



Sunday, September 26, 2021
9:15 am

Eighteenth Week After Pentecost
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN vs. 1 & 4 *"How Small Our Span of Life"*

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

A reading from Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for 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 families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? 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 birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all 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 when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. 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 son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, 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, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

- ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion
over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

A reading from James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, 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 the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 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.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

SERMON

APOSTLE'S CREED

The response is:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN

vs. 1 & 2

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship

Pr. Justin Smoot
Shirley Bickford - Assisting Minister
Doug & Alicia Gjertson - Layreaders & Vocalists
Al Freiberg - Pianist

Technical Support

Troy Radtke
Mark Clark
Joel Freiberg
Bob Wiederhoeft

Holy Communion

All are welcome. The communion elements are available on the table in the Narthex along with a plastic bag to dispose of the empty cup(s) following communion which can then be placed in the waste can as you leave the Sanctuary. Communion is received together as directed during the service.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Sondra Radtke in memory of Edwin Radtke.

Bushel of Prayers

Prayer: a spiritual blessing God gives us as a major tool for growth. Please help us continue to grow our “Bushel of Prayers” by courageously surrendering your “leaves”. Consider releasing: things, habits, attitudes that need to be “let go”. Write them on a leaf (station is located in the narthex), then place them in the bushel basket under the tree in the sanctuary. This congregational, transformational practice will continue through the season of Autumn, until all the leaves have fallen.

Volunteers Needed

To offer Sunday school each week, we need to ensure that we have enough dedicated adults to teach and help in classrooms. If there is a Sunday that you are available from 9:00-9:45 am, you can sign up on the classroom door to let teachers know to expect you. If you would like to teach, but are unable to commit to the full year, consider teaming up as a co-teacher or being a substitute. Please contact jenna@salc-wausau.org to be added to the team!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, September 30, 1-6 pm

Mark your calendar! A blood drive supporting the American Red Cross will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your offerings and continued support!

Now more than ever we are grateful for a gift of any amount you might share to further support the ministry of Saint Andrew. What you share makes a difference as we seek to be “open to all”. For the many ways you give, thank you. Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

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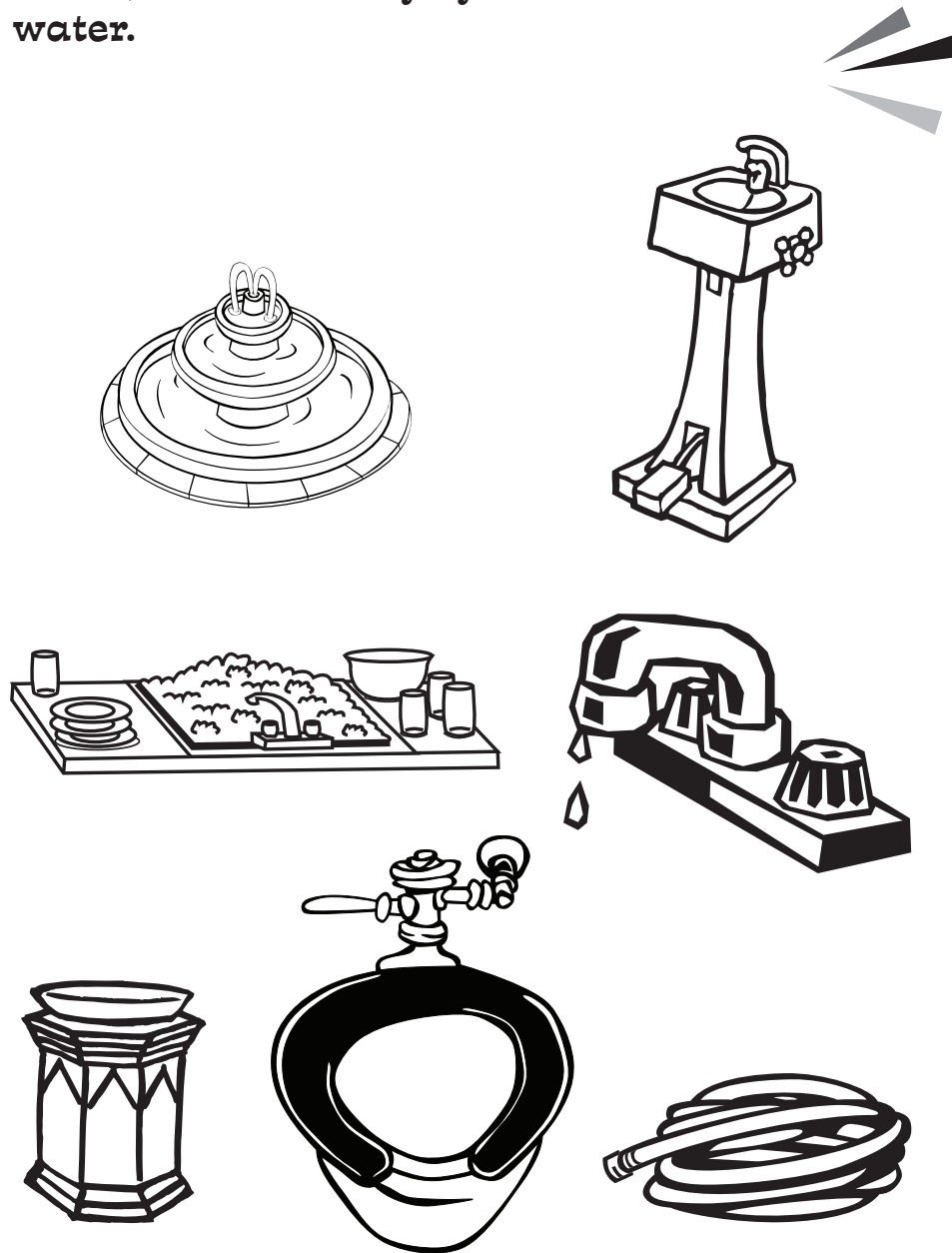
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In today's lesson, Jesus says it is good to share a cup of water in his name.

