

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2024**

**ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

**Saturday Worship - 5pm**

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship

Confession & Forgiveness

Litany of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Bible Readings

Message

Hymn of the Day

ELW 781

Creed, Prayers and Peace

Offertory Song

The Words of Communion

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing & Sending

**Sunday Liturgical - 10am**

Prelude

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Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Hymn

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First Bible Reading

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 54

Second Bible Reading

Gospel Acclamation

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Dismissal



**WEEKLY WORSHIP  
BULLETIN FOR  
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**YOU BELONG HERE**

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord's Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

**TODAY'S THEME**

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

**Today's Bible Readings**

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Pew Bible p. 622

Psalm 54

Pew Bible p. 454

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Pew Bible p. 982

Mark 9:30-37

Pew Bible p. 821

**Today's Message**

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

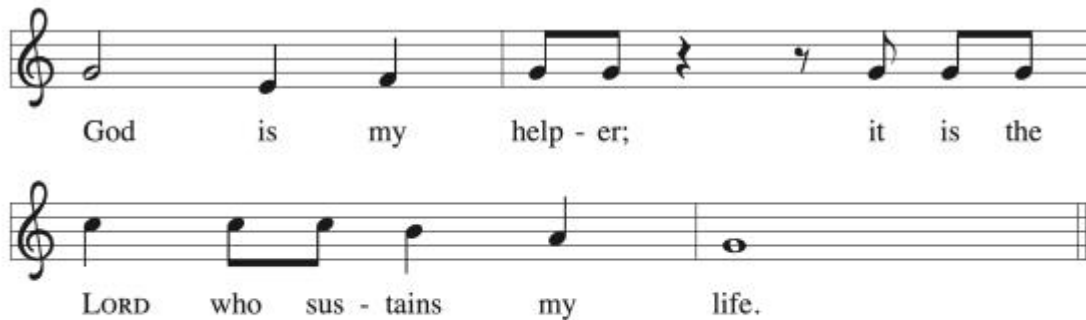
*by Rev. Ralph Mineo*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**PSALM RESPONSE:**



Psalm 54:4

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**OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

**Members:** Barb Huff, Tom Tell, family of Sharyn Roberts

**Cancer treatments:**

**Friends of the congregation:** Ian Minner, Rev. Jerry Gray, Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Ken Marshall, Lori, Jeff

**Cancer Friends:** Canda, Chris, Amelia

**Other prayer requests:**

*Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.*

**All are welcome to Pastor Ralph's program: "My Story. My Songs." on Wednesday, October 9th at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church. A Brown Bag Lunch begins at NOON. (Bring your own sandwich. Coffee and cookies provided.) The program is from 12:30 to 1:00. It's free! It's fun!**

**New Choir Season Starting! New members welcome!**

**9:00 AM – Chancel Rehearsal      11:15 AM – Bell Choir rehearsal**  
**We Sing! We Serve!**

**Thank You** – We would like to thank the Bell Choir for their gift of music today.

**We rejoice and welcome into membership today: Joyce Hersperger, Paul & Laura Horstman, Marek Klimezak and Christina Doupé, Mathieu "Matt" Sanders, Andrea Walker.**