

MARK 9:30-37

*We invite, encourage, educate and empower  
all people to follow God and serve others."*

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18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## OPENING HYMN

*"Gather Us In"*

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## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.*

**Amen.**

*Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

*Source of all life,*

**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.  
We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of  
love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We  
turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.  
Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by  
love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

**Amen.**

*God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.*

**HYMN**            *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ”*

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## **GREETING**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*O God, our teacher and guide,*

**you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.**

**Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we**

**may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as**

**servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 54:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>*Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.*

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>*For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.*

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>*Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.*

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>*For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.*

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**WELCOME THE CHILDREN**    *“This Little Light of Mine”*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## SERMON

## HYMN

“Children Of The Heavenly Father”

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## APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**    *““Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”*    #184

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.*

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what  
we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for  
the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you gather congregations together by the power  
of your word. Bless leaders with the gifts of wisdom and  
discernment as they seek to make your church the community  
for which you long. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creative God, blue whales and honeybees sing the goodness of  
the earth. Glaciers and deserts declare your greatness. Make us  
good stewards of our home for the generations to come. Lord,  
in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you raise up governments to protect the widow  
and orphan. Bless citizens with wisdom and discernment as  
they choose leaders. Inspire leaders to always seek the common  
good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you desire health and wholeness. Reconcile the  
conflicts and disputes among us. Teach us to heal the trauma of  
racism and poverty. Break our hearts open to all those who

suffer and mourn (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, you place children among us. Teach us to honor the children in our midst and to pay attention to what they can teach us about who you are. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You surround us with a cloud of witnesses who announce the good news of abundant life to a sad and needy world. Make us a pilgrim people, always telling the story of your lovingkindness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who taught us to pray,

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

*God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.*

**Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

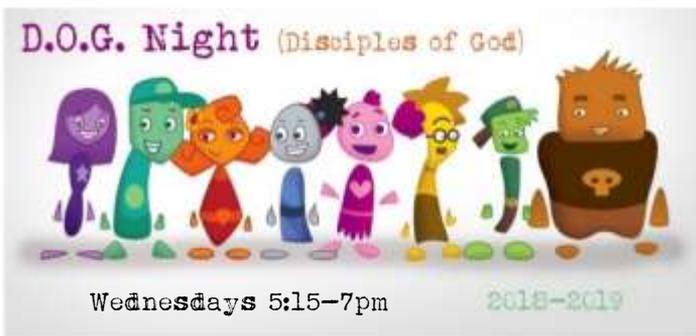
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### **DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. Sound the good news.*

**Thanks be to God.**

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# Church Announcements

## **WELCOME to our worship service**

*If you would like to be added to our church mailing list or have other information you would like us to know, please fill out an information card located with the hymnals.*

### Today, Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:30am Worship – Fellowship will follow

### Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

There will not be Bible Study as Pastor Deb is gone

### Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

5:15-7:00pm D.O.G. Night

6:00-7:00pm Middle School Youth Group

**Pastor Deb will be gone  
September 15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

### Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

OSL 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

9:00am Hymn Sing

9:30am Worship- Potluck will follow

3-5pm OSL Community High School Youth Group



## ***Treasury Report***

### Month to Date 09/01 thru 09/21

Regular Offerings	\$ 5,651.00
September Mission- LDR	\$ 223.00
Total Income	\$ 5,874.00
Total Expenses	\$ 5,677.00

### Year to Date 01/01 thru 09/21

Year to Date Income	\$ 72,744.00
Year to Date Mission of the Month	\$ 6,682.00
Total Income	\$ 79,426.00
Total Expenses	\$ 93,446.00

September's  
Mission of  
the Month



## Lutheran Disaster Response

### Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. They do this by collaborating with other disaster response organizations and religious entities to enable the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. When the dust settles and the headlines change, the LDR staff and volunteers stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

We are able to partner with the work of LDR with our prayers and financial support and aid in helping those whose lives have been turned upside down by fires, floods, drought, violence, hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

To contribute financially, please drop your donation in the Globe offering, the Mission Donation Box in the fellowship hall or in the offering plate. Please write checks to Our Savior's with "Mission" in the memo line.



### Serving Today

Greeter: Bob Tesch  
Ushers: Lowe Family  
Reader: Karen Lescarboura  
Fellowship Servers: Lowe Family  
Music: Marie Kennedy  
Acolytes: The Lowe Family

### Serving Next Sunday (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>)

Greeters/Ushers: Roger Downen and Marv Neugebauer  
Reader: Dennis Thompson  
Communion Prep: Gloria Olawsky  
Communion Assist: Stan Neugebauer  
Potluck Setup/Cleanup: Rebecca Kaiser  
Acolytes: Kyle and Brady Virtue

But we will give ourselves continually to  
**Prayer**  
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

*Praying for one another is vital to our community of faith and part of being a member of the priesthood of all believers. If you or a family member wishes to be included in this printed prayer list, please contact Josie in the church office.*

We pray for the comfort and strength for those who have recently lost loved ones, especially the friends and family of:

Berlina Heward (Grandmother of Becky Lowe)  
Anita Neugebauer (Aunt of Duane Neugebauer)  
Elouise Lintz

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers:

Clarence Pederson (Family friend of Mikkey Twitero)  
Sherry Manton (sister of Gary Hunsaker)  
Megan Deschamp (daughter of Jerri Deschamp)  
Rodney Shay (cousin of Karen Lescarboursa)  
Shelby Lillebo

We pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Luanne Vining  
Don Aduddell  
Chelle Schefcik  
Jon Hall

We pray for those in our country and our world going through hardship, especially:

Those currently being effected by Hurricane Florence and any other natural disaster.

# NOTICE

During the dates of September 15-26<sup>th</sup>, while  
Pastor Deb is away....  
If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Josie  
at 605-389-1871 and she will find someone to  
assist you as soon as possible. Thank you!