Below, circle all ways your church uses water.

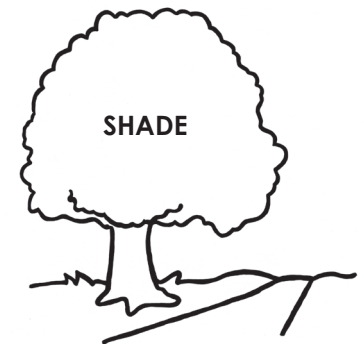
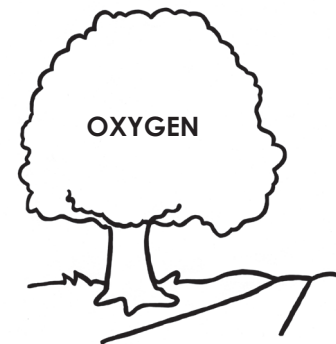


PRE-READER

Pentecost 18

- Today is the **18th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The season after Pentecost is about **growing** and **sharing**.
- The season after Pentecost helps us to remember to **share God's love** with others.

God calls us to share. Did you know that trees share with us? Color in the pictures below that show what trees give us.





Jesus says that it is good for anyone and everyone to teach and heal in his name.

Jesus wants us to act in his name.

Below, color in Jesus' nametag. Then make one for yourself!

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| HELLO my name is |
| JESUS |



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| HELLO my name is |
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What's in a Name?

Jesus wants us to act in his name. Jesus' name means "God saves." Below, write your own name. If you know what it means, write that in the blanks. During the Sharing of the Peace or after worship, find others around you and ask them what their name means.

