

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

+PREPARATION+

WELCOME

AS WE GATHER

In biblical times, salt was treasured almost as much as gold. Among its many uses was preserving food and other perishables. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us salt, by which He reveals how much God values us. Sometimes people outside the Church also see our worth and offer their support. It is nothing new! Moses valued two men who received the Spirit even though they were missing from gathering with the seventy elders. Jesus valued a man healing in His name, though he was not one of the Twelve. We are worth our salt, our relationship to Christ, so much that a person receiving us receives Christ. And within the Church, our saltiness supports, prays for, cheers up, confesses, and forgives our fellow members. We are worth so much that God does not want anything to cause us to stumble. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

OPENING HYMN LSB 816 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

INTROIT (see insert – spoken full verse by full verse)

GLORIA PATRI (sung)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE (sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (sung)

C: Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav`nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) And with thy spirit.

L: Let us pray:

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

FIRST READING Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

L: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

THE EPISTLE James 5:13-20

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

VERSE (sung)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter,

C:(sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

After the reading:

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES` CREED

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

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

SERMON

OFFERTORY (sung)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

OFFERING– Due to the current situation, if you bring an offering please leave it in the basket in the fellowship hall. If you are able and would like, you may choose to mail your offerings to the church.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church and for all people in their various needs.

For the Church here and around the world, witnessing to the good news in Christ, that we see the worth within one another, the value our heavenly Father places on us, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, and grant that nothing separate us from You and Your love for us in Christ.

L: For those who do not know Christ but support the work of the Church to meet people’s physical, social, and spiritual needs, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, and bless them according to Your abundant grace.

L: For people who serve in positions of governmental authority among the nations, for those who raise crops and tend herds, and for all who connect resources with the needs of their fellow citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, and give them joy in serving.

L: For all who struggle to put bread on the table and a roof over their families, those who face injustice and discrimination, and all who are denied human rights, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, and give us hearts to help those in need.

L: For all near and dear to us who call out to God in their distress, [*including . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, and bring about healing, comfort, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for them.

L: For ourselves, that we recognize the gifts God has placed among us by which we may care for one another and our community, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, and give us guidance and strength to serve in Your name.

L: Grant us, heavenly Father, that what we ask for in faith we may obtain through Your unfailing mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and 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,

**(sung) For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

SALUTATION and BENEDICTION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

L: Bless we the Lord:

C: *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and +give you peace.

C: *(sung)* **Amen, amen, amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN LSB 718 “Jesus, Lead Thou On”

SILENT PRAYER

+THIS WORSHIP IS ENDED.

LET THE SERVICE BEGIN+

“...whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

Dates to Remember

October 3, 2021 – Communion with Pastor McVey
October 5, 2021 – Elders Meeting – 7:30pm
October 13, 2021 – Senior Food – 12:30 to 1:30 pm
October 17, 2021 - Communion with Pastor Bernthal
October 19, 2021 – Altar Guild Meeting - 11:00am
October 31, 2021 Service with Pastor McVey

PRAYER REQUESTS

For Church in search of Pastoral leadership

Joan Tewes – who started treatments this week

Casey Carney – continued healing

Don Hinds- for answers to prayers for appointment in Grand Rapids in November

Glenn Landon – back in nursing home recovering from Covid

Melvin Kitchen battling cancer - (Brian O'Dell's stepfather)

Alayna Fenton- continued strength for radiation treatment

Debbie Sparks family for healing

Altar flowers this week

are to the Glory of God in love and honor of Pat Miessner by her family. Happy 90th Birthday Pat.

Pop Bottles & Cans

We are collecting pop bottles and cans for the scholarship fund. Just bring your empties in and Louise Hinds will turn them in and put the money in the account. Our students thank you!

Stuff the Bus

We will again be helping the Mancelona schools by buying school supplies. You can find the list of needed items on the poster in the fellowship hall. Just get the items you wish to donate and leave them on the table with the items already there. Thank you.

Birthdays

Camille Fenton – Sept.27

Jeff Burgess – Sept. 27

Danielle O'Dell – October 21

Patricia Miessner – Sept.27

Fenix Huffman – Sept. 30

Anniversaries –

Jim & Joyce Sprague – Oct 6

Richard & Cindy Burd – Oct.14

James & Fran Heegeman – Oct.17

Don & Louise Hinds – Oct. 19