

# **GARFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA LAC QUI PARLE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**



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## *The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 23, 2018*

ORGAN PRELUDE and CHURCH BELL

PASTORAL GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**Cong: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)*

Pastor: Source of all life,

**Cong: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

Pastor: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Cong: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG/HYMN FAVORITE *"This Little Light of Mine"*

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GREETING and KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE... "Glory be to God"

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day, as printed on your insert.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Our Board of Education provides Bibles to our Sunday School students. Today receiving Bibles are: **Ella Falness and Triton Dove**

*(Parents, please accompany your children to the baptismal font)*

These students have been actively engaged in Christian worship and learning. Today we give them one of the Church's greatest treasures: God's own Word of hope and promise in Holy Scripture.

To Parents: Will you be good stewards of the mysteries of God and encourage your children to explore this Word of God and to discover for themselves the delight in learning of God's great love and holy calling?

**Response: We will, and we ask God to help us and guide us.**

To Students: In Christian love your parents have brought you to this church and, at your baptism, promised to place in your hands the Holy Scriptures and to provide for you instruction

in the Christian faith. Will you do your part to hear and learn about God's love for you I these Bibles?

**Response: Yes, I will.**

To Parents: Will you continue to faithfully bring your children to the services of God's house and to assist in their Christian instruction that they may live in the Covenant of their baptism and lead Godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ?

**Response: We will, and we ask God to help us and guide us.**

To Congregation: And will you people of God support these families in Christian love and model for them the Godly life as revealed in these scriptures?

**Response: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*(Children kneel at the alter rail; parents move into the chancel and face them.)*

*Giving the Bible with one hand and placing the other on the child's head, the parents say:*

**May God bless you with a heart eager to receive God's Word of love and promise, and a spirit willing to follow Jesus. May God's own Spirit keep you strong in faith, and sound in body and mind, that you might grow to become a blessing to the world and the church. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Lector: Beth Torstenson

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 54

SECOND READING

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

"Alleluia..."

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**Before Gospel reading: Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

**After Gospel reading: Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN FAVORITE

*"Day by Day"*

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SERMON

Pastor Bringle

HYMN OF THE DAY/HYMN FAVORITE *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

ELW 803

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

## **INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Pastor: At this time, I invite all Sunday school staff to come to the baptismal font. You have accepted your role on the Sunday school staff at Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church, and we

welcome you as partners in ministry. You will have opportunities to tell how much God has done for you as you work with children, youth, and adults.

Pastor: Will you promise to do your best in teaching your students by trusting in God's care, seeking to grow in love for those you serve, and striving for excellence in your skills?

**Sunday school staff: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Pastor: Will you be diligent in your study of the scripture and faithful in your use of prayer for you students?

**Sunday school staff: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Pastor: Parents and friends of our Sunday school program, will you faithfully support this ministry by bringing your children, participating in the educational opportunities whereas you are able, and by praying for our educational program? If so, answer, "We will, and we ask God to help us."

**Congregation: We will, and we as God to help us.**

Pastor: Let us pray...Creator God, thank you for these gifted people. Inspire and guide them to be our instruments. Surround them with a faithful and supportive community. Keep us all inn your care, and help us to lift high the cross so that all people may know the great love you have for them in Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*"We Are an Offering"*

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OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: God of life, you give us these gifts of earth, these resources of our life and our labor.

Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

**Cong: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Cong: Amen.**

PASTORAL DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

SENDING SONG/HYMN FAVORITE

*"O Savior, Precious Savior"*

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SILENCE, CHURCH BELL, and DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE