

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church Contemporary Worship

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

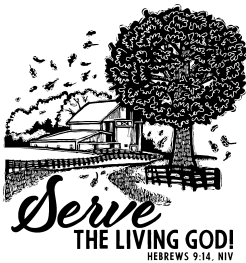
September 26, 2021

Abundant Grace to Walk with Wandering People

Welcome to all who gather to worship the Lord this day! As our Creator designed green leaves to turn fiery yellow, orange and red, may today's worship rekindle your faith with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Welcome.

Please sign your name in the Attendance pad at the end of the pew. If you are a guest, please take one of the visitor bags at the *Welcome Center* counter at the front entrance.

As We Gather



God's grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving.

Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

Welcome

Memory Verse of the Month: "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:10)

Opening Song

SONG OF LOVE

Jesus, King of my heart; Father, my peace and my light;
Spirit, the joy of my soul You are.

Jesus, to You none compare; Father, I rest in Your care;
Spirit, the hope of my heart You are.

The heavens declare You are God, and the mountains rejoice.
The oceans cry "Alleluia," as we worship You, Lord,
For this is our song of love.

Jesus, You saved my soul. I'll thank You forevermore.
Jesus, the love of my life You are.

The heavens declare You are God, and the mountains rejoice.
The oceans cry “Alleluia,” as we worship You, Lord,
For this is our song of love.

Jesus, I am in awe of the love that You have shown.
Jesus, how precious You are to me, to me.

The heavens declare You are God, and the mountains rejoice.
The oceans cry “Alleluia,” as we worship You, Lord,
For this is our song of love. **Repeat**
For this is our song of love.

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Celebration of Baptism: *Olivia Mae, daughter of Lee and Brooke Unrath.*

Invocation

Pastor: *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
People: Amen.

Psalm of the Day *Psalm 103:1-12*

Pastor: *Bless the LORD, O my soul,*
People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Pastor: *Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*
People: Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits -

Pastor: *who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,*
**People: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love
and compassion,**

Pastor: *who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*
People: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Pastor: *He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:*
People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Pastor: *He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;*
**People: he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.**

Pastor: *For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;*
**People: as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

Confession and Absolution

Song of Praise

10,000 REASONS (Bless the Lord)

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before. O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Chorus**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus**

And on that day, when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come;

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore. **Chorus**

Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,

Worship Your holy name, Worship Your holy name.

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Prayer

Old Testament: *Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29* (God equips Moses to serve Him.)

Epistle: *James 5:13–20* (James shares what Christians ought to do for each other.)

Holy Gospel: *Mark 9:38–50* (Jesus teaches how much God values all who have a relationship with His Son.)

Theme Song

LIVING HOPE

How great the chasm that lay between us.

How high the mountain I could not climb.

In desperation I turned to heaven

And spoke Your name into the night.

Then through the darkness Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadow of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

Chorus: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain. There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breath.
Out of the silence the roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me. **Repeat**

Jesus, Yours is the victory! **Chorus 2x**

Jesus Christ, my Living Hope. O God, You are my Living Hope.

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Sermon: "Working with Wandering People" by *Pastor Scott Malme*

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.

Offerings: "*Coins for Christ*" is an important part of the Mission funding at Pilgrim. Through this program all loose coins in the offering plate are donated to a mission project. During September, "*Coins for Christ*" is supporting **Orphan Grain Train.**

As the offerings are received, please sign the register in the pews, whether you are a member of Pilgrim Lutheran or a visitor. The person at the end of the pew should start and then pass it along. *Thank you for making worship with us a priority this Lord's Day.*

Offering Song

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,
You are my all in all.

Chorus: Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again; I bless Your name,
You are my all in all.

When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup.
You are my all in all. **Chorus**

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Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: *Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray..*

People: 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

Pastor: *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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Song

SHOUT TO THE NORTH

Men of faith rise up and sing Of the great and glorious King;
You are strong when you feel weak In your brokenness complete.

Chorus: We will shout to the north and the south,
Sing to the east and the west;
Jesus is Savior to all Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up women of the truth, Stand and sing to broken hearts;
Who can know the healing pow'r Of our awesome King of love. **Chorus**

Rise up church with broken wings, Fill this place with songs again,
Of our God who reigns on high By His grace again we'll fly. **Chorus 2x**

Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth!

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*See You Next Week
With a Bible in Your Hand
A Friend by Your Side
And Joy in Your Heart*



*Prayer Ministry is available for you immediately
following today's service in the front of church.*

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

⁴ Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat!" ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶ But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased.

¹¹ Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?" ¹² Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.'

¹⁴ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

Elders Appointed to Aid Moses

¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

James 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

Temptations to Sin

⁴² "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."