

## Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Gaunt 308-627-7238.

**The Lord's Supper is a Gift** . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let Pastor Gaunt know beforehand!

**All Guests** should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

**The Divine Service** utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

## Prayers of the Church

**Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Rick Ressel + Mary Ann Ressel + Patty Whitten + Margaret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Judy Meier + Maria Gomez + Merna Urwin + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

## In His Service

Minister: Rev. Micah R. Gaunt  
Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk  
Altar Guild: Sept. Shannon Blakley Oct. Shannon Blakley, Jeanne Buck  
Ushers: Sept. Craig Weseman  
Elders: 9/01 Ernesto A. 402-705-3472 9/08 Kevin H. 402-984-2182  
Bus Drivers: 9/01 No Driver Available 9/08 Mike N. 402-469-4838

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	110
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 1,377.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,498.11
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign</u>	<i>Remaining Loan Balance as of 7/31/2019</i> \$ 104,406.26

*For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.*

*A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.*

*Contact our Treasurer, Jerry Blazer jblazer@imne.com*

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, September 1st	9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Bible Class
Monday, September 2nd	Labor Day Observed: Office Closed
Tuesday, September 3rd	9:30am Bible Study
Wednesday, September 4th	6:30pm Midweek Classes Students Pre-K-8th Grade
Thursday, September 5th	1:30pm L.W.M.L. 7:00pm Board-Trustees
Friday, September 6th	Pastor's Family Day
Sunday, September 8th	9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Bible Class 5:00pm Youth Barbeque Brenda Christensen 3165 S Baltimore Ave.

**Take Home Questions:** In the story Jesus tells, whose prayer pleased God? Why is that? When do we pray like the tax collector in the Divine Service? How does God answer us? Is there someone you know that needs to hear what Jesus says about the tax collector?

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 29: 17-24, Romans 10:9-17, Mark 7:31-37

## The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly

*"And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard"* (Gen. 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, *"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"* was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast"* (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, *"everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*



**DIVINE SERVICE**  
*Setting Four*

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Hymn #684

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Service of the Word

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Kyrie & Gloria In Excelsis

Salutation and Collect

Old Testament Reading

Gradual

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Alleluia & Verse

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Hymn of the Day #559

Sermon Luke 18:9-14

Prayer of the Church

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Prayer & Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

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Nunc Dimittis & Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

Hymn #839

Postlude

Announcements

P: *Go In Peace*

C: **Thanks Be To God!**

# News and Notes of Interest

*Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!*

**Divine Service:** Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M. and Bible Class 10:30am Members who would like to serve treats please do so on the sign-up sheet. Thanks!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 9/01 Mariah Deepe, Samantha Nissen 9/05 Allie Theesen 9/07 Alexander Zeisler

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 9/03 Dylan Wold 9/05 Shannon Fowler 9/06 David Harrifeld, Andrea Troutd

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:** 9/01 Kevin & Barbie Hoins 9/04 Wes & Brenda Christensen 9/05 Scott & Mary Keogh

**MEN'S STEAK NIGHT** Monday, September 9th, sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thanks Walt Irmer

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS of PRAYER** available in the Narthex, copies run September 1-October 12, 2019. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

**LIT. by the LAMP:** Children and their parents (as well as the young at heart) are invited to the parsonage on Sunday evenings at 6 to listen to good stories by the lamp post. We will begin this fall by reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. The Gaunts will provide scones, tea, and lemonade. Feel free to bring something else if you desire, as well chairs and blankets for seating. The first meeting will be September 15th.

**Parent's Meeting, Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

When you bring your children to the opening night of Wednesday Midweek School on September 4th, please come into the sanctuary with your child(ren) and be seated on the east side. Pastor Gaunt will hold an opening devotion and a brief informational meeting for parents. It should take no more than 15 minutes. Thank you. Joan Primrose

**TRUSTEES:** Want a 52 inch TV on wheels, or a 6 ft artificial Christmas tree. Also other items to be given away. Take elevator downstairs and look.

**LIFEQUOTE** "A God who marks His covenanted people is telling them something important about the power of sex and its control and its proper place within the divine-human economy: It comes to us as a gift, to be used for its purposes and no other, and its abuse will sully the soul of man. Its proper use in marriage is a great mystery, a great gift which was given for the protection of all. It doesn't always work out that way, sadly, but its imperfect practice is no excuse for throwing it all away for what we see today." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**THE ENEMIES OF CHRIST AND HIS WORD....**Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings feature a series on The Devil, The World, and The Sinful Nature. The guest will be LCMS Worship Director Rev. William Weedon. You can listen live or at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**LCMS Trinity XI**

**Luke 18:14 - "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."**  
Our works never impress God - they are always lacking in some way, and they always fall short of perfection. So, there is no point in taking pride in our works. But a broken and contrite heart the Lord will not despise, and the works that flow from a broken and contrite heart are indeed pleasing to the Lord in and through Christ. These works will be used by the Lord for His purposes and to His glory.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

