

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Abundant Grace

God's grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

INVOCATION

♪ ♪ Your Grace Is Enough

OPENING PRAYER

♪ ♪ "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" #901

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today's Epistle. So James urges, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Let us ask God for grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: James writes, "Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord. . . . Do not grumble against one another, brothers. . . . Let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no. . . . Is anyone among you sick? . . . Pray over him."

People: We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus' sake.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READERS *are Laurel Dawe and Heather Melder.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29
(The Holy Spirit even comes upon two men in the camp.)

⁴Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . ."

¹⁰Moses 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. ¹¹Moses 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 these people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all these 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? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all these people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." ¹⁶Then 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..."

²⁴So 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. ²⁵Then 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. ²⁶Now 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. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹But 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!”

RESPONSE – “Thanks be to God”

EPISTLE READING James 5:13–20 (*James outlines what Christians ought to do for one another.*)

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is 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. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶Therefore, 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. ¹⁷Elijah 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. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

RESPONSE – “Thanks be to God”

ALLELUIA - Page 205 in the Hymnal (*Please rise if you are able.*)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:38–50 (*Jesus teaches how much God values all who have a relationship with His Son.*)

³⁸John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² “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. ⁴³ 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. ⁴⁵ 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.

⁴⁷ 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, ⁴⁸ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ 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."

RESPONSE – “Praise to You, O Christ”

APOSTLES’ CREED (*Back page in the Hymnal*)

♪ ♪ “O Bless the Lord my Soul” #814

THE MESSAGE: “Starting Strong 3” - *Pastor James Paulgaard.*

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

♪ ♪ Better Is One Day

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP (*Please complete the Record of fellowship during the Offering. Located at the ends of the pews*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever, Amen.

THE BLESSING

♪ ♪ Pass It On



SCRIPTURE READINGS for October 6th :
Genesis 2:18-25, Hebrews 2:1-13, Mark 10:2-16

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS - We are delighted that you have joined us this morning. We pray for the Holy Spirit to richly bless your worship with us, and we invite you to join us again. If you are looking for a church home or have any questions, please speak with Pastor James or an Usher. Being a friendly congregation is a priority here at St. Luke. You can help us by leaving your name and address on the Friendship Register when it is passed down your pew. After the blessing at the end of the Service, greet your fellow worshippers and introduce yourself!

ST. LUKE SERVICES ONLINE - You can watch us online, every Sunday morning, 11:30 a.m. Go to sllc.ca for the link.
DONATE ONLINE - sllcoffering@gmail.com or ask Deb Kroeger for a monthly automatic donation form.

ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are presented by the Pulsingay family to the glory of God and in celebration of Tracey's Birthday.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART - There are still spaces to sign up for your flower contribution. Sign-up on the bulletin board to provide flowers for the altar. Perhaps in celebration of a birthday or Anniversary etc.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Love at First Sight, Love That Lasts" - Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. God loved us at first sight, from eternity. And He has given us Jesus so that we can know His love. (Genesis 29:20). Hear this inspirational message on AM 550 at 11:30 a.m. If you are unable to listen to the radio at that time you can hear The Lutheran Hour anytime on-line at www.lutheranhour.ca

OPPORTUNITY BOARD: NEW OPPORTUNITIES ADDED
- Check out the Opportunities Board in the hallway on the way to the church hall. Several new requests have been added. We want to thank all the wonderful people who have stepped up in the past, we rely on and appreciate our volunteers.

SERMON SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 6: Starting Strong 4: Perseverance - When life gets hard and our strength and energy are depleted, it is easy for us to get discouraged and consider giving up. But then we remember that we are not running alone, nor are we running on our own

strength. Our hope is in the Lord, who renews our strength.
(Based on 2 Tim. 4:1-8.)

READERS - A signup sheet is posted beside the mailboxes. Please signup if you would like to assist with scripture reading on Sundays.



LCC MISSION PRAYERS for Canada - This week, we pray for **Rev. David Milette** who serves as pastor of l'Eglise luthérianne du Bon Berger (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) in Moncton, New Brunswick. He also provides support for LCC's French Ministries.

FOOD DONATIONS - A bin has been placed in the Atrium for food donations to help people in our congregation and community who come to St. Luke for assistance. If you or someone you know needs such assistance, please contact the church office. The food cupboard needs: **Canned soup**, pastas, pasta sauces, Kraft dinners, crackers, **peanut butter**, Canned Pork and beans, crackers, Canned Vegetables, granola bars, canned tuna/salmon/chicken etc.). You can also pick up Gift cards which could be donated to the food cupboard.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 16th, will be Shoe Box packing day for **Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child**. Shoe boxes will be available soon, either to pack your own box or assorted items can be donated towards the Packing Party. Now is a great time for purchasing school supplies on sale, but plenty of other items are useful from cute kid t-shirts and stuffies to cuddle, to hygiene items for all ages. See the display for assorted ideas and join the fun of this special Ministry.

ST LUKE LIBRARY - We have a large collection of books that most people rarely look through in the library, some are recommended reading by others. In an effort to highlight what we have each Sunday a small selection of books will be found in a cart in the Atrium to make it easier to check out. There will be a review form inside each book that once you have read what you take home and if you are able to complete the form when you return the book so others have an idea if they too may be interested.

TWO BIBLE STUDIES - Come and join us as we dig into the Gospel of Luke. All four of the Gospel authors richly bless us as they describe the life-giving words and actions

of Jesus, yet each does so with their own unique perspective. Luke tends to emphasize the completeness of God's grace which is given to all people through Jesus Christ. This Bible Study will take place here at St. Luke on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, starting on September 21. If you email the church office and indicate your intention to be part of this small group, we will email a copy of the Bible Study to you.

Come and join us as we dig into the Old Testament book of Isaiah. Often called "The Fifth Gospel," it filled with prophecies and allusions to Jesus, God's Promised Messiah. This Bible study will take place at Walnut Grove Lutheran Church on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, starting on September 25. Please email the Walnut Grove or St. Luke church offices to indicate that you want to join this Bible Study, and we will email to you a copy of the Bible Study to you.

GARAGE SALE - Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf will have a Garage Sale here at St. Luke this coming Saturday, **October 5th**. If you have items to donate please bring to the church on Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. No clothing or electronic items please.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

THURSDAY	10:30 a.m. English Class 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Garage sale Drop-off
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Garage Sale 10:30 a.m. Bible Class
SUNDAY	11:30 a.m. Worship Service/LWMLC Sunday

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