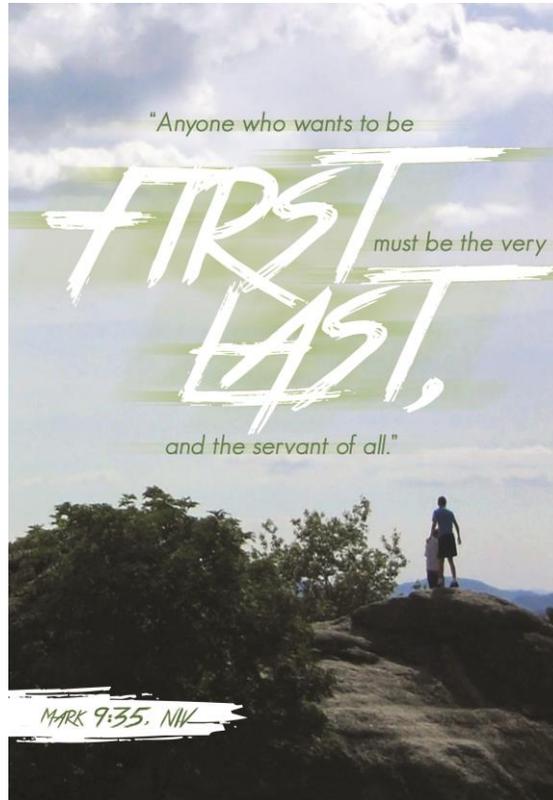


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TRINITY EVANGELICAL
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MOULTON, OHIO

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM | WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM



SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

GOD HAS SHOWERED US WITH LOVE, AND WE RESPOND BY UNITING IN WORSHIP.
WELCOME, ONE AND ALL!

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Welcome & Announcements

Prayers of Praise, Pain, & Protest

Prelude

Peace Unending

Christina Becket

Gathering Song

God Is Here!

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Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise

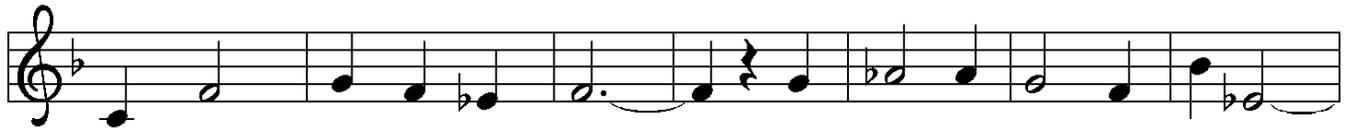
Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



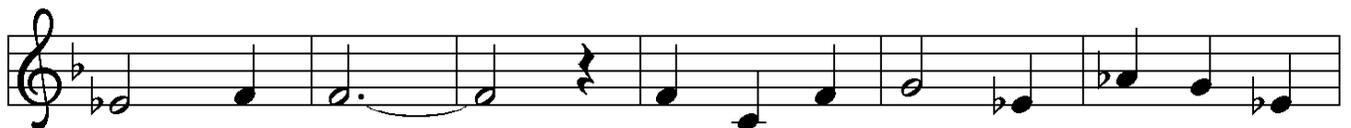
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **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.**

