



Pentecost +18

September 26, 2021

Welcome to our worship of the living God on this 18th Sunday after Pentecost! In today's gospel reading, someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in His name, even when it's not under His control. The circle we form around Jesus' Word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

ENTRANCE HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW 705

See the following page for the words and music.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS:

We gather today just as God has gathered us into His family:
in the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You 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 Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth's not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who's faithful and just
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
So let's confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.

God of Grace and God of Glory



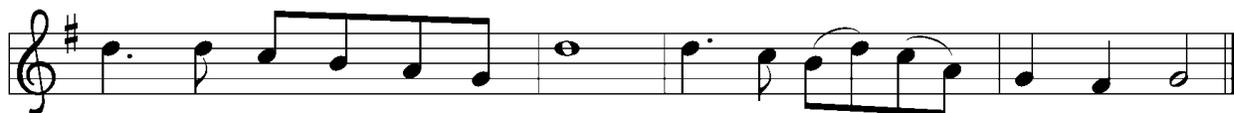
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS (continued):

Most merciful God,

we confess that we're in bondage to sin and can't free ourselves.

We've sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,

by what we've done and by what we've left undone.

We haven't loved You with our whole heart;

we haven't 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.*

Hear the Good News, my brothers and sisters:

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His only Son to die for us,
and for His sake forgives us all our sins.

So as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority,
I 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. *Amen.*

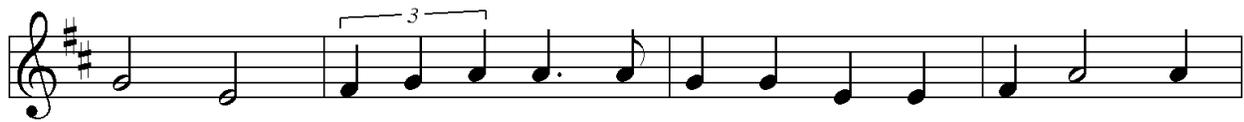
HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God!"



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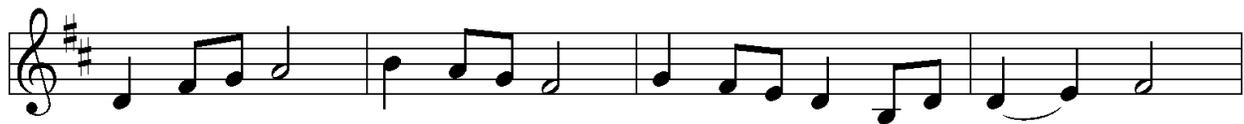
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

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II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

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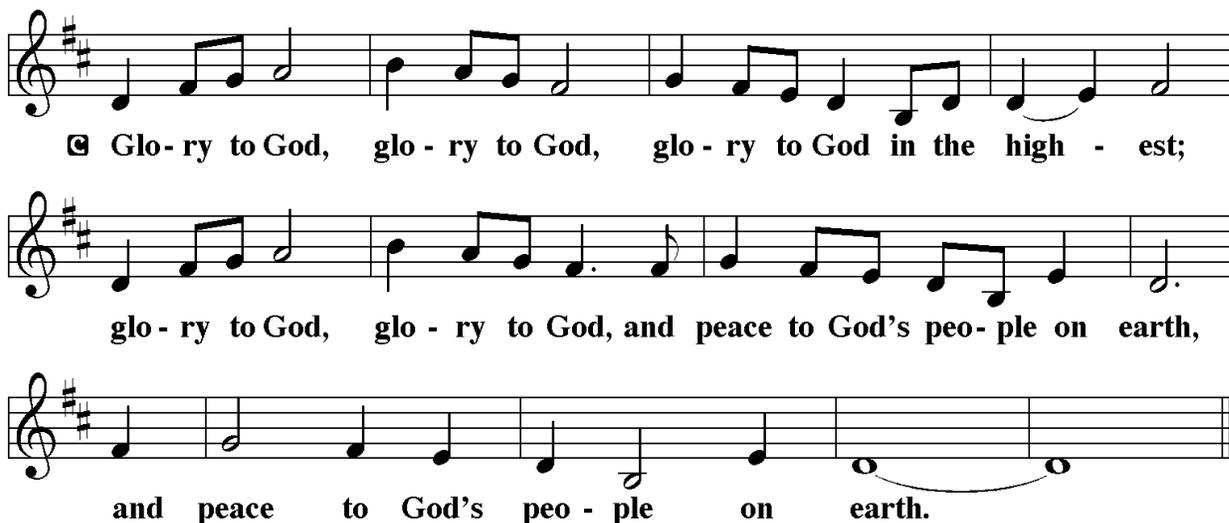


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

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☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the + love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit are with you all.

