13—4:10*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

Mark 9:30–37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Common

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**P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## Apostles' Creed

**P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

Offering (11:00 am)

Sermon Hymn

**649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds**



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872, alt.  
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Sermon

**Being Great or Being a Servant?**

*Mark 9:30-37*

*Rev. Timothy P. Halboth*

Congregational Response

**692 Praise to You and Adoration**



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,  
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in

Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to  
 pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with  
 share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may  
 me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,  
 From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and  
 And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your  
 joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.  
 life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; (st. 1): tr. Kristen Kvamme, 1866–1938, alt.; (st. 2): tr. Christian Worship, 1993Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis BourgeoisText and tune: Public domain

## Offering (9:15 am)

### Prayer

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*]. . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Lord's Prayer

**C** **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.**

## Benediction

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

### 875 Father, We Praise Thee



1 Fa - ther, we praise Thee, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for Thy man - sions; Ban - ish our  
△ 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty





watch - ful, stand we all be - fore Thee; Sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; Bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us Thy sal - va - tion; Thine is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion: Thus we a - dore Thee.  
where Thy saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

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## *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 22, 2024*



**WELCOME!** How typical of people! Even those who lived in the Biblical age. Not satisfied with what they had but wanting more. We hear about that in this morning's Gospel. As Christians we need not worry or argue who is greatest in the Kingdom of God. We are all "more than conquerors" because of Christ.

### THE **WEEK** AHEAD

<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am 12:00 Noon	Quilting Fellowship Hall Women's Ministries - Meeting and Luncheon - Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 am	Adult Bible Study - East Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	B.Y.O.B. Bible Study - Parsonage (Erik Halboth host) <b>(Please note time change for this event)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	2nd Year Catechism - Choir Room Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Adult New Member Class - Choir Room Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**Next Sunday - September 29, 2024 - The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost -** Pastor Halboth will preach on the theme "Spice Up Your Life With Jesus" based on Mark 9:38-50



**Your quiet reverence prior to the beginning of and during worship hours** is appreciated while others also prepare to worship our Lord. For the courtesy of others while in God's house of worship please silence your cell phones. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you should need assistance with your child during the worship hour the Cry Room and the Nursery are available. Please see an Elder or Usher for assistance. Thank you.



**Sunday School Sunday School** Please meet Miss Bonnie in the Narthex following the chamber ensemble anthem and go with her to your classroom. May God bless the learning and teaching of God's Word.



**The Arrangements of Flowers at the Altar** are given to the praise and glory of God and in celebration of the Wedding Anniversary of Liz and Keith Curlew.

**The Arrangement of Flowers at the Lectern** are given to the praise and glory of God and in celebration of the 39th Wedding Anniversary of Lori and Jeff Adkins.



Flowers are a beautiful way to honor a loved one, commemorate an anniversary/birthday or to simply give thanks to God for His many blessings! Thank you to everyone who has placed flowers in the chancel. It is best to call the church office to place your order. **Altar arrangements are \$60, this includes both Altar arrangements. Lectern flowers are available only if the Altar arrangements have**

**been purchased and the cost is \$30.** Checks should be made payable to: **Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries.** Payments may be placed in the black lockbox (be sure to use an envelope with your name on the front) at the Information Center. Please remember to pick your flowers up after the 11:00 am worship service or you can arrange to pick them up on Monday from the church office. The following Sundays are available to place flowers: **September 29, October 13, 20, All Sunday in November and December 1 and 8.**



The Women's Ministries continue their ongoing opportunity to raise funds! Furniture and home decor items that are fit for resale can be sold through New-2-You in Northville. Please call Happy Westmeier with any questions or to set up a meeting time (248-349-5818). All proceeds from the sales go to

Women's Ministries. We thank Happy for her many hours of service for our church and the Women's Ministries.



We continue to take donations of non-perishable food items for our food pantry and also used eyeglasses. A new way to donate is through giving of new or used sunglasses! We are now sending these donations to MOST Ministries (Mission Outreach Short Term) which is an approved service organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between worship hours for coffee and fellowship!

