

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST LWML SUNDAY

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN "With the Lord Begin Your Task" (LSB 869)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

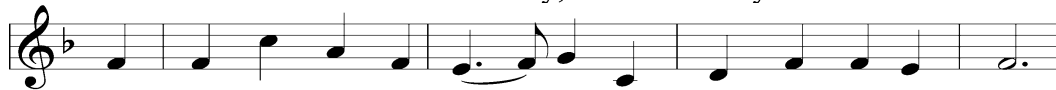
CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 2:5-9, 15-17* page 16 (The Account of Creation)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Awake, Awake to Love and Work" (arr. Christopher Gale)
Men's Ensemble

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 *see page 17* (Spiritual Gifts)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 9:1-7 *see page 18* (Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" (LSB 827)

SERMON "Let's Go Work" (John 9:1-7)
Pastor Sam Handschke

THE CREED 8:30 *Nicene* Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book
11:00 *Apostles'* Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



P Merciful Lord, You founded Your Church upon the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Purify the tongues of Your servants, that the tongues of the wicked may be silenced. Turn them from their evil ways that their sins may be washed away. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, encourage us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not lose heart. Make us to be of one mind and will, that we may serve You with gladness, doing the works of Your kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, sustain all fathers, mothers and children; husbands and wives; friends and neighbors; laborers and employers; and teachers and students. Enable us all to serve our neighbors in godly vocations, delighting in the Lord's lovingkindness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, all the might of man is nothing before You, yet You have appointed earthly realms and rulers to punish evil and honor good. Give us faithful leaders who will serve honorably and well. Bless also those who serve in the armed forces to defend us and protect our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, grant the encouragement of Christ and the comfort of His love to those who suffer [*especially* _____]. In every affliction, prove Yourself a ready and worthy Savior, especially to those who believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, the name of Jesus stands above all names. Before it we bow our knees and confess Him as Lord and God. Inspire in us true devotion and worship as we

approach His altar to receive our humble Savior in these humble means of bread and wine for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, in You there is no shadow due to change. Enkindle Your divine light in us, that we may stand united as Christ's own body, holding fast to the word of life and shining brightly in the midst of this world's darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ **8:30 am Service**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

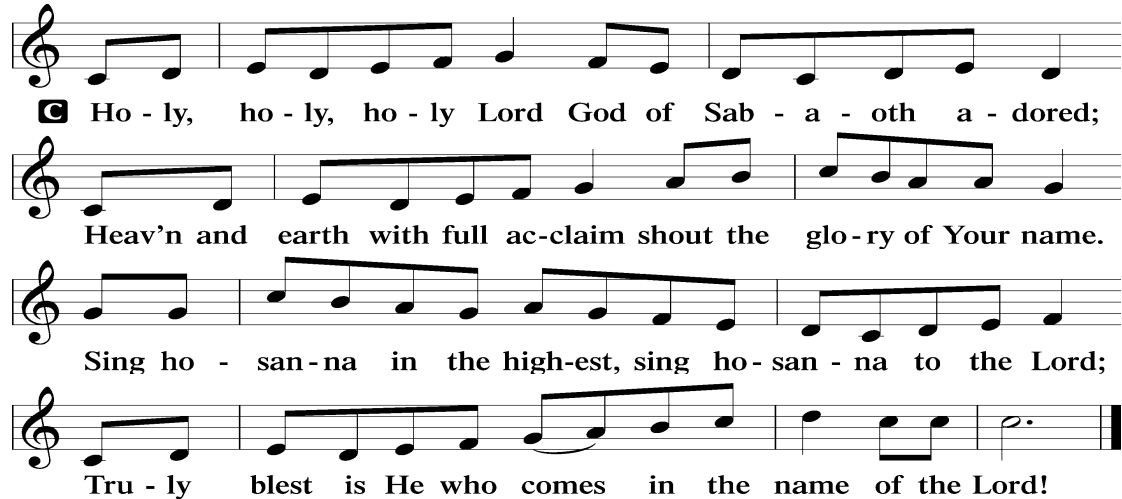
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life.

Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Your Table I Approach"

(LSB 628)



"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way" (LSB 857)

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (LSB 643)

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

C 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Rise, Shine, You People”

(LSB 825)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AS WE GATHER “We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day.” Jesus is going to show his disciples what he is all about. He will heal a man who has been blind from birth. Today we conclude our new annual theme with a call to impact the people around us, “**Let’s go work.**” The works of Jesus are different from ours in their power and capabilities. None of us can heal blindness. But we can help people. Jesus graciously invites us to join in the work; he says not “I must work,” but “we must work.” God has prepared work for you to do. Your roles and responsibilities, the ways in which you use your time and energy, make a difference in the lives of the people around you. God works through you to provide for the needs of others. In these words and actions, as you work, you show other people who God is and what he has called us to do.

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost!

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Sam Handschke. This is the last of our four-week sermon series entitled, "Let's Go...Work." We will have a between service "Open House" looking at a portion of our "Work."

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Holy Baptism This morning after our 11:00 service and by God's extraordinary Word and with ordinary water Ridger Reiman becomes a child of God. Ridger is the son of Daniel & Kelsey (Dysktra) Reiman and joins older brother, River in the Reiman family. Sponsors for Ridger are Josh Dykstra, Becca Thorson and Tyson Thorson. Man God bless Ridger and his family.

Our Broadcasts are sponsored this week by our LWML as today is LWML Sunday. We thank the women of our LWML group for all you do, in-house, in our community, state, nationally and world-wide. Thank you! Thank you!! THANK YOU!!!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Sept. 20, Att. Not recorded, Offering \$0.00; Sun., Sept. 24, Att. 316; General Fund \$9,979.46; Sunday School \$2.27; Building Fund \$330.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,100.00; HVAC \$50.00; Organ Fund \$50.00; State of SD Daycare Grant \$543.60; Endowment Fund (Blessings) in memory of

Arland Klein \$120.00; Endowment Fund (Undesignated) in memory of Cheryl Peery \$20.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) in memory of Cheryl Peery \$25.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so it needs to be in the form of a **check**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

Bible Studies TODAY our Adult Bible Study continues its study of the Gospel of Luke. Class will normally meet Sunday mornings between Church Services (9:45 ish until 10:45 ish), in the St. Matthew Room, upstairs in the Christian Family Life Center. **We will also meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 to give anyone who missed the Sunday session a chance to catch up or if Wednesday just works better for your schedule.** Class members will learn some things that were not taught in Sunday School. **Why is a study of the Gospel of Luke appropriate for me?**

Luke's Gospel is written for those who do not have a background in the Jewish faith. Luke provides more detail on Old Testament laws and prophecies to help the student better understand relevant aspects of Jewish culture and Jewish faith. Matthew's and Mark's Gospels were written primarily for Jews, who already had a good background in the Old Testament Scriptures.

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

THE TRUTH PROJECT: An In-Depth Christian Worldview Experience

Led by Vona Johnson

605.280.7565

Held at Vona's Home (Call for directions)

Starting Date: September 5, 2023

The Truth Project, a Focus on the Family DVD-based small group study, is designed to equip believers with a comprehensive biblical worldview. Practically and personally, participants will be reintroduced to the truth claims of God. Twelve one-hour lessons discuss God's design for living out the Christian worldview in daily life. Most importantly, it addresses the need to marry our actions to our core beliefs.

TUESDAY 10:30 – 11:30 A.M.

UNSHAKABLE

Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard

Led by Karen Lindbloom

Held in the Young Conference room by the church office.

Starting Date: **Tuesday, October 3, 2023**



WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M.

HEBREWS

This study takes place in homes. For more information call David Zuercher at 605-222-8424

WEDNESDAY 6:00 –7:00 P.M.

THE ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

Led by Dennis Ryckman

605-222-7713 Held at the church

Starting Date: September 6, 2023

The Engagement Project Class is an essential training course for everyone to know how God is leading us to make Him known in our world today.