And also with you.

Then let's pray: Gracious God, Your Son gave His life that we might have peace with You.
Give us a share of Your Spirit, and in all we do empower us
to bear the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29 NLT

⁴Then the foreign rabble who were traveling with the Israelites began to crave the good things of Egypt; and the people of Israel also began to complain. "Oh, for some meat!" they exclaimed. ⁵"We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we wanted. ⁶But now our appetites are gone! All we ever see is this manna!"

¹⁰Moses heard all the families standing in the doorways of their tents whining, and the Lord became extremely angry. Moses was also very aggravated. ¹¹And Moses said to the Lord, "Why are You treating me, Your servant, so harshly? Have mercy on me! What did I do to deserve the burden of all these people? ¹²Did I give birth to them? Did I bring them into the world? Why did You tell me to carry them in my arms like a mother carries a nursing baby? How can I carry them to the land You swore to give their ancestors?"

¹³ Where am I supposed to get meat for all these people? They keep whining to me, saying, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴ I can't carry all these people by myself! The load is far too heavy! ¹⁵ If this is how You intend to treat me, just go ahead and kill me! Do me a favor and spare me this misery!"

¹⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Gather before Me seventy men who are recognized as elders and leaders of Israel. Bring them to the Tabernacle to stand there with you." ²⁴ So Moses went out and reported the Lord's words to the people. He gathered the seventy elders and stationed them around the Tabernacle. ²⁵ And the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Then He gave the seventy elders the same Spirit that was upon Moses. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. (But this never happened again.)

²⁶ Two men, Eldad and Medad, had stayed behind in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but they hadn't gone out to the Tabernacle— yet the Spirit rested upon them as well, so they prophesied there in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and reported to Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!" ²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who'd been Moses' assistant since his youth, protested, "Moses, my master, make them stop!" ²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them all!"

This is holy wisdom; this is holy word.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING:

James 5.13-20

NLT

The apostle James writes: ¹³ Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. ¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you've committed any sins, you'll be forgiven. ¹⁶ So confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. ¹⁷ Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! ¹⁸ Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, ²⁰ you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

This is holy wisdom; this is holy word.

Thanks be to God!

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 9.38-50

NLT

See ELW 174 for the tune:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Glory to You, O Lord!

³⁸ John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone using Your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn’t in our group.”

³⁹ “Don’t stop him!” Jesus said. “No one who performs a miracle in My name will soon be able to speak evil of Me. ⁴⁰ Whoever’s not against us is for us. ⁴¹ If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded.

⁴² “But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in Me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around your neck. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off! It’s better to enter eternal life with only one hand than to go into the unquenchable fires of hell with two hands. ⁴⁵ If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off! It’s better to enter eternal life with only one foot than to be thrown into hell with two feet. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out! It’s better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ ‘where the maggots never die, and the fire never goes out.’ ⁴⁹ For everyone will be tested with fire.

⁵⁰ “Salt is good for seasoning— but if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Baptized and Set Free”

ELW 453

See the following page for the words and music.

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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HOLY BAPTISM

The child to be baptized, his parents, and his sponsors gather around the font.

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION:

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We're born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism, we're reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we're made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with Christ and with His people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

I present Owen Frederick Griffiths to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

In Christian love you've presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? *We do.*

And people of God, do you promise to support Owen and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL, CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Then let's together profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize:

Do you renounce the Devil and all the forces that defy God?