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my
life,

those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Choir Anthem

He Leadeth Me

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Second Reading

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

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

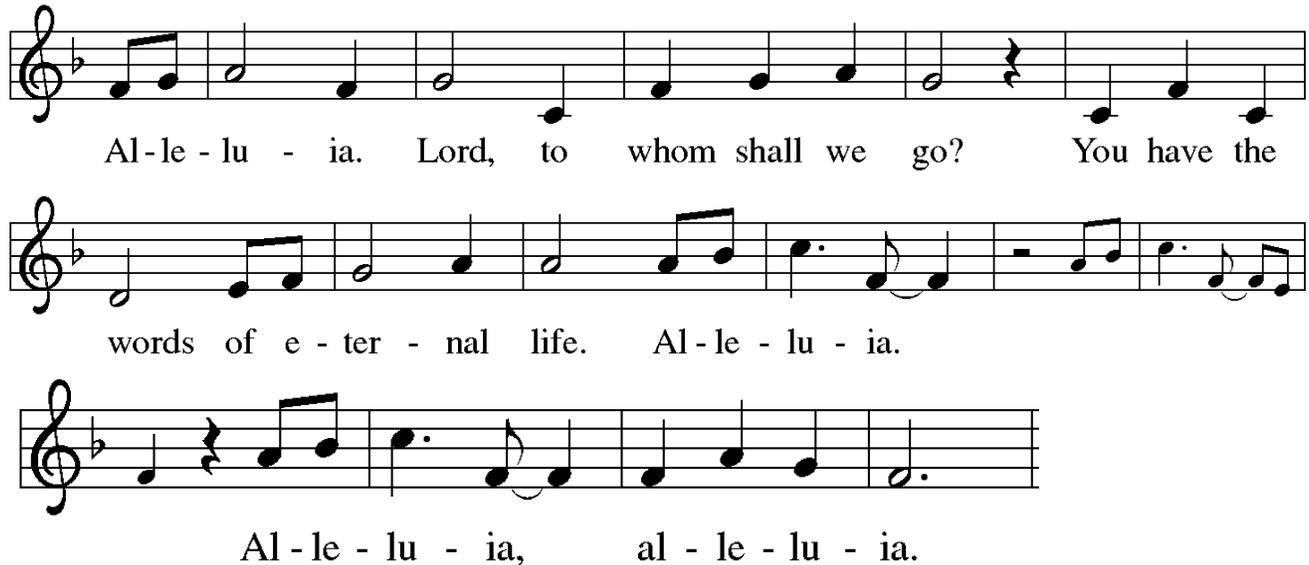
¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so

you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.
³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Announcement of the Gospel

The Gospel according to Mark the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms,

he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

This is the good news for you today. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song

All Are Welcome

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Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of Intercession

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and all people according to their needs.

C: **We seek joy in hope, patience in suffering, and faith through prayer.**
(Romans 12:12)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me

William Bradbury

Offertory Response

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

I Love to Tell the Story

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Classical Postlude

Franz Joseph Haydn

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Worship Has Ended...The Service Begins

You are invited to sign the register each week. People in each pew nearest the black book are asked to sign it & pass it down the pew.

The Altar Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by the congregation.

Prayer Concerns: Prayer Concerns: David Blackburn, Corey Crawford, Terry Tangeman, Lila Schroer, Nelson Smith, Paul Wibbeler, Carol Williams & Family, the ministry of Loaves & Fishes, and our shut-ins.

{Persons will remain on the Prayer List for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested.}

Birthdays this week: Deane Mann, Becher McQuillan, Erik Greve, Twila Hobler, Tyler Kysenceder, Shery Miller, Joan Kentner

Youth Activity Bags are located in the cry room. These bags include activities for the youth to be used during worship and a snack. Please return the bags at the end of the service.

We have various collection boxes under the coat rack at the main entrance. If you have items for Redeemer, the Crisis Center, Agape, and other special collections you will find the appropriate box in our "collection corner".

Hands in Mission donations requested: Fabrics, sewing thread, monetary donations to purchase these items for the World Relief Quilt Project. Fabrics must not have any religious symbols, holiday references or military related prints/patterns.

September Prayer Practice: Sacred Reading of Romans 12: Anyone is welcome to stop in the prayer room during the week, or join our prayer group on Wednesdays at noon. If you can't join us face to face, we still encourage you to practice prayer where you are at noon on Wednesdays either at work, at school, or in your car. You are also welcome to text Pastor Melodi at 701-331-9412 by noon Wednesday and we will lift up your prayer concerns with you.

The 47th Annual Rhine Turkey Shoot & Family Fun Festival is Sunday, September 30 at St. Lawrence Church, Rhine, from 11:00 AM to 5 PM. Turkey Shoot sign up starts at 10:30 AM—12 Gauge - Standing Targets. There are Adult and Children's Games, Craft and Cake Wheels, Attendance Prizes, Silent Auction, and over \$4,000 in Cash Prizes! Enjoy Homemade Soups, Pies and Sandwiches (Brats, Sausage, Hamburgers, Fire-grilled pizza, and Hot Dogs). St Lawrence is located at 16053 Botkins Road, Botkins. For more information, contact Elaine Staton at 937-638-3211 or jestaton@outlook.com

Area residents are invited to participate in a Pillowcase Dress Sew-a-thon, to be held on Monday, September 24, 9 a.m., at St. Lawrence Church Hall, Rhine (east of Botkins, on Botkins Road). The event is sponsored by the Social Justice Commission of the Petersburg Parishes. Participants should bring their sewing machines for a fun day of making simple dresses and shorts to send abroad with Christian missionaries to children who may never have received new clothing before. Those who can't sew are still welcome