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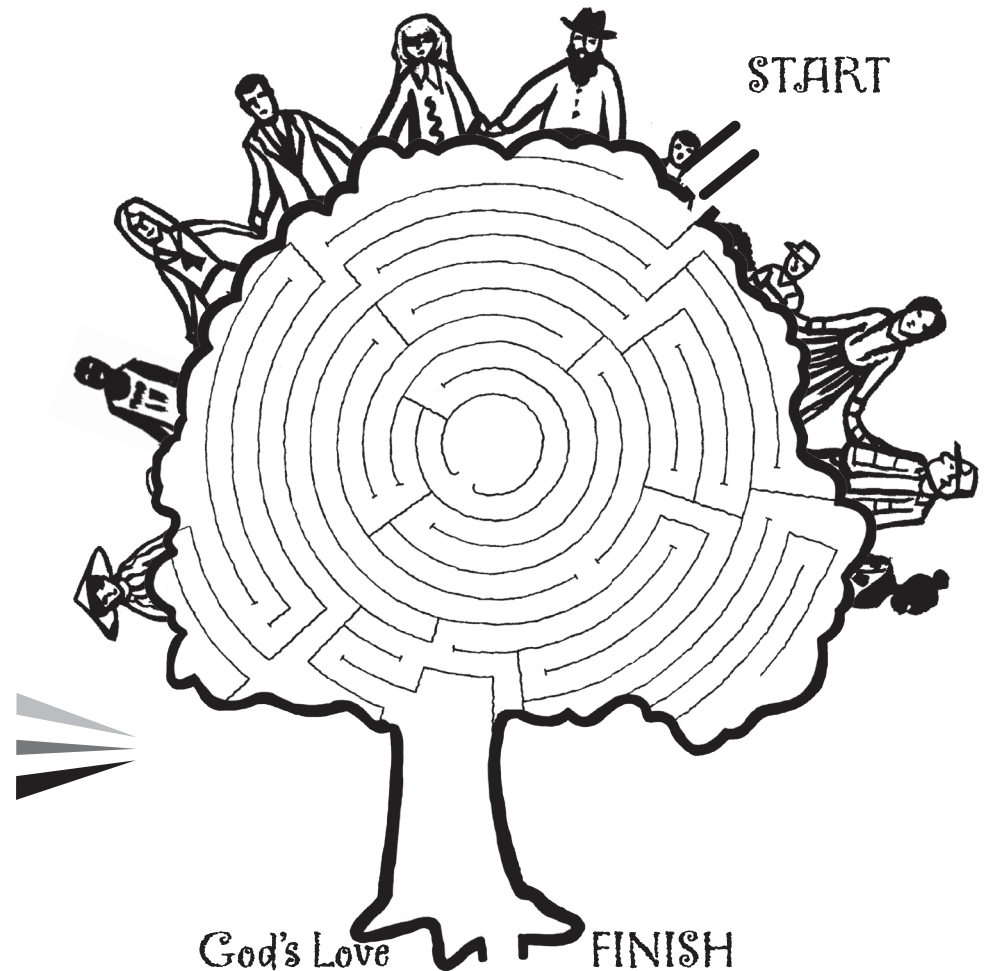
READER

Pentecost 18

- Today is the **18th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The season after Pentecost is the season of **growing** and **sharing**.
- During the season after Pentecost, we are reminded to **share God's love** with others.

Share God's Love

Complete the tree maze to help share God's love with others.



How fast can you learn the memory verse? Time yourself to see how fast you can memorize it. Write your time in the alarm clock down below.

Memory Verse

“Let the words of my mouth



and the meditation of my heart



be acceptable to you, O Lord,

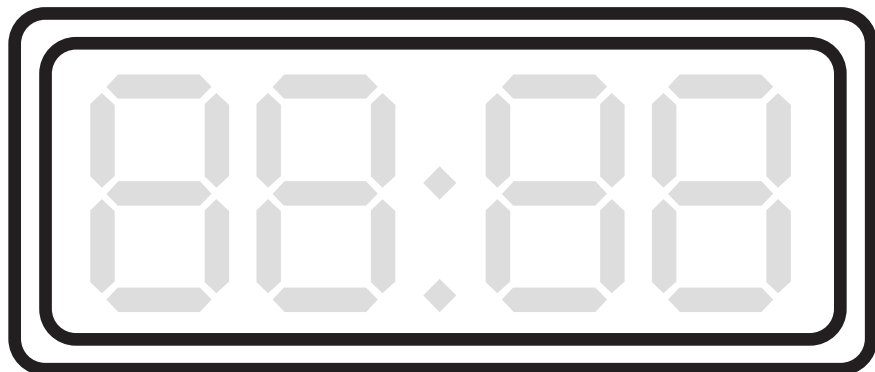


my rock and my redeemer.”