I do.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I do.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*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:

Then as heirs of God's promise, let's pray for the Church, the world, and all in need:

Gracious God, You gather together people of faith in every time and place to be the risen body of Christ alive in the world. Enliven Your people here and throughout the world to nourish each another, to love the earth, and to serve our neighbors. Help us to recognize the congregations around us as our partners in Your work of new creation. Make us glad to receive those You send to us and ready to receive their unique gifts and perspectives. Lord, in Your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Creative God, You weave together the fabric of the universe. Forests and fields, skies and seas, distant stars and microscopic ecosystems bear the banner of Your abundance. Give us the wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of the resources all Your gifts present to us, that together we may sing Your praise and enable life to thrive. Lord, in Your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Sovereign God, You bless people with intelligence and compassion. Inspire our leaders at every level of society to seek peace and reconciliation among nations and to mend and heal the world. Move leaders and citizens in every community to work for peace and justice for all in their care, to reject terror and warfare, and to embody the holy power that breaks through old battle lines to reconcile and renew others. Lord, in Your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Renewing God, have mercy on our neighbors recovering from floods, earthquakes, wildfires, storms, and human violence. Have mercy on all who are in danger even today because of the violence of others, especially the people of Afghanistan, Yemen, Libya, central America, central Africa, and our own communities. Sustain them in their time of trauma and loss, and strengthen them to rebuild their lives through the gifts and the relationships You've given us. Lord, in Your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Let the healing rivers of Your Spirit flow through the lives of those who are sick or grieving, anxious or afraid, lonely or despairing; sweep away their brokenness and pain, grant them comfort, healing, and peace in Christ's presence with them, and raise them up to newness of life. We especially seek Your healing touch for...

BAPTISMAL THANKSGIVING:

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father! We give You thanks, for in the beginning Your Spirit moved over the waters and You created heaven and earth. By the gift of water, You nourish and sustain us with all living things. By the waters of the flood, You condemned the wicked and saved those whom You'd chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the land of Your promise. In the waters of the Jordan, Your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of His own death and resurrection, Your beloved Son has set us free from our slavery to sin and death, opening the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the Kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to His command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Now pour out Your Holy Spirit, so that Owen may be given new life in this Holy Baptism. Wash away his sin as he's cleansed by this water, and bring him forth as an heir of Your glorious Kingdom. And to You be given praise and honor and glory through Your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

BATH, ANOINTING, AND SIGNING WITH THE CROSS:

Owen Frederick,
I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks for freeing Your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Now pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Owen Frederick: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the Spirit of joy in Your presence. *Amen.*

Owen Frederick, child of God, you've been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF CANDLE

Jesus said, "I'm the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." In the same way, Jesus says, "You're the light of the world. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

PRAYER AND WELCOME

Let's pray: God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Jonathan and Louisa, the parents of this child, and upon Brandon and Melissa, his baptismal sponsors. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you've given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism, so that they may share eternally with their children the salvation you've given them, through Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Through Holy Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear His creative and redeeming Word to the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family and ours.

We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ,

children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the Kingdom of God.

The peace of the Lord is with you always.

And also with you.

Reconciled to God and to one another, we share a sign of Christ's peace.

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Sung to the tune of "Blessed Assurance" ELW 638

***Glory to You, God, for Yours is the earth, Yours the hosannas, the death and rebirth;
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame; ours the thanksgiving to Your holy Name!
Glory to You, God, for all You have giv'n, blessings of earth and foretastes of heav'n;
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; Yours be the glory, O God, Yours alone!***

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:

We thank You, O God, for Your life-giving Word:
for calling creation into being, declaring forgiveness from the cross,
and delivering the Spirit of rebirth.

We praise You, O God, for Your life-giving Word!

Your word is a lamp lighting our path, a mirror reflecting to us the truth about ourselves,
a shield providing us refuge, a fire burning for justice and truth.
Your word is sweeter than honey,
nourishing our bodies like milk, sustaining Your people like bread.
We receive Your promises, more treasured than gold.

We bless You, O God, for Your life-giving Word!

Open our ears to Your prophets, apostles, and saints, and to all the cries of the needy.
Breathe into Your Church the mighty Spirit of Christ, that heeding Your voice,
we're strengthened to serve wherever we're called.
To You, Father, Son, and Spirit— the Source, Word, and Breath of Life—

we offer our thanks for Your life-giving Word!

Accept our thanksgivings and receive our prayer
for the sake of Your living Word, Christ Jesus our Savior, who's taught us to pray:

***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.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL:

God has a plan.

We're it!

