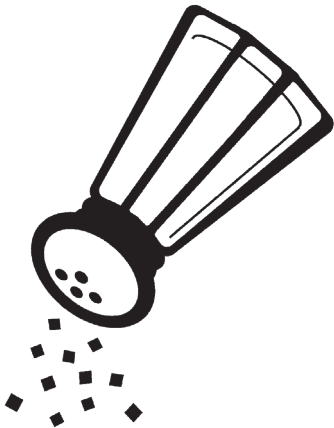


Pentecost 19

September 29, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21 (Year B)

The God who created everything out of nothing is the same God who continues to work through humanity. Moses begged God to take away the burden of his leadership responsibilities. Instead of removing Moses from his call, God provided further evidence of his providence and care. When the disciples saw a man not of their group cast out demons, Jesus assured them it was good and right.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 **Eldad and Medad Prophecy**

While in the wilderness, the Israelites got tired of the bland, tasteless manna they were given each day to eat. They cried out in distress, and the Lord heard them and was incited to anger. Moses pled with God to either let him die or to replace him as leader of the people. God sent his Spirit on seventy men, which included Eldad and Medad, who prophesied in the camp to remind Israel who was in control.

Psalm 104:27-35 **The Lord Sustains the Creation**

The psalmist sang praises to the Lord who created all that exists and continues to care for it, right down to the smallest details.

Second Lesson: James 5:(1-12) 13-20 **Share, Do Not Hoard**

James urged the Christians to look out for one another, especially for those who were lacking, and to share what they have — not to be like the wealthy merchants who stockpiled their riches and left the poor to go hungry. This is not simply a call to generosity, but a window to a deeper spiritual relationship with the Savior.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:38-50 **In the Name of Jesus**

The disciples witnessed someone casting out a demon and reported it to Jesus with some distress. Jesus assured them that no one would be able to do a good work in his name and then turn around and curse him. An act of kindness is always an act of unity in Christ — as Jesus said, “For the one who is not against us is for us.” He taught the disciples to be careful not to cause any to stumble in faith.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise in Ordinary Time.
- Use the Apostles’ Creed in Ordinary Time.
- When we are young we are taught to share with others. But when we get older, is there anyone to remind us to share? How does this message get lost as we grow up? Why is it even more important for us as mature Christians to share all we have with others?
- How does Luther’s explanation to the First Article of the Creed help us understand where everything comes from and how we are to regard all good gifts in our lives?

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Come Down, O Love Divine	508	---	501	804	---	---
Be Thou My Vision	---	776	---	793	230	230
O Christ the Same	---	778	---	760	---	---
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	497	---	699	332	241	241
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven	549	---	793	865	---	---
Blessed Assurance	---	699	---	638	190	190
I Love Your Kingdom, Lord	368	---	651	---	90	90
If You Will (But) Trust in God to Guide You	453	---	750	769	22	22
Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing	259	---	924	545	54	54
O Living Bread from Heaven	197	---	642	542	---	web

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

- Praise Song Titles:**

Kindness
(CCLI# 3028373)

Come Share the Lord
(CCLI# 106408)

Holy Spirit Rain Down
(CCLI# 2405227)

Build My Life
(CCLI# 7070345)

Everlasting God
(CCLI# 4556538)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.