



*“Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs  
under the table eat the children's crumbs.”  
Mark 7:28*

18th Sunday after Pentecost

**Order of Worship**

**September 23, 2018 | 10:00 am**

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*

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# *Welcome to God's House today!!!*

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

**Today's Focus** The lessons today contrast between the righteous person who seeks to do God's will and resists the wisdom of the world and the ungodly who seek pleasure, mock the righteous, and seek to destroy them. While the unrighteous seem to have the upper hand at times, the righteous depend on God that he will save them and punish their persecutors. Such worldly wisdom is attractive even to those who believe themselves to be righteous, who dispute over who is the greatest. Jesus calls us to live as he lived. "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

**Children are welcome in worship!** If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

**Is there something you'd like us to pray for today?** "Prayer Request" cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

**The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

**The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)**

# 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## **AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

What is the nature of genuine humility? According to Scripture it is more than a posture or a form of speech. It reveals itself primarily through what it is willing to do. Therefore, the greatest test of humility is found in what we are willing to do for our Savior.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

### **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**     *"God Himself is Present"*     **LSB 907**

**INVOCATION**     *selected verses of Psalm 54*

#### **OUR CONFESSION OF SIN**

#### **GOD'S GOOD NEWS**

**HYMN of PRAISE**     *"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"*     **LSB 806**

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**     *Jeremiah 11:18-20*     **ESV**

**EPISTLE LESSON**     *James 2:1-13*     **ESV**

**GOSPEL SOLO**     *"How Great Thou Art"*     *Soloist: K. Christopherson*

**GOSPEL LESSON**     *Mark 7:24-30*     **ESV**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** - *The Apostles Creed*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *"May the Mind of Christ"*     *Tune: LSB 428*

**SERMON**     *Rev. David Hinck*

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**OFFERTORY**     *"Create In Me"*     **LSB 956**

**THE OFFERINGS AND TITHES OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"*     **LSB 917**

*+ Silent Prayer +*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

## TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

**September 23 "Come, Lord Jesus" (Exodus 16)**

In a classic message from 1998, Dr. Dale Meyer explains how a common table prayer reminds us of our dependence upon God and His gifts.

## NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

**September 30 "Cut Off-for Us" (Mark 9:38-50)**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr.

Sin is serious because it cuts us off from God. Guest speaker Dr. Lawrence Rast says Jesus was cut off from God, in our place.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: September 23** "Are you afraid of commitment and 'belonging' to other people? Relax. It's how your Creator designed you. When you call a sick friend, send a card, congratulate an achiever, encourage a drooper, pursue a stray, or teach a child, you will feel a satisfaction in your heart that not even the devil can steal." *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

**STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 23 (Proper 20)**

**Mark 9:32 – "But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask him."** The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear.

## The Bible

When you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache.

When you open it, he collapses.

When he sees you reading it, he loses his strength.

AND when you stand on the **Word of God**, Satan can't hurt you!

**BIRTHDAYS:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Patty Lyrenmann, 24<sup>th</sup> Vicki Tousignant

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Shirley & Rudy Holzinger – Nephew, Shane’s Birthday and in Memory of Mother, Arlene’s Birthday

**FLOWERS:** None

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson, Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris, Robert & Delores Kluwe, Lorriane Niemela, Nanc Rixe, Ada Samson

#### **IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS**

**Cheryl Blumke family** (Layne’s co-worker) – MIL (Sandy) unexpectedly died – funeral 9/21 Pastor Gade presided

**Henry Joseph Betterman** (Layne’s Grand-Nephew) born Aug 26  
He is now experiencing Supraventricular tachycardia (SVT) (abnormal heart rhythm) and is in the hospital.

**Larry Derksen** (Shirley’s brother) – recovery from surgery

**Lewis & Vera Gade** (Pastor’s parents) COPD/dementia

**John Gillund** (Patty & Meridel’s brother) medical issues

**Dick Gillund** (Patty & Meridel’s brother) medical issues

**Elaine Gillund** – surgery and radiation

**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli’s niece) heart issues

**Steve Kaiser** (friend of Patty Lyrenmann’s brother) – COPD

**Jack Olson** (brother-in-law to Meridel and Patty) former member of Gloria Dei, complications of kidney failure after heart surgery

**Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker** – Chronic Illness

**Doris Rixe**, (Nanc’s mother) – heart valve issues

**Jimmy Royal & Dave** (friends of Dick Gillund)

NOTE: Those listed under “Keep in your prayers” are removed from the list after 8 weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another 8 weeks, please contact the church office.

#### **Those Battling Cancer**

**Lynn & Edith Engel** (friends of Sandy & Bob Bauer) Radiation

**Amy Price** (Morelli’s niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

**Marvin & Norma Thor** – poor health/stomach cancer

**Nancy Tousant** (Krystal Kruse’s co-worker) – Cancer

#### **Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas**

#### **“IN OUR PRAYERS” AND “REQUESTED PRAYERS”**

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers’ counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list?

## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

<b>9/23 Sun</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	<b>8:45 am Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>
<b>9/24 Mon</b>	<b>6:30 pm AIAnon 1</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2</b>
<b>9/26 Wed</b>	<b>NO Bible Study</b>
	<b>6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class</b>
<b>9/28 Fri</b>	<b>5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon</b>
<b>9/29 Sat</b>	<b>10:00 am TLWCC Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm TLWCC Worship &amp; Fellowship</b>
<b>9/30 Sun</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	<b>8:45 am Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>

### **SERVING TODAY**

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Ushers: Gwen Johnson and Bill Woll**

**Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris**

**Altar Care: Verlayne Sather**

**Attendance: 9/16/2018: 33**

**Offerings -- Regular \$1,290; Loose Plate \$261; Rent \$225**

**Total: \$1,776**

**Needed each week for 2018: \$3,480.87**



**During the month of August Gloria Dei received \$37 through Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program. THANK YOU FOR GIVING!**

***Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 7 pm. Meet at Waite Park Community Center, 1810 34<sup>th</sup> Ave NE if you are interested in attending.***

## **Birdwatching in the Heights**

Birdwatching in the Heights, Sept. 26 at 6 pm, Columbia Heights Public Library, 3939 Central Ave. NE. You don't have to be an expert to enjoy birdwatching. Nor do you need to have a travel destination to "bird." Some of the best birding can be done in urban settings, like Columbia Heights. Join the library for a "Birdwatching in the Heights" experience. On Sept. 26, they will meet at the library, walk to LaBelle Park, and practice using their ears to discover the birds around them. Registration is required. Space is limited. Register online or call 763-706-3690.

## **Boatbuilders exhibit at Stormwater Park**

This summer, the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization partnered with Urban Boatbuilders and East Side Neighborhood Services on a boat-building project at its Stormwater Park and Learning Center at 2522 Marshall St. NE.

During the course of nine weeks, members of the Mississippi River Green Team and teens from Menlo Park Academy were expected to put in approximately 70 hours to build a skin-on-frame wooden canoe. Through the program, youth gained woodworking and boat-building skills, as well as experience with communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and goal-setting. The public is invited to visit the exhibit through the end of September. Info: [mwmo.org/about/stormwater-park-learning-center/exhibits/urban-boatbuilders/](http://mwmo.org/about/stormwater-park-learning-center/exhibits/urban-boatbuilders/). Timelapse video: <https://youtu.be/tDqMGRJiw40>.

## **ESNS TO HALT ADULT DAYCARE SERVICES**

As of September 14, East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS) will no longer provide adult day care services at its Friendship Center at 1717 NE 2nd Street. The 40-year-old program has struggled to make ends meet for the past five years.



**Audubon Farmers' Market** season ends Thursday, September 27, visit from 4 – 7 pm for fresh flowers, vegetables and food truck fare. Gustavus Adolphus overflow parking lot – 27<sup>th</sup> & Johnson



**CommunityFEST, Saturday, Sept. 29, 11 am-5 pm.**

Boom Island Park, 724 Sibley Ave. NE. Join the Minneapolis Public Schools Community Education department as they celebrate 50 years the only way they know how, with food, fun and friends.

