

Calendar for September 16 – September 23

Thurs., Sept. 20	W-ELCA General Meeting	10:00 AM
Sun., Sept. 23	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have the school supplies here by September 30th. Here are the items needed:

- 4 – college or wide ruled 70 page spiral notebooks
- 1 - large eraser
- 1 – BLUNT TIPPED scissors
- 1 - ruler, 30-centimeter or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 5 – black or blue ink pens (no gel ink), secure together with a rubber band
- 5 - #2 UNSHARPENED pencils, secure together with a rubber bank
- 1 - pencil sharpener
- 1– Crayons, box of 24

There is a sign-up sheet circulating this morning with possible items to bring to the Mission Fest potluck which will be held on Sunday, October 7th. This helps so we don't have 10 hot dish and 1 salad!!

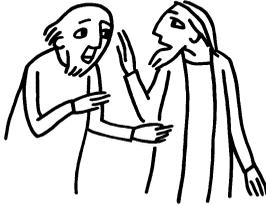
Mission Fest raffle tickets are available. Please see Nalani.

Office Hours: Wednesday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and by appointment

In an emergency situation, please call Caitlyn Stanek @608-633-1824 or Dan Buchholz @608-435-6126 (H) or 608-487-6525 (C).

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September 16, 2018
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

GATHERING Welcome/Announcements

As God's children we are

Inviting People to Journey with Christ's Family in Spreading God's Love and Mercy

You are invited to practice God's Love and Mercy by turning to those around you, greeting one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or something similar.

Confession and Forgiveness

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*Gathering Hymn

"Give Me Jesus"

ELW #770

*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.

*Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
And for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

*Canticle of Praise

“This is the Feast”

ELW p. 149

Prayer of the Day

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

A reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me

the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People *Pastor:* Karen Sparling *Organist:* Nalani Bever
Greeters: Anita Steinke and Lois O'Rourke *Reader:* Lori Arndt
Communion Server: Greg Bever *Altar Committee:* Bev Graunke and Lila Speicher
Ushers: Bob Buchholz, Brian Buchholz, Ed Ross, Justin Arndt,

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Matt Zirk, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Ron Clark, Carol Osteboe, Mildred Radke,
Lorayne Denter, Marjorie Muhr, Ed Bauer, Jerry Eckelberg, Ron Doll,
Rod Hermanson, Helen and Evan Summerfield, Don Schreier,
Linda Bauer, Rick Brandau, Linda Finnigan, Bob Manson

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy.....and join their unending hymn

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

Lamb of God"

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Prayer after Communion

**Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts
that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life
in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice
of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

Sending

"Praise and Thanks and Adoration"

ELW #783

Dismissal

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**
⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**
⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.
⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**
⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Second Reading

A reading from James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are

guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

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The holy gospel according to Mark 8:27-38

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in

this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW #660

*Apostles’ Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

*Prayers of Intercession

Offering

*Offertory

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

ELW #512

*Offertory Prayer

**God of life,
you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
Amen.**