What's our part in God's plan?

Sharing God's love in joyful service!

Then let's go in peace, live in joy, and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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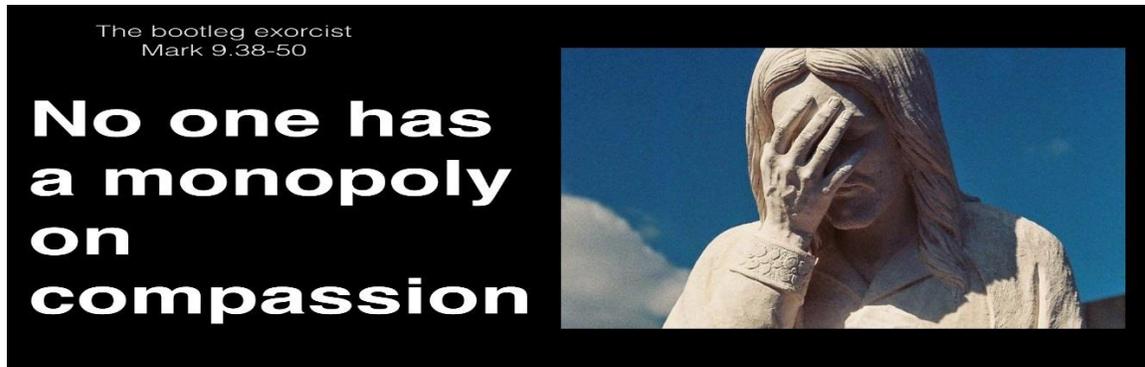
Start with demons and a cup of water; end with fire, salt, and peace. Along the way, visit a millstone, the sea, and hell itself— all with a communion of stumbling, chopped-up saints! So many images, so little time... Which of these shall we use— or “take with a grain of salt”?

Earlier, the disciples couldn't cast out a demon convulsing a boy. Now they're perturbed that an outsider is succeeding where they've failed. They'd rather stop someone who shows them up than have the suffering of the demon-possessed boy come to an end. They need to realize that the Reign of God isn't a competition. The smallest act of kindness— the gift of a cup of water— is a genuine deed of power that'll garner a sure reward.

Jesus wants to spring the disciples free from their relentless need to prove their greatness. So He seizes their attention with grotesque language and spins them toward the “little ones”, believers whose faith is even more fragile than their own. In contrast to rewards for random acts of kindness, Jesus points to the pangs of hell for all who use their power to take advantage of others. Better to hobble yourself— “Cut it off! Tear it out!”— than to trip up someone who's already insecure. A cavalier attitude that causes others to sin deserves drowning in the ocean or damnation in unquenchable fire.

Finally, we land in a pile of salt. Its tiny granules, even tinier than one of these “little ones”, are much stronger and more interesting than mere size would suggest— for everyone will be salted: purified with fire, seasoned with the Spirit, preserved past fleeting obsession over greatness. Still, salt’s only good if you can still taste it! “Have salt in yourselves”: be interesting, be flavorful, be yourself, and be at peace with one another.

In ancient Israel, a “covenant of salt” sealed a friendship when parties shared a meal spiced with salt. All sacrifices— meals with God— were offered with salt. “Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” Enough of the bickering that causes scandal! Stop wasting energy on humorless rivalry! Go, scatter from here, and season the world!



From Albert Camus’ “The Plague”

In a plague-stricken town, two unlikely colleagues, the atheist physician Dr. Rieux and the isolated priest Fr. Paneloux, witness a young child die in appalling agony. Their alliance is one of service in the fight against evil and suffering...

Rieux turned round to face Paneloux. “That’s true,” he said. “Forgive me. Tiredness can turn the mind, and there are times in this town when my only feeling is one of revolt.”

“I understand,” muttered Paneloux. “It’s because this whole business is beyond our comprehension. But perhaps we should try to love that which we cannot understand.”

Rieux sat up straight. Summoning together all the strength and passion he could muster, he looked at Paneloux and shook his head. “No, Father, that’s not how I see love. And to my dying day, I’ll never be able to accept a created order in which innocent children are subject to suffering.”

A look of anxiety crossed Paneloux’s face. “Ah, Doctor,” he said sadly, “I now understand what’s meant by grace.”

