



THE LORD IS THE UPHOLDER OF MY LIFE.

PSALM 54:4

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Paul Manz

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

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Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”

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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

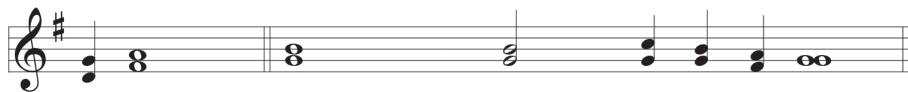


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: *Congregation:*
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18–20

Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, | by your Name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²**Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the
ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the LORD who sus- | tains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye has seen the ruin | of my foes.

Second Lesson: James 3:13–4:10

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Anthem: “Saraband”

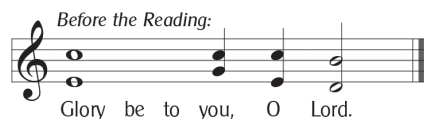
Wilbur Held

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

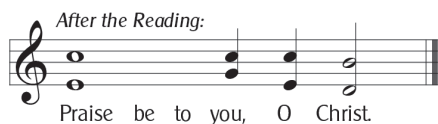
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The Holy Gospel is written in the ninth chapter of Mark.



Gospel: Mark 9:30–37



Confession of Faith

**¹I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**²I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**³I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Children's Chat

Sermon: "The Greatest"

Hymn: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Exhortation

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Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Just as you have nourished our bodies, you have met our spiritual needs, forgiving the iniquity of your people, and covering all our sin. Your salvation is near to those who fear you, and you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. We offer thanks that on this Lord's Day, you have again blessed us with the assurance of forgiveness through the blessed body and blood of that same Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittis

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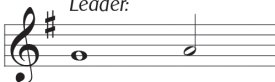
Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader:  *Congregation:* 

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader:  *Congregation:* 

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Holy Manna"

arr. Dale Wood

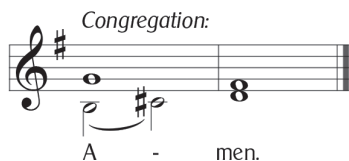
*We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



*Special thanks to Gene Brittain for joining us
today as our guest organist.*



*Susan and Pastor Mark Ryman
will celebrate their wedding anniversary
Tuesday, September 24th. The altar flowers
are placed by Pastor Ryman in honor
of their 47 years of marriage.*

Associate Pastor, Brian Lord

Brian Lord will officially begin as our our new Associate Pastor tomorrow. He and his family have moved from Washington to join us and be a part of our community. Please be sure to welcome Brian to our church family.

Lutheran Women’s 2024 Bazaar

The ladies are getting geared up, working on various projects. The doors will be open for the bazaar **September 28th, from 8:00am until 2:00pm.**

The men will be hosting **breakfast** from **8am until 10am**, with breakfast biscuits, juice and coffee. The ladies will be serving **lunch** from **11:00am until 1:00pm**. They will have hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and drinks.

There will again be some amazing raffles. The circles will be furnishing baskets, Betty Monroe is donating a quilt to be raffled off, and there will also be a Cheerwine Bench. There will be some frozen meals, lots of baked goods, produce and canned goods for sale. In addition to our homemade items, we will have a ‘Vintage Corner’ with crocheted doilies, nice glass pieces, and some old dolls. So if you have some items you have cleared out, bring them on.

Raffles will be drawn at 1:45pm. We are trying to work out details to be able to take credit and debit cards. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please feel free to call me, Terri Powlas, at 704-202-8666.



General Fund Offering (9/15)	\$10,930
Other Offering (9/15)	\$7,351
Sunday School Attendance (9/8)	58
Worship Attendance (9/8)	168

This quarter, the children’s change collections will go to Lutherans for Life.
Last Sunday: \$13750 Total so far this quarter: \$1,784.50

Sunday, September 22

- King's Kids music, K-5th grade, 9am, in the choir room
- Presentation on building project in the fellowship hall, 9:30am
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, September 23

- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 24

- No Bible Study classes this week
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 25

- Classical Conversations homeschool, 8:30am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- No Youth Confirmation Class this week

Thursday, September 26

- Ladies' Bazaar preparations in the fellowship hall, all day
- Finance Committee meeting, 6:30pm

Friday, September 27

- Ladies' Bazaar preparations in the fellowship hall, all day

Saturday, September 28

- Ladies' Bazaar, 8am–2pm

Sunday, September 29

- King's Kids music, K-5th grade, 9am, in the choir room
- Guest preacher, Dr. Terry Eddinger
- Building project presentation in the sanctuary after worship
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- No Vespers

