



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

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Bath, PA**

**Flowers Presented In Honor of Our Grandparents  
by Cindy F.**

Prelude:

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

\*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

\*P: Most merciful God,

\*C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

*The minister addresses the congregation.*

\*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

\*C: **Amen**

**\*The Greeting**

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

**\*C:** **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**\*P:** O God,

**\*C:** **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.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!” <sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

**Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war →

within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

**Gospel Verse** (sung)

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***“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia”***

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

\*C: (sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

\***Gospel: 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.”

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

\*C: (sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon/Sermon**

\***Hymn ELW #781** *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

8 am vs. 1-2

(3)

## **\*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**

## **\*The Peace**

**\*P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**\*C:** And also, with you.

## **\*Offering**

*The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service. We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for the work of God's kingdom.*

## **Music at the Offering:**

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*P:** Risen One,

**\*C:** you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

**\*P:** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

**\*V:** Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C:** Hear our prayer.

\*V: Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Heal the sick. Remember those who are hungry, poor, or homeless, all without family or friends who can aid them, and all who carry great burdens. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer (pause). Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

\*V: Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**\*C: Amen.**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

\*P: Lord, teach us to pray.

**\*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 Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*Hymn ELW #815 *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

## \*Dismissal

\*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

\*C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

### Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild - June K., Bonnie V.

8:00 AM - Ushers - Joe & Stephanie R.

Lector: Alyson R. - Acolyte: Volunteer

10:15 AM - Ushers - John and Laura T.

Lector: Laura T. - Acolyte: Volunteer

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### **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Michael and All Angels, Sunday, September 29, 2024**, Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. **Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420 Monday, September 30, 2024**, Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

## Welcome to St. John's!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. We are now in the season of the "Sundays after Pentecost." The color of the Pentecost season is green, which leads us to think about the Pentecost season as a time of growth in our Christian faith. Throughout the summer we will read large portions of St. Mark's Gospel, working our way from chapter. 2 to 10, and St. John's Gospel chapter 6.

On behalf of Jesus Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead, we welcome you to worship. This morning we will hear the Good News as our lessons are read. We listen and sing to musical selections to worship God who is our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

We will pray for all of God's people and all of our needs. You are welcome. All are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

### Today's Announcements - Sunday, September 22, 2024

#### This Week at St. John's      Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9/22/24 - Sun.	Worship	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
9/23/24 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM-Noon
9/24/24 - Tues.	Fellowship Dinner-The Prime	5:30 PM
9/26/24 - Thurs.	Basket Raffle ticket sales	4:00-8:00 PM
9/27/24 - Fri.	Basket Raffle ticket sales	4:00-8:00 PM
9/28/24 - Sat.	Basket Raffle ticket sales	10:00-4:00 PM
	Basket Raffle Drawing	4:00 PM
9/29/24 - Sun.	Worship	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship/Confirmation	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship (Library)	11:45 AM
	Red Beet Scrubbing	5:00 PM

**Thank you:** A special thank you to Bonnie Vlasics for sharing her musical talents with us today as our musician as we transition into a new organist.



**Welcome:** Welcome back Jay Wetzel who is preaching this week for pastor Walsh as he is on vacation.

**Red Beets:** We scrub the second batch Sunday, September 29 at 5:00 pm. Cooking and dicing is Monday 9/30, and canning is Tuesday 10/1. If you are interested in helping please give Ned Hower a call 484-221-3946.

**WELCA:** To all women of St. John's and beyond. You are welcome to join the Women's group of St. John's Lutheran Church of Nazareth for their fall luncheon for all women. Stay tuned for more info, if anyone is interested please contact Jeannine Werner at 610-417-3316 and please leave a message.

**Basket Raffle:** We are now collecting gift cards, and basket donations for the fall basket raffle. Any and all extra help for this event would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested and willing to help please give Jamie a call at 484-221-3455 or send an e-mail to: stjohnbath@gmail.com. The basket raffle is set for this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 26-28<sup>th</sup>.



**Online Giving Option:** We share with you the new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation. You can give now at this website link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAB8>.

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**Prayers Requested For:** Jim A., Eileen A., Phyllis & Joe A., Amy B., Allen B., Marsha B., Josie B., Jan B., the B. Family, Barb B., Brother Bill, Cory B., Leslie D., Bev F., Barry F., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Shawn H., Erin H., Troy H., Ned H., Robert H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Dennis K., Gerry K., the family of Linda K., Danny K., Lee L., Shirley L., Gwyn L., Ruth M., The M. Family, Sue N., Danielle N., Arlene O., Brent R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Beth S., Rosalia S., Gloria S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Ann U., Viola W., the family of Charles W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., Sandy W., Linda & Galen W., Susan W., Louise Y., Richard Y., Yvonne Y., Pauline Y., The Z. Family, Helen Z., Robert Z., Francis Z.

***If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list, contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).***



**All of them were  
filled with  
the Holy Spirit!**

**Acts 2.4**