Rieux had flopped back on the bench. Speaking out of the depths of his weariness, his tone was more affable. “Grace is something I don’t have, I know. But I prefer not to discuss that with you.

The only thing that matters is that we should continue to work together on something about which we can be united and which lies beyond blasphemies and prayers.”

Paneloux sat down next to Rieux. He looked moved. “Yes,” he said, “it’s true that you too are working for the salvation of humankind.”

Rieux smiled wanly. “Human salvation is too big an idea for me. I have no such ambition. What interests me first and foremost is simply human health.”

Paneloux hesitated. “Doctor,” he said, and then stopped. The sweat began to run down his brow. He muttered “Goodbye,” and his eyes brimmed with tears as he stood up. He was about to leave when Rieux stood up also and with a thoughtful look on his face stepped towards him. “Again, please forgive me. There’ll be no more outbursts.”

Paneloux held out his hand and said sadly, “But I still haven’t convinced you?”

“What does that matter?” said Rieux. “You know full well that death and evil are what I hate. And whether you like it or not, we’re together in the fight against them.” Rieux held onto Paneloux’s hand. “So you see,” he said, averting his gaze, “even God can’t separate us now.”

- *Albert Camus, “The Plague”, from Literary Companion to the Lectionary pp. 102-103.*



This Week at St Paul's

P = Parish House, F = Fellowship Hall

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sun. 9/26 Pentecost +18	9:00 AM	Service of Word and Prayer w/ Holy Baptism inside and online: www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hour live and/or via Zoom: [use meeting ID 839 381 0896, passcode 90e8Dm]
	10:30 AM	Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Class via Zoom/FCC *
Thur. 9/30	10:00 AM	Bible Study via Zoom/FCC *
	7:00 PM	Scouts BSA Troop 007 [F]
Fri. 10/1	1:00 PM	Al-Anon [F]
	7:00 PM	AA [F]
Sun. 10/3 Pentecost +19	9:00 AM	Holy Communion inside and online: www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hour live and/or via Zoom: [use meeting ID 839 381 0896, passcode 90e8Dm]
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Class via Zoom/FCC *

* If you'd like to participate in these **activities taking place over Pr Dave's Zoom platform**, go to zoom.us, click "Join a Meeting" at the top right of the page, use meeting ID 3700147169, and if it asks for a password, use 119805 and you should be in. If you're using your phone, these dial-in numbers will work: 929.205.6099 or 312.626.6799. After you dial, you'll be asked for the host's code, and you'll type in 3700147169#, then 119805# and you're in. (What's more, with your smart phone or computer, you can engage video as well as audio, so we can see and hear you—something that's precious right now!) You can also use **Free Conference Call [FCC]**: Dial 857.232.0157, enter conference code 144261, and you're in.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

- The Armed Forces, Crossroads Pregnancy Care, David Johnson Sr., Andrew Edmonds, Fay Barndt, Morgan, Ally, Dontay, & Emily Hassler, President Biden and his cabinet, Don & Karen Ludovici, Barbara Graser, Jordan Scholl, Kelsey Shaak, Bob Knapp, Ray Constable, Walter Rausch, Bob Westervelt, Carol Marks, Rosemary Bruno, Nick Wildman, Walt & Ryan, Bobby Lane, Alan & Kathy West, Connie Slotter, Doug Fay, Karen Berger, Jim, Jan Riley, Sam Sovacol, Karen Blicht, Jeannie Rothsching, Beth, Norm Diehl Sr., Roger & Tanner Banks, Amy Miller, Erika, Linda Knowlton, Owen & Siobhan, Aly Brown, Matt Aber, Ray, Kelly, Ozzi and his parents, Russell Stier, Nancy Schnabel, Mike Ruth, Jennifer Hallman, the Peterson family, Steve and Dan Jacobs, the Hebbel family, Karen Capella, Sherry Kratz, Laura Nelson, Sara & her husband, Sam Smith, Karin Silvius, Karen Kaminski, Pamela Allen, Mary Lisa Kelly, Tammy Zepiora, Ed McCartan, Mark Bilger, Melissa Manhart, Ruth Ziedonis, Corinne Mininger, Cheri, Natalie, Florence Zellers, Chrissy Cousins, Bob Shimalla, Doris Diehl, Melody, Dawn & Bruce, Robin Greene, Sara Shaw, Sascha Baringer, Alan Shugart, Robert & Cheryl Ball, Robert Cook; the people of Haiti and

Afghanistan; victims of natural disasters; everyone struggling with COVID-19 and its containment.

