

Bible Readings:	
9/13	Is 7,8 Acts 20:17-38
9/14	Is 9,10 Eph 1
9/15	Is 11,12,13 Eph 2
9/16	Is 14,15,16 Eph 3
9/17	Is 17,18,19 Eph 4
9/18	Is 20,21,22 Eph 5:1-16
9/19	Is 23,24,25 Eph 5:17-23

September Ushers	
1st service:	N. Mackensen, B. Naumann
2nd service:	J. Marita, A. Marita
Cleaning Teams 9/19-9/25	
Church:	Plockelman, Davis, A. Albrecht
School:	Whiting, Ackerman

Finances:	Last Week	To Date
Budgetary Offerings: (<small>\$200 A. Bernthal Mem.</small>)	\$5,210.00	\$101,644.00
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,502.00	\$65,020.00
Sunday School:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Over (under) Budget:	(\$1,292.00)	\$36,624.00
Missions:	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
MDF:	\$100.00	\$710.00
Kinship: (<small>\$\$180 A. Bernthal Mem.</small>)	\$410.00	\$1,365.00
Attendance last Sunday: 23,35		

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Restore
to me
the joy
of
your salvation

Responsive Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Plain type.

Cong: **Underlined, boldface type.**

Dear Lord God, who knows all our needs, who cares for both body and soul, and who loves us with an everlasting love: **We praise You for filling our hearts and lives with the joy of salvation.** By the water and Word of Holy Baptism You have put Your name upon us and made us heirs of eternal life. We are not all alone. **You are always near to defend, encourage, and guide us.**

When our joy dims, when we take Your Word for granted, when we feel sorry for ourselves and blame You for our unhappiness, turn us back to You. **Lead us to repent of our distrust of Your love and our unwillingness to bear our cross.** Restore to us the joy of salvation by assuring us that Jesus endured the agony of the cross for us that we might have full forgiveness and peace with You. Feed our faith with the feast of Your gospel promises. **Like Jeremiah, may we look forward to eating it every day.**

Lord, help those who are sick or injured or struggling with the difficulties of aging. **Grant healing, recovery, and trust in Your strength which is made perfect in weakness.** Comfort and provide for the thousands of our fellow citizens who have been displaced by the wildfires in the western states of our country. **Protect those who are fighting the fires and bless their efforts to contain the fires and prevent further destruction.**

Please receive our prayers and offerings, not because they are so good, but because You are good and gracious. May this new week of service to You be a joyful one, and may that joy shine into the lives of all around us. **In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing hymn: *Awake, O Sleeper*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

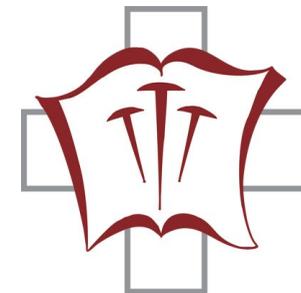
L O R D , H A V E M E R C Y *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death on the cross for our redemption. Grant to us the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but will overcome evil with good; 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.

you," says the LORD. I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible."

Getting the Joy Back

- I. Joy in the Word
- II. Joy under pressure
- III. Joy in returning



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

Sermon: *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, for You have filled me with indignation. Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, as waters that fail?

Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, then I will bring you back; you shall stand before Me; if you take out the precious from the vile, you shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, but you must not return to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; and they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you; for I am with you to save you and deliver

Epistle lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Rather than be assimilated into the attitudes and ways of the world, we are to be transformed by the working of the Spirit in the Word.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.



I Will Extol You, O Lord

Antiphon

You turned my wail - ing in - to dan - cing;

I will give You thanks for - ev - er.

Psalm Tone

I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up,*
 And have not let my foes rejoice over me.
 O LORD my God, I cried out to You,*
 And You have healed me.
 O LORD, You have brought my soul up from the grave; *
 You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the

Antiphon

Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His,*
 And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.
 For His anger is but for a moment,*
 His favor is for life;
 Weeping may endure for a night,*
 But joy comes in the morning.
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Antiphon

Gospel lesson: Matthew 16:21-26

Without the cross of Jesus, there is no salvation. Likewise, the believer's cross is an inescapable part of life here on earth.

From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!