READING THE PSALMS

Join us on **Thursday nights at 6:00PM** in the Living Room.

Matt Reitzel will be leading the study.

Join us at the FLC Living Room on Thursday nights at 6:00

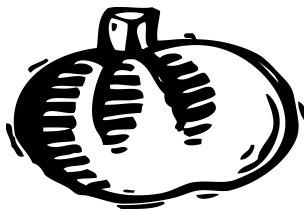
for “Reading the Psalms.” We will read through the Psalms

responsively and discuss their meaning as found in the *Lutheran Study Bible* and the

Concordia Publishing book *Engaging the Psalms*. Feel free to join us as your schedule

allows. **First meeting Thursday, September 14.** Feel free to join us as your schedule

allows, if you miss a night it doesn’t mean you are out of the loop.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Country Fair will be held **Saturday, Oct. 21** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Organized by the Faith Lutheran LWML, the annual bazaar raises funds for many worthwhile causes. **HOW YOU CAN**

HELP: Make and bring items for the booths: homemade arts and

crafts, baked goods, candy, homegrown produce and canned goods. Donate small items to be used in gift baskets (these items should be marked “for gift baskets” and left in the coat closet by Oct. 4). Sign up to furnish items needed to prepare the noon lunch. Volunteer to help in a booth. And be sure to attend Country Fair on October 21st! (For more information, contact Dawn Koch at 605.222.8964 or Kathleen Monfore at 605.280.5945.)

Country Fair on October 21 is an event in the life of our church that displays our combined work. Stop by the table in the narthex to see all the ways that you can work at this event. Some require work ahead of time and others mean you can work on the day of the event. During the event, our community comes to our building to see the work of our hands: delicious baked and canned goods, handmade crafts, and themed gift baskets, among other treasures.

Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “Like Father, Like Son” - A father’s example leads to his son making questionable choices at school.

10:30 AM - Rev. Gregory Hinnens, pastor at St. John-St. Peter and Our Redeemer Lutheran Churches in Norris-Midland and Philip, SD presents a message titled, "By What Authority?" This sermon is based on Matthew 21:23-27. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing.

For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God’s commandment of ‘You shall not murder’ (Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being.” *Pastor Paul Clark,*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Oct. 1

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Right to Life Fundraiser
Concert

6:00 pm Board of Elders
6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John* Bible Study

Mon: Oct. 2

7:00 pm Men's Club

Tues: Oct. 3

8:00 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am *Truth Project*
10:30 am *Unshakable* Women's Study

Wed: Oct. 4

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study
6:00 pm *Engagement Project*
6:30 pm *Hebrews* (in homes)
7:00 pm Chapel/Communion
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Oct. 5

8:00 am Staff Devotions
6:00 pm *Reading the Psalms*

Sun: Oct. 8

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
11:00 am Communion
5:00 pm Board of Education
6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John* Bible Study
7:30 pm Board of Missions

Faith Lutheran Youth

Midweek/Catechism classes began Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 pm. This is for **ALL** our 2nd-8th graders.

Bible Bowl 2024 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and

Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

Middle and High School Bible Study

What: Bible Study for middle/high school youth on the book of Acts

Why: To provide a gospel focused community for teens from all walks of life and to help them to grow in their relationship with God and encouragement of one another.

Where: The Church House - 639 N. Euclid

When: Mondays at 7:30pm

Invite your friends and bring your Bible to come learn what God has to say through the book of Acts!

Contact Cassandra Ryckman (605-222-4895) or Peter Iverson (605-645-0951) if you are interested or have any questions. Look forward to having you attend!

On the Lighter Side:

It was an emotional wedding..... Even the cake was in tiers.

Q: Why did the pig stop sunbathing?

A: *Because, he was bacon in the heat.*

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:5-9, 15-17

The Creation of Man and Woman

⁵When no bush of the field^[a] was yet in the land^[b] and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶and a

mist^[c] was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat^[d] of it you shall surely die."

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Spiritual Gifts

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to

the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

The Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-7

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

9 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.