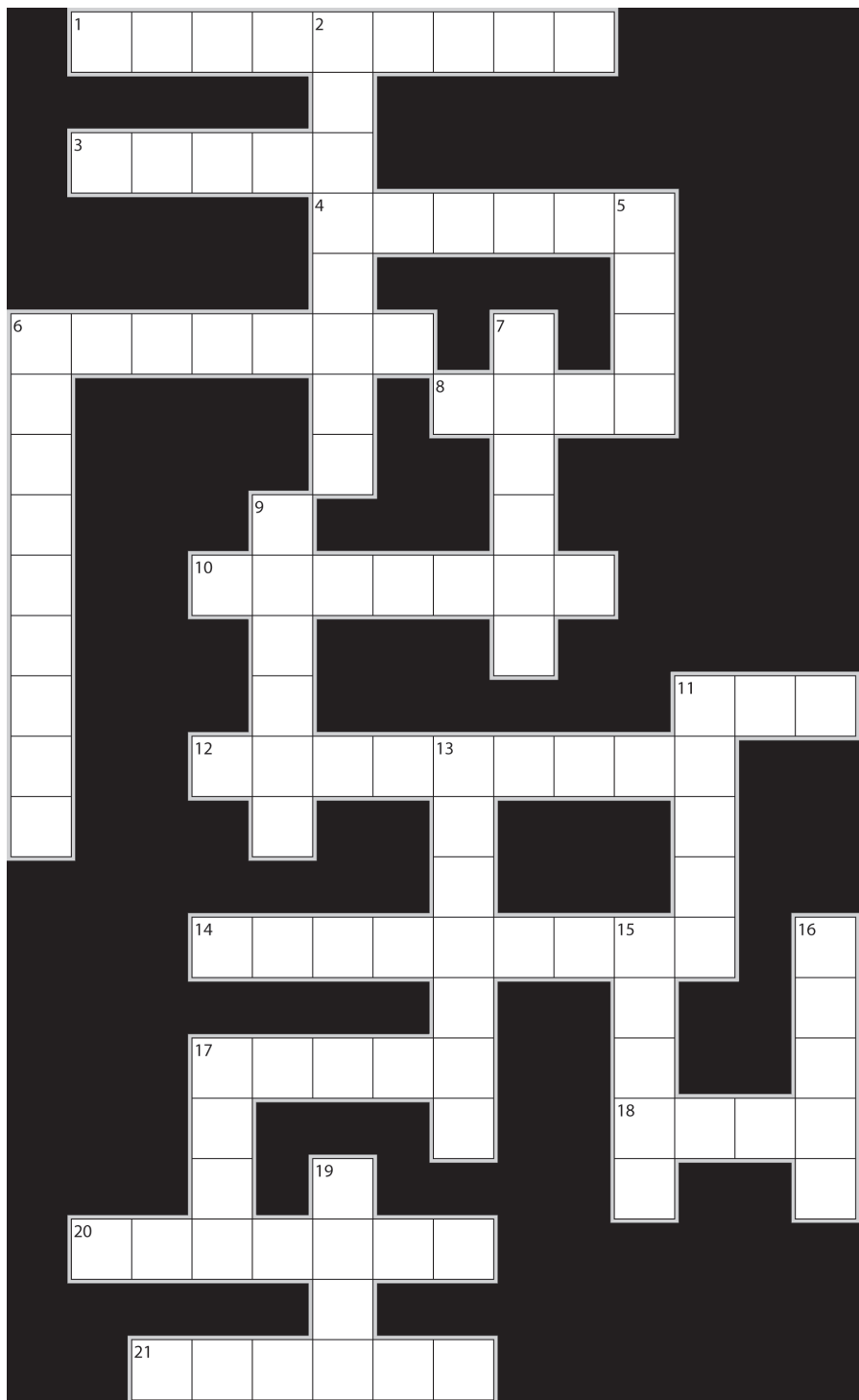
Recent Prayer Needs

- Tim Deal – recovering from surgery
- Dave Dodson, brother of Autumn Hill – health concerns
- Drew and Earnhardt families on the loss of Kenny Drew, brother-in-law of Jamie Drew, who died September 19
- Ashley Fink, granddaughter of Larry and Leilani Watson – recovering from surgery;
- Doris Hilliard – upcoming surgery
- Stamie Joyner, friend of Perry Bernhardt – Hospice at home
- Tammy Leazer – recovering from surgery
- Brynne Lippard, sister of Kara Burnett – recovering at home
- Lindsay Lowman – upcoming surgery
- Bob McCanless – health concerns
- Barbara Miller, mother of Amy Hoffner – health concerns
- Griffin Morneau, 13-year-old family friend of Amy Barringer – health concerns
- Teresa Peeler – Hospice care at home
- Franda Raymer – health concerns
- Herman Ritchie – Liberty Commons for rehab
- Ashton Smith, family member of Susan Ryman – health concerns
- Dottie Stancil – health concerns
- Wanda Thomas, sister of Dana Bost and Karen Deal – recovering from surgery

**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers and requests.**

**With this in mind, be alert
and always keep on praying
for all the Lord's people.**

Ephesians 6:18



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle .

ACROSS

1. The disciples were arguing as they drew near to this village.
3. The people schemed, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its"...
4. God was the psalmist's...
6. The Lord showed these plans of the people to Jeremiah.
8. The Lord was the upholder of David's...
10. If you would be first or greatest in the kingdom, you must be this to all people.
11. If you would be a friend of the world, you make yourself his enemy.
12. The prophet said he was like a lamb led to this.
14. The psalmist would use a freewill offering to make a...
17. A harvest of righteousness is sown in this.
18. If you would be first, be...
20. God in his faithfulness would put an end to them.
21. Show your good works in the meekness of...

DOWN

2. These kind of men sought the psalmist's life.
5. Jesus said that three days after he was killed he would...
6. They have risen against the psalmist.
7. The people would cut off Jeremiah from this land.
9. What kind of lamb was Jeremiah?
11. God gives more of this.
13. Jesus and his disciples passed through there in today's gospel reading.
15. If you receive one of these in Jesus' name, you receive Jesus.
16. Do not be false to this.
17. The wisdom from above is first...
19. The Lord tests the heart and...

The First and the Last

*Find the 25 **bold** words from Mark 9:33–37 KJV.*

T T E S N C T H D A D D O O L
Q W N V W A C N S T L H L D L
F C E E I U M K A I W B B E A
E F A L S E E E H V O T L S H
R A O P V D C C Q H R W L I C
W M Z Z E E T E U O Y E D R B
T S A L L R S T R U F V S E H
T L R H V W N N X S E J Z M D
G X E P O J O A Q E C D E S F
G R E A T E S T U N A W Y I E
C H I L D R E N Q M E A R L N
R E V E O S O H W B P S R G O
F F D E T U P S I D T X Q M S
M I D S T H T E V I E C E R S
S V K C J L U Z M Z X P L Y V

And he came to **Capernaum**: and being in the **house** he asked them, “What was it that ye **disputed** among yourselves by the way?” But they **held** their **peace**: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, **who** should be the **greatest**. And he sat down, and called the **twelve**, and saith unto them, “If any man **desire** to be **first**, the same shall be **last** of all, and **servant** of **all**.” And he took a **child**, and set him in the **midst** of them: and when he had taken him in his **arms**, he said unto them, “**Whosoever** shall **receive one** of **such children** in my **name**, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, **receiveth** not me, but him that **sent** me.”



**Preaching at St. Paul's Sunday,
September 29, 2024:
Rear Admiral Terry W. Eddinger, Retired**

Rear Adm. Terry Eddinger is a native of Thomasville, North Carolina. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gardner-Webb University in 1988; a Master of Divinity degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1990, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Old Testament from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1995. Commissioned in the U.S. Navy in 1995, he completed Joint Professional Military

Education Phase I at the Naval War College and Advanced Joint Professional Military Education at the Joint Forces Staff College.

His reserve assignments include: assistant officer-in-charge, Marine Expeditionary Force Religious Unit (MEFREL) 109; officer-in-charge, MEFREL 109; district chaplain, District Five, USCG; deputy fleet chaplain, Commander, Pacific Fleet; deputy area chaplain, USCG Atlantic Area; officer-in-charge, MEFREL 107; group chaplain, 4th Marine Logistics Group; Force Chaplain, commander, Naval Installations Command; and fleet chaplain, Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet.

His mobilizations include division officer on USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) with a 6-month Persian Gulf deployment (Operation Southern Watch); command chaplain, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 26 deployed to Rota, Spain (Operation Noble Eagle); command chaplain, Marine Aircraft Group 26, deployed to Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom); command chaplain, Marine Corps Air Base New River; command chaplain, Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (Operation Enduring Freedom); and Deputy Force Chaplain, Marine Forces Reserve.

As a civilian, Eddinger serves as a humanitarian assistance advisor to the Military at the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance, in the US Agency for International Development.

Eddinger's decorations and personal awards include the Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer Chaplain Insignia, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (two awards), and various other service, campaign, unit, and personal awards.

Additionally, he graduated from East Davidson High School with Crystal Bost, and was one of Pastor Ryman's professors at Houston Graduate School of Theology and Carolina Graduate School of Divinity.



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Next weeks lessons: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 130; Ephesians 2:1-9; Mark 5:21-43