This event is free and open to the public. Enjoy, music, stage performances, community partners, food trucks, activities for kids/youth and onsite adult enrichment classes.

Info: [commed.mpls.k12.mn.us/community\\_fest.html](http://commed.mpls.k12.mn.us/community_fest.html).

**Life Line Screening Coming Oct 8 to Gloria Dei**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on Monday, October 8. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

**There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, call 1-888-653-6441, text the word circle to 797979 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)**

# ***Catechesis Note for the Week***

## **"Why is faith without works dead?"**

In his epistle, James makes the statement "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also", James 2:26. Faith without works is dead faith because the lack of works reveals an unchanged life or a spiritually dead heart. There are many Scriptures that make it very clear that true saving faith will result in a transformed life, which is demonstrated by the "works" we do.

### **How we live reveals what we believe and whether the faith we profess to have is a living faith.**

Works are not the cause of salvation; works are the evidence of salvation. The person who claims to be a Christian but lives in willful disobedience to Christ with a life that shows no works has a false or dead faith and is not saved. Misunderstanding the relationship of faith and works comes from a misunderstanding of what the Bible teaches about salvation. Works come from true faith and a heart that has been justified by God by faith alone. The works that follow salvation do not make us righteous before God; they simply flow from a heart that has been regenerated by the Holy Spirit as naturally as water flows downhill.

Faith without works is dead because it reveals a heart that has not been transformed by God. When we have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit, our lives will demonstrate that by the way we live and our works of obedience to God. It will be evident by the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, Gal. 5:22, and a desire to obey God and live a life that glorifies Him. Christians belong to Christ, and as His sheep they hear His voice and follow Him. John 10:26-30.

True saving faith is always manifested by good works and a life that desires to live in obedience to God. Ephesians 2:8-10 makes it clear that works do not save us but that we are saved ***"for good works which God prepared beforehand that we would walk in them."*** As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17, ***"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."***

# Today's *Scripture* Readings

**Isaiah 50:4-10:** *In this prophesy we hear the words of our Savior. He is the One whom the Lord God has given "the tongue of the learned...a word in season to him who is weary." Though our Savior's back was given to those who struck Him and His cheeks were given to those who plucked out His beard and He did not hide His face from shame and spitting, He was faithful in proclaiming the Word of salvation.*

**James 3:1-12:** *The Apostle James speaks of the power of the tongue to change the course of men's lives for either good or evil. He is not merely talking about the power of gossip, slander, and cursing, he is also talking about the power of preaching. Good and faithful preaching can set hearts free from sin and bestow faith and salvation. Bad preaching can burden the conscience and drive people away from Christ and the comfort of His love.*

**Mark 9:14-29:** *Satan's realm is the realm of unbelief. With the sin of unbelief he distorts creation, enslaves man, and perverts everything that is good. In the story of the boy who is healed by Jesus from afflictions caused by the devil, we see the power of the Gospel to set us free from unbelief and all its consequences. Satan and his evil minions do not willingly abandon sinful man. The devil does not leave us alone without a fight. The spirit convulsed the boy and threw him around. But Jesus' Gospel is the power of God that saves and grants deliverance and peace from the forces of darkness. This is why we baptize our children. By Holy Baptism they are snatched from Satan's kingdom and claimed for God's kingdom. But the faith and rescue that is given in Baptism must be continually nurtured and sustained by the all-powerful Word of the Lord. That's why we all continue in the hearing of God's Word. By the Word of the Gospel continually heard and received, the Lord protects us from Satan and drives him far from us.*

## **Lessons for St. Michael's and All Angels**

*Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3; Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22*

*Revelation 12:7-12; Luke 10:17-20*

***We welcome Rev. David Hinck who is serving us today!***

***Thank You!!!***