

Time after Pentecost
Lectionary 23
September 9, 2018
Rally Day



Gathering Song *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* Hymn #843
Hymn of the Day *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* Hymn #719
Sending Song *What God Ordains Is Good Indeed* Hymn #776

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

INSTALLATION - Teachers/Staff - Christian Education

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Chapter 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

A: *A reading from Isaiah.*

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Read Responsively by whole verse (bold type)

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to ¹ those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹ Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: James 2:1-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip-service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

A: *A reading from James.*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really

Parents with Restless Children may wish to move to the Library where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.

The Altar Flowers are given by **Emmy Grenz** in loving memory of her husband, **Albert**, on his birthday anniversary and her mother, **Martha Ewald** on her birthday anniversary; by **Claudia & John Gross** in loving memory of **Meta Geestmann** and by **Carol & Jeff Shoemaker** on our Dad, **Otis Weibert**, on his birthday anniversary.

The Worship Bulletins are a gift from **Claudia & John Gross and Jennifer, Craig & Hannah Proce** in loving memory of **Caroline Gross** on her birthday anniversary.

Serving Today

Deacon: 9:00-Roxanne Toomey
Lector: 9:00-Roxanne Toomey
Comm.Assists:9:00-Claudia Gross, Barbara Stone
Acolyte: 9:00-Delaney Gercken
Crucifer: 9:00-Timothy Hennig
Ushers: 9:00-Roger Ohlander, Bob Ahearn, Eric Juergens,
Frank Tetro
Altar Guild: Eileen Colton, Lilly Ann Munnich, Carol Shoemaker,
Claudia Gross, Linda Daurio
Counters: Roger Ohlander, Doris Ohlander, Eileen Colton,
Dennis Colton, Jerry Fitzgerald, Frank Tetro
Greeters: Regina Coons
Flower Delivery: Lilly Ann Munnich
Coffee Hour Hosts: WELCA

Announcements for the Week of September 9, 2018

Today is Rally Day. We welcome back our teachers and Sunday School and Confirmation students. The schedule for the day is:
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am - the congregation is invited to a special Rally Day Coffee Hour in Rm. 2000 hosted by WELCA
10:15 am - Sunday School meet in Sanctuary and Confirmation classes meet in classrooms
10:25 am - everyone is invited to go outside on the front lawn where Pastor will give a brief service and offer a Prayer of Blessing and Renewal and acknowledge the 30th anniversary of the planting of the tree given to us at the Synod Assembly in 1988. After the service we will take a group photo. Please join us!

Many thanks to **WELCA** for hosting our Coffee Hour this morning.

The Installation of the Teacher and Education Staff will take place this morning after the Prayer of the Day.

Please note enclosed flyer for the Golf Outing and the Fund Raiser Dinner on Friday, September 14.

The MNYSynod Women of the ELCA will be having their annual gathering on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Grace Lutheran Church, 400 Hempstead Ave., Malverne, NY
cost: \$45 per participant - includes breakfast and lunch (free for girls ages 10-18) For registration information and form (due 9/1) - Karen Smith @ karenpancake@gmail.com
Joyce Anderson - 516-496-8871

Just a reminder – Eyeglass Collection Box – If you have any old eye glasses that you no longer need or use, the Wantagh Lion’s Club is collecting them. There is a box in the hallway outside the Library

where you may donate your old glasses. Thank You!

Nursery School Registration for the 2018 - 2019 School Year is in progress. There are classes for 2, 2-1/2, 3 and 4 year olds, mornings only. If you have any questions about the program, please call the Nursery School at 516-679-8425

The following people are on our Prayer List ~ we remember them in our prayers ~

Jose Alves, Ellen Bacotti, Carole Brodman, James Cathcart, Donna Chillemi, Dennis Colton, Joan diDonato, Gladys Dougherty, Carol Falco, Michael Florio, Lynn Franz, Barbara Grieser, Helen Gscheidle, Edwina Henderson, Carolyn Howard, Gerard Hutchinson, Carly Mantay, Janet McShea, William McShea, James Pallas, Gary Proce, Anna May Singer, George & Marylou Steele, Natalie Stone, Sigrid Vogel, Justin

We ask that you please keep us updated and let us know of any changes. If you would like to add someone to the list who is in need of prayers, please let Pastor know or call Elaine at 221-3286.

Thrift Shop Hours:

Friday ~ 9am - 3pm

1st Saturday of month ~ 10am - 2pm

St. John's Food Pantry

(new list 9/9/18)

peanut butter, evaporated milk, coffee, facial tissues, box instant potatoes, tuna, chili, stew, Spam, hash mustard, canned peas, canned green beans, rice, Mayonnaise, bar soap, shampoo, laundry soap

Weekly Calendar

- 9:00am Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 23**
- Sun.**
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- 10:15am Sunday School meet in Sanctuary and Confirmation classes meet in classrooms**
- 10:25am Everyone is invited to go outside**
- Mon. 7:00pm Worship and Music**
- 8:00pm Council**
- Thurs. 1:45pm Belair Nursing Home**
- 7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal**
- 8:00pm Senior Choir**
- Fri. 7:00am Golf Outing - Lido Golf Course**
- 9am-3pm Thrift Shop**
- 6:00-9:00pm Congregational Dinner - Steinbicker Hall**
- Sun. 9:00am Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 24**
- Worship Service**
- 10:00am Coffee Hour**
- 10:15am Sunday School & Confirmation**