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*Have salt in yourselves,
and be at peace with one another.*

Mark 9:50b

DIVINE SERVICE

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Introit

Your name, O Lord, endures forever,
your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord,

give praise, O servants of the Lord,

who stand in the house of the Lord,

in the courts of the house of our God!

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

Your name, O Lord, endures forever,

your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.

For the Lord will vindicate his people

and have compassion on his servants.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy

Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Your name, O Lord, endures forever,

your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.

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Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (ESV)

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! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

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. 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? 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? 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.' I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. 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."

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."

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. 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.

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. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." 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!"

Gradual

He will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle Reading: James 5:13-20 (ESV)

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 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. 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. 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. 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. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 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.

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 9:38-50 (ESV)

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." 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. For the one who is not against us is for us. 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. 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. 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.*

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.

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, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' For everyone will be salted with fire. 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."

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination’s doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Our sick & recovering: Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner), Gene Heller (Pastor’s Dad), Donald Kuch (brother-in-law of Leeta Aanderud), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber) & Brenda Weigum;
- † Adam & Crystal Bornemann, on the birth of a son, Orion Wilhelm;
- † Wayne & Sandy Myers, on the death of Sandy’s brother-in-law, Gary Walz.

Welcome to worship in the season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us that this is the season of growth. The theme of Pentecost is living a Christian life. As Christ strengthens us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, we grow more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Please join us for cookies/bars and coffee following worship this morning.

“The righteous shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17). What does this mean? Please join us for Bible class as we continue our study of the book of Romans.

Elders, we will meet this Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 pm.

LWML Sunday: Next Sunday, October 4, 2015, has been designated as LWML Sunday. The women of the LWML invite the entire congregation to celebrate together as the body of Christ under the theme, “Seek First the Kingdom of God.” We will share in a special worship service authored by LWML Counselors Rev. John Heckmann and Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner based on Matthew 6:26, 32b, 33. Join us and learn how the Lord has worked through the LWML in bringing the lost and erring into fellowship with Him through mission and ministry.

Nominations: The following church council officer positions will be open for re-election this fall: Evangelism, Fellowship, Public Relations, Finance, and three positions for Lay Ministry. If you would like to nominate someone or would like to step forward to help out with any of these positions, please contact Glenn Renner 948-2534 or Jamey Backus 873-7673.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 144 Offerings: \$2,902.00

“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.” So what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? Better to cut it off! We need the Lord’s help to do this, and you are in the right place this Lord’s Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

We are the North Dakota District – Laypeople, October has become known as “Pastor Appreciation Month.” This is a good time to especially reach out to your pastor to thank him for his faithful ministry to you, your family, congregation, and community. You might want to consider a card shower, gift card shower, a special fellowship after church, a dinner, or something else special. Please remember his wife and family as well. Thank you for your love and care for your pastor.

President Baneck

