



17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2009 ♦ 8:30 + 11:00 AM

Hymns and service music may be found in *The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)*
or *Sing! A New Creation* hymnal supplement (*green*).
Large print hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.

Gathering

*Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you wish to express a response,
a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is welcomed. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!*
Let the first note of the prelude be to you a call to silent prayer and preparation for worship.

Meditation

God, may these be my primary ways:
not to receive but to give
not to tremble but to trust
not to escape from the world but to be more profoundly involved
not to bend God to my will but to align myself with Christ's ways
not to buy my freedom but to celebrate God's free grace.

Welcome + Announcements

Joyful Partisan

Pastor Nominating Committee

Prelude

(8:30) Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service *arranged by Kevin McChesney* Matins Ringers
(11:00) All Things Bright and Beautiful *arranged by Keith Kolander*

*Call to Worship

Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.
Lord, help us to truly listen to you.
Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.
Lord, help us to follow you every hour of every day.
Lord, open our hands this morning to generously share your bounty.
Lord, help us to use all we have, to extend your reign of hope to the far corners of the earth.
Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above *blue, #483*

Bold print - speak together in unison

**** please stand as you are able***

***Prayer of Confession**

O God, we give thanks for this time set aside to uncover what you say to us through scripture. In today's gospel reading, Jesus declares that those who are welcoming and caring and do not cause others to stumble are indeed blessed. We are to be 'salted' with the purifying of the Holy Spirit, so that we shall be set free from selfishness and self-seeking, from resentment and anger and envy.

Forgive us if our actions, or lack of action, have caused us to lose the holy salty-ness of hospitality, compassion, truthfulness, joy and hope.

A time of silence to contemplate these words.

Also in today's gospel reading, the disciples attempt to bar someone from ministering in Jesus' name. They want to make decisions about "who's in" and "who's out" among Jesus' followers. It sounds all too familiar as we often make similar decisions each and every day.

Forgive us if our actions, or lack of action, have contributed to people being excluded from our homes, our organizations, our fellowship, our community.

A time of silence to contemplate these words.

Holy God, strengthen us with an invigorated faith that attracts, an honest sincerity that convinces.

And grant us a humble integrity which confirms our allegiance to Christ, to whom we offer these words of confession.

***Assurance of Pardon** *based on James 5:16*

Our holy word entreats us to "confess our sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that we may be healed." We have confessed our sins to one another and to God.

Powerful and effective is the grace that God offers to us. In that belief, I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are healed and forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***The Peace/Time of Greeting**

The grace, love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet your neighbors with, "The peace of Christ be with you." Responding with, "And also with you."

Choral Response (8:30)

With a Voice of Singing *by Martin Shaw*

Logos Choir

Word

Prayer for Illumination

For those who are unsure, may the wisdom of God come upon them. For those struggling, may they receive God's healing touch. For those who need a good word, may God lift them. And for those who are joyful, may God increase their joy. In Christ's name we offer this prayer. Amen.

New Testament Reading

James 5:13-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- NT Bible, pg. 231

Children's Message

Congregational Song

There Is a Balm in Gilead *blue, #394*

8:30: choir only on verses all sing refrain

Parents who would like to have their children participate in Children's Time in the Castle Room are welcome to accompany their children to the East Wing during the singing of the Congregational Song.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9: 38-50

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- NT Bible, pg. 45

Sermon

Stop or Go?

Pastor Bob David

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)

Brooke Deitte Von Bergen, daughter of Nick and Jenny Von Bergen

Apostles' Creed - *blue, pg. 14*

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Offertory

(8:30) There Is a Balm in Gilead *arranged by J. Bert Carlson*

(11:00) There Is a Balm in Gilead *arranged by Paul Nicholson* Beth Hill + Betty Mather, flute

***Offering Response** Doxology *blue, #592*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

May these gifts let grace bloom, mercy and justice be restored, hope and comfort prosper, forgiveness and reconciliation abound, and the mission of the church thrive.

In Christ's name we offer this prayer. Amen.

Prayers of God's People + The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory *blue*, #420

*Charge & Blessing

Postlude

Toccata Brevis *by Daniel Gawthrop*

Worship Participants

Pastors: Rev. Bob David, Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Music Directors: Erin Moore, Matthew Penning

Music Participants: Logos Choir, Matins Ringers (8:30) Beth Hill + Betty Mather, flute (11:00)

Lay Leaders: Myrna Farraj (8:30) Mindi Woods (11:00)

Ushers: Ken + Ruth Kuntz and Clayton + Helen Ringgenberg (8:30)
Bill + Mia Hoeft Family (11:00)

Greeters: Don + Su Thayer (8:30) Peter, Betsy + Sarah Riesz (11:00)

Announcements

- Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.
- Children's bulletins and worship bags are available in the Narthex as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Nursery care is provided for 2-year-olds and younger during both worship services.
- Children's Time is for ages 3 years through Kindergarten and meets in the Castle Room in the East Wing. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed from worship as noted in the bulletin. This is a time of unstructured play, special activities, and continuing worship, led each week by a Children's Time leader.
- Seating, sound, and worship hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- Flowers this morning are given with thanksgiving to the Lord for his infinite grace and love.
- Our weekly *Mini-Messenger* and monthly *Messenger* newsletters are available online at: www.saintandrew-ic.org (under the "News" heading) or in paper version in the rack outside the Sanctuary and on the table outside the main office.



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