

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Loving Jesus by Serving Others

18th Sunday after Pentecost, September 22, 2024

Praise Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

(silence for reflection)

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: We have been forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Savior.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to each other and share the peace of the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: *YOU HOLD IT ALL TOGETHER*

APOSTOLIC 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

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 11:18-20

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¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But 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!”

²⁰But 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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:13-4:3,7-8

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¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You 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. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

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

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 9:30-37

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³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ 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.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

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

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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.**

SONG OF THE DAY: *NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(after each petition...)*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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OFFERING: *WE FALL DOWN*

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

If you are unable to attend worship due to health concerns, please contact the church office to be included on the homebound list.

Christ welcomes you to the meal of grace! All who desire to receive Christ's nourishment and grace may join us at the Lord's Table. (9:00) Please come to the table by the diagonal aisle and return to your seat by the center or a front aisle. There is a station at the rear of the pews for those seated in the grass. Communion is by intinction; dip the wafer in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available at the front of the center aisle. (10:30) Please come to the table by the center aisle and return to your seat by the front or side aisle. Communion is by intinction; dip the bread in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG: *COME TO THE TABLE*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE*

SENDING

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture readings for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost, September 29, 2024:
Numbers 11:4-29, Psalm 19:7-14, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

Serving in Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Grant Eckhart, Jacob's Porch
ELCA ministry at The Ohio State University
Assisting Minister: Linda Beckman
Praise Team: Sara Donaghue, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Ned Greene,
Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Scott Watamaniuk
Sound: Roland Hogendoorn
Ushers: Angi Moots, Athena, Kellen & Ryan Helbach
Communion Servers: Lou & Sandy Czewski, Kim Knechtly, Steve Lubbers, Michele Uhl

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister: Mike Wipperman
Praise Team: Sara Donaghue, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Ned Greene,
Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V: Roland Hogendoorn, Owen Smith
Stream Team: Scott Haligowski, Ryan Pearson
Usher: Todd Schluter
Communion Servers: Diana & Reid Pearson, Lindsay & Troy Wipperman
Acolytes: Reid Pearson, Troy Wipperman