



PENTECOST 18
God esteems humility

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 23, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We love that you are here today! The library in the back serves as a **quiet room** for parents with children and still enables you to participate in the service. **Restrooms** are in the hallway to the right and also across the hall on the right side, opposite the school office.

TODAY'S FOCUS

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus' words: *Whoever would come after me, let him take up his cross ...* . The cross of suffering certainly brings a person down and humbles them. But God values humility most of all. When we are humbled not only are we then most Christ-like, but we are most able to see how He gets all the glory in saving us. The opposite of humility is self-minded ambition.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Word and Sacrament pg. 26 in the red hymnal
Psalm of the Day (Psalm 51b)..... pg. 87 in the red hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	(None)
Hymn of the Day	758 <i>Blest Are They (insert)</i>
Communion Hymns	392 <i>Not unto Us</i> 498 <i>Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire</i> 125 <i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>
Closing Hymn	346 <i>In You Is Gladness</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Numbers 12:1-15
Second Lesson	James 3:13-18
Gospel Lesson	Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

Insist on being first.

Mark 9:30-37

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF “CLOSE COMMUNION”

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you’ve had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

WHAT’S WITH THE “LORD, HAVE MERCY”?

The cry, “Lord, have mercy!” has been the regular expression of believers and a part of Christian worship since the time of Christ (Luke 18:13, 38). It is the heart and core of true worship. *But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners (Matthew 9:13).* Our greatest need is God’s forgiveness (mercy) in Christ. God’s greatest desire is to give us forgiveness. He is more interested in that than anything we could give to Him (sacrifice).

THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed was formulated in AD 325 in the city of Nicea (in modern day Turkey) during the first world-wide council of the Christian Church. Among other matters, leaders of the Church met to address the false teaching that Jesus Christ is something less than God. Using the framework of the Apostles Creed as their basis, they expanded on it to clarify Scripture’s teaching on the person of Christ.

Creeds serve many purposes for us. Here are a few: to remind us of the truth, to identify us with the true-teaching Church, to have common expression with fellow believers and as a way of proclaiming the true Gospel to the world.

Flowers adorning the chancel were provided by Charles & Leone Grossman to thank God for 60 years of marriage.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

- PresiderRev. Shaun Arndt
- Sermon Rev. Luke Werre
- Organist..... Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
- Ushers..... Team #1 8:00 – D. Becraft (c); 10:30 – P. Guenterberg (c)
Monday Night – J. Ross



Mission Statement

As men, women and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, we are **committed to making disciples**, using the gospel to win the lost for Christ, and nurturing believers for Christian service, all to the glory of God.

Service Times

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am; Monday 6:30 pm

Television: Sunday 9:00 am

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