- Families and friends of Bill Stever, Bill Barndt Sr., Robert Webb, Karl Gross, Bill Blain, Carole Eddings, George Dutton, Jamie Wright, Eric McGovern, Pat Knowlton, Mickey Shaak, Linda Mittelberger, Pr Bill Vanderslice, Pr John Cochran, Dexter Latchmi-Persad, Gary Kratz, Bea Becknell, Tom Kennedy, Todd Wert, Robert West.

Serving in Worship Today:

Ushers:	Norm Diehl Sr + Aaron Shimalla	Altar Guild	Marie Shaw + Volunteers
Flower Delivery	Brett + Marie Shaw	Communion	-----
Acolyte/Cru	Linda Hertzog	Bulletin	Alicia Byelich
Counter	Tom Sutkins	Reader	Andie Silvius

This week's bulletins are given to the glory of God by Stefanie Bauman in honor of her father Bill Baringer's birthday, with love from the Bauman and Baringer families.

We strongly encourage you to keep observing the COVID safety protocols of safe distancing, face masking (we have disposable facemasks available in both vestibules), and limited physical contact as we worship together. The CDC recommends that all people wear masks and maintain physical distancing in indoor public or multi-household gatherings. We're keeping our exterior and interior doors open to increase airflow and ventilation through our worship space for increased safety. ***And we'll keep on "livestreaming" our services online***, so our more distant and/or infirm members can continue to share with us in worship, fellowship, and service.

Please ***don't forget to keep on giving to our ministries here at St Paul's!*** If you're already signed up for Simply Giving, you're already taken care of; you can mail your offerings to the church; and now you can go to www.stpaulsqtown.org and make your contributions online. Many thanks for your ongoing support!

Today we rejoice as God welcomes *Owen Frederick Griffiths* into His family and lavishes upon him the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through the sacrament of ***Holy Baptism***. Owen's parents are Jonathan Griffiths and Louisa Eismann, and his baptismal sponsors are Brandon Griffiths and Melissa Eismann. Welcome to God's family and ours, Owen!

Come join us this Thursday, ***September 30*** from ***10:00 AM-12:00 NN*** via Zoom or Free Conference call for our ***Thursday Morning Bible Study***. (See the previous page for information on accessing these platforms.) We're digging into the Scripture readings for the upcoming week to discover the treasures that await us come Sunday.

Our ***"Monthly Special"*** recipient for the month of September is ***Scouts BSA Troop 007***. This troop meets weekly at St Paul's, participating in various activities which promote individual, group, and community growth, learning essential skills that'll benefit each member throughout their lives. If you'd like to donate, simply mail a check to the church with "Monthly Special: Scouts" in the memo line, or place your gift in the offering on Sunday. Thank you!

Confirmation is about preparing you to embrace for yourself your Baptismal calling and the journey of Christian discipleship through study of the Bible and Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Our next **confirmation class** will be held **tonight, Sept. 26 @ 6:00 PM** via Zoom (meeting ID 370 014 7169, passcode 119805).

Lutheran Disaster Response-Eastern PA is mobilizing disaster recovery teams to help families devastated by recent Bucks County flooding and tornadoes. Your gift today means that Lutheran Disaster Response can connect survivors to resources they need to recover. You can make a financial donation at www.lutherancongregationalservices.org. If you'd like to volunteer to help with cleanup and rebuilding, contact Julia Menzo at jmenzo@libertylutheran.org.

JOYFUL NOISE 9 is on! Mark your calendars for **June 18, 2022** for the big day! Our first planning meeting resulted in many good ideas of how to deal with the challenges that we face in putting this event together. Please see the Joyful Noise Newsletter for a detailed recap of what went on at the meeting, the teams that still need Team Leaders, and more. (If you haven't gotten the newsletter, please email richmbjake@comcast.net and we'll get you on the list.)

For the latest updates on our announcements, go to:

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