Psalm 19:14

My Time: _____



Interpret This!

Read the silly passage below to find out today's Bible verse.

“Is **NE1** among **U** in trou[NE1 hap**E**? Let them sing songs of praise. Is **NE1** among **U** sick? Let them  the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person ; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will **B 4**given. There**4** confess your sins to [ - **P**] other and pray for [ - **P**] other  that **U** [month after April] **B** healed. The prayer of a [ ]-eous person is power-[not empty] and effective.”

- James 5:13-16

Gospel Crossword

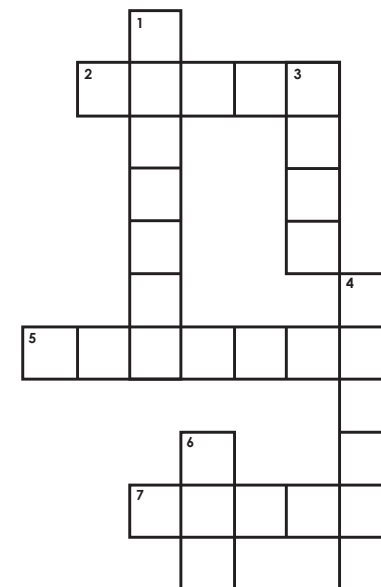
Use the clues below to fill in the crossword about Mark 9:38-41.

ACROSS

2. God's son
5. Amazing act performed by Jesus
7. Liquid in lakes, rivers, and oceans

DOWN

1. Instructor of students
3. Opposite of go
4. Synonym for prize, award
6. Opposite of good



SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking† faith home

Confess your sins and pray for one another.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

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| Sunday | Mark 9:38-50 | Avoiding sin |
| Monday | Numbers 11:4-29 | Moses and the seventy elders |
| Tuesday | James 5:13-20 | The power of prayer |
| Wednesday | Psalms 4 | An evening prayer |
| Thursday | 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 | Final instructions |
| Friday | Romans 8:18-27 | Future glory for God's people |
| Saturday | Psalms 19:7-14 | The wonders of God |
| Sunday | Mark 10:2-16 | Jesus blesses the children |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of heaven and earth, guide us in our words and actions that we may sing your praises and love all those in our care. In Christ we pray, amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Dear God, as you fill us with this meal, fill our hearts with a desire for your message of divine love and faithfulness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the truth and beauty of God's word revive your soul and make you wise. (Psalm 19:7-11)



SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Send Me, Lord

taking† faith home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What have you heard lately that filled you with joy?
- What have you heard recently that made you sad?
- In what ways can you communicate a message of healing, joy, and peace this week?

DEVOTIONS

Read: James 5:13-20.

James is concerned about speech. Speech that is not of God leads to division, chaos, hatred, and death. Speech that is of God brings peace, purity, and gentleness (James 3:16-18). It has been argued that talk and dialogue on social media has not helped humanity. There are times it has caused division, chaos, and hate rather than peace, purity, and gentleness. In James 5, prayer, confession, and songs of praise are listed as worthy ways to speak. James is concerned about the misuse of the human tongue and of human speech. James is also concerned that Christians live up to their calling and communicate God's healing, forgiveness, and peace to others. Let's join James in the Christian movement that seeks the good, the true, and the beautiful for all through faith in Christ. How can you use speech, written or oral, for the good of all and to give praise to God?

Pray: God of healing and peace, use our words so that truth, hope, and healing may reign through Christ Jesus. Amen.

SERVICE

Access to social media can make everyone feel important. Seeing our own words can make us feel powerful and influential. The Letter of James knows that words are powerful but not always helpful. How can you use a social media platform or other means to offer words of prayer, praise, a song, or a Bible verse to bless others this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Mark 9:38-40, Jesus' disciples complain that someone was casting out demons in Jesus' name but was not following Jesus' disciples. Sadly, it has been the case throughout our history that people who follow Jesus in a way different "from us" are condemned. This week, take time to list Christian traditions that are different from yours. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for their faith and witness in the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

