



# St. LUKE'S LUTHERAN

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**Pentecost 18: September 22 & 23, 2024**



**Welcome!** We are happy to share God's peace with everyone. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have any questions, the ushers are ready to help. Feel free to visit after the service.

- Aids to assist with hearing (Williams Sound System) are available from the ushers.
- Large Print Hymnal Binders are available on the tract desk for those with vision difficulties.

**Please note: the Sunday service is being recorded and streamed on YouTube.**  
[www.youtube.com/@stluksvassar](http://www.youtube.com/@stluksvassar)

**Guest Preacher:** Our thanks go out to Rev. em. David Kipfmiller for leading our worship this morning and tomorrow evening, and for his message from God's Word! God willing, Pastor Arnold will be returning September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Setting 3, p. 188

#### **737 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way**

*Please stand for the final stanza*

CW 737

#### **Invocation**

#### **Confession**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

CW 188

#### **Absolution**

CW 188

#### **Lord, Have Mercy**

CW 190

#### **Glory to God in the Highest**

CW 191

## **The Word**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **First Reading**

*Numbers 12:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman). <sup>2</sup>They said, “Has the LORD really spoken only through Moses? Hasn't he also spoken through us?” The LORD heard this.

<sup>3</sup>(Now the man Moses was very humble, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

<sup>4</sup>Right then the LORD spoke suddenly to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, “You three come out to the Tent of Meeting!”

The three of them came out. <sup>5</sup>The LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance to the tent. He called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward. <sup>6</sup>He said, “Now listen to my words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, will make myself known to him in a vision. In a dream I will speak with him. <sup>7</sup>Not so, however, with my servant Moses. He is faithful in my whole household. <sup>8</sup>With him I speak face-to-face, clearly, and not in riddles. He sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses?” <sup>9</sup>The LORD's anger burned against them, and he left.

<sup>10</sup>The cloud went up from above the tent, and immediately Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. Aaron turned to Miriam and saw that she was leprous.

<sup>11</sup>Aaron said to Moses, “My lord, please do not hold this sin against us. We have acted foolishly. We have sinned. <sup>12</sup>Please do not let her be like a stillborn infant that comes out of its mother's womb with its flesh half-eaten away.”

<sup>13</sup>Moses cried out to the LORD, “God, please heal her, please!”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “If her father had merely spit in her face, would she not be disgraced for seven days? Have her confined outside of the camp for seven days, and after that she can be brought back in.”

<sup>15</sup>Miriam was confined outside of the camp for seven days, and the people did not set out until Miriam was brought back in.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

James 3:13–18

<sup>13</sup>Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good way of living show that he does things in wise humility. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie, contrary to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but it is worldly, unspiritual, and demonic. <sup>16</sup>In fact, where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and every bad practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then also peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who practice peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:35



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone



Anyone who wants to be first



must be the very last, and the ser - vant of all.

Refrain

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## Gospel

Mark 9:30–37

<sup>30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, <sup>31</sup>because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise.”

<sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the statement and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup>They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## 767 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

CW 767

### Sermon

Mark 8:22-26

" Window into Jesus' Heart"

*(Stand)*

### Apostles' Creed

*Be seated*

### Prayer of the Church

### Offering

## 582 Not unto Us

CW 582

### Lord's Prayer

### Blessing

## 926 Lead Me, Lord

CW 926

### Acknowledgments

Setting Three from Christian Worship

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**Notice:** The office will be closed on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The doors will be unlocked and the office open on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Jim Heideberber and Jerry Comstock's phone numbers are both on the window by the back doors if you need access to the church.

**Pastor Will Be Away:** Pastor Arnold will be out of town from the 15<sup>th</sup>, after church, until the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our guest preacher on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Rev. em. David Kipfmiller. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Patrick Ernst in Frankenmuth at (612)845-9152.

**Check this out!** St. Luke's updated website is new and ready for viewing at [www.vassarlutherans.org](http://www.vassarlutherans.org)! It's a great resource to share with your family, friends, and potential new members and school families. You'll find lots of information about our church and St. Luke's Lutheran School, with bulletins and sermons uploaded weekly. Don't forget to check out the monthly church and school calendar!

**Harvest Fest is Back!!** Mark your calendar! **October 12, 3pm at St. Luke's Lutheran School.** Please plan to join us for a day full of family, fun, and fellowship. The CEO is hard at work planning the event to include hayrides, bonfire, dessert baking contest, pickle eating contest, book fair, kick off to Operation Giving Thanks, family photo booth and so much more.

**While the CEO is mighty, we are small so how can you help?**

- Watch for a signup sheet for volunteer opportunities the day of the event
- Bring empty pop cans with you to church September 14 - October 5.** The money will be used to purchase supplies, hotdogs, and chips for the evening. Cash donations will be accepted as well.
- Start testing out your favorite dessert recipes and plan to enter the dessert contest...**keep in mind, the desserts will be judged by KIDS!**
- Reach out to Katie Denniston (989-302-2772) or Ashley Clinesmith (989-660-5742) if you're interested in helping.

**Meditations:** The next Meditation booklets, September 1 to November 30, are available in the office for those who have pre-paid. Contact the church office for your copy(s). Call, text, or email the office and I will put them in your mailbox. *(My humblest apologies, I did not save the list of names)*

## HAPPENING SOON

Sunday 09/22	9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 09/23	7:00 PM Worship Service
Sunday 09/29	9:00 AM Communion Worship Service
Monday 09/30	7:00 PM Worship Service

## September Servers

**September Sunday Ushers:** Ron Nichol, Justin Whitney, Jay Newcomer

**September 16 Communion Elder:** Jacob Zieroff

**September Monday Usher:** Barry Mays

**September Finance:** Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard

**September Altar Guild:** Need altar guild members to split the month.

**Organist:** Olivia Marker

## October Servers

**October Sunday Ushers:** Paul and Silas Schultz, Carter Korthals, Eric Korthals

**October Communion Elder:** Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Phill Pellar, 20<sup>th</sup> Jay Newcomer

**October Monday Usher:** David Atkins

**October Finance:** Gabe Fall, Ed Baldwin, Sam Korthals

**October Altar Guild:** Fran Emling and Theresa Atkins

## EVENT ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service: 97, Communed: 88

Sunday School: 12

Bible Class: 45

Monday Service: No Monday Service

## STEWARDSHIP AT ST. LUKE'S

For 2024, the planned giving needed is \$7,910.00 per week to meet our ministry goals.

Last Week's Budgetary Offerings: No information available at the time of printing.