September 1st  
9:00am



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# Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

1 September 2019 Anno Domini

**INTROIT** (Ps. 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b; antiphon: Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b)



**Old Testament: Genesis 4:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." <sup>2</sup>And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>4</sup>but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>6</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." <sup>7</sup>Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>8</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>9</sup>And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>10</sup>And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>11</sup>When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." <sup>12</sup>Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>13</sup>Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." <sup>14</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

**Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10**

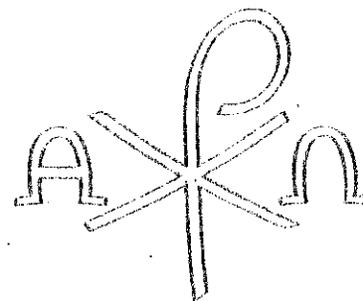
<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins<sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

– Connection to the Old Testament Reading: Abel's blood cries out for vengeance, the sprinkled blood of Christ speaks a better word (Hebrews 12:24).

- This was not simply an outward act of piety or devotion – The tax collector truly believed what he said. He was truly repentant.
- 14 “I say to you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”
- Rather than declaring himself righteous, like the Pharisee, the tax collector is declared righteous by God.
- Note how those who exalt are plural; he who humbles himself is singular.
  - Most notable use is in Philippians 2. See also Matthew 11.
- Only the humble would pray for and receive God's forgiveness, rather than boasting in their own works.



## THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Marcus Baikie

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### Collect of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Introit:

Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19;  
antiphon: Psalm 68:5b, 6a, 35b – *The God of Israel – He is the one who gives power and strength to His people.*

### Psalm:

Psalm 50:7-23 (antiphon v. 14) –  
*Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving*

### Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 4:1-15 – *Cain murders Abel*

### Gradual:

Psalm 28:7b, 1a, 2a – *In God my heart trusts, and I am helped*

### Epistle:

1 Corinthians 15:1-10 – *The fact of Christ's resurrection*

### Verse:

Psalm 90:1 – *Alleluia. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Alleluia.*



## Luke 18:9-14 ESV

### Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused Luke the physician to write the words of this Gospel around AD 55-60. In this parable, Jesus teaches about prayer and, as one author put it, “entry into the kingdom of God from a position of inferiority” (J. Noland, *Luke 9:21–18:34*, 874), as draws ever near to Jerusalem and the Cross, where He will lay down His life as an atoning sacrifice for sin.

<sup>9</sup> But [Jesus] also said this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised the rest:

- “Trusted in themselves” – lit. “persuaded themselves” (*pepoithotas*).  
– Rather the Christian’s trust is in the Lord.
- They believed that they were righteous in and of themselves before God.
- Note how “righteous”/“justified” bookends this text – at the beginning there are those who justify *themselves*, but in the end the tax collector is justified by God.

<sup>10</sup> “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

- Consider that among the original audience, the Pharisee would immediately be seen as the hero, and the tax collector would be seen as the villain.

<sup>11</sup> “The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed these things: ‘O God, I thank you that I am not as the rest of mankind, robbers, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

- “Standing by himself” – the Pharisee, like those at the beginning of this account, “trusted in himself”, and so stood before God alone (without any Advocate, Savior, or Redeemer).
- “I thank you” – Greek: *eucharisto*. He focused solely on his sacrifice of praise rather than God’s work of propitiation for his sins.
- Consider how this Pharisee strongly resembles the older brother of Luke 15:25-30.

- “Not as the rest” – The Pharisee is setting himself apart as the only righteous man; this is ultimately an attack on Christ and His righteousness.

- Augustine – The Pharisee had no mind to pray to God, but to laud himself. (Augustine, *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church. First Series, Vol. 6. [1.6]. Sermon LXV, 455*)

- “He who prays for grace in this way does not rely upon God’s mercy and treats Christ with disrespect.” (*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article V, 133*)

<sup>12</sup> “I fast twice a week, I pay tithes on all that I obtain.’

- These are typical acts of piety for a Jew, and yet more than what was commanded in the Old Testament.
- The Pharisee’s works are not the problem. These are fine, outward things. The problem is the Pharisee’s trust in those works.

<sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector, standing at a distance, would not even lift his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

- The tax collector did not trust in himself, and so he stood far off, and begged that God would propitiate him.

- “Be merciful” – lit. “propitiate” (*hilastheri*). This means to be reconciled, to make atonement, to offer sacrifice for. Ultimately it means, “Justify me.”

– See 1 John 2:1-2.

– Term is tied to the Mercy Seat, which was sprinkled with the blood of the sin offering on the Day of the Atonement. The sprinkled blood pointed forward to Jesus’ sacrifice upon the Cross. By His death, Jesus made atonement—the justifying sacrifice—and entered the heavenly sanctuary with His blood (Hebrews 9:11-14), opening the way for believers to enter into God’s presence (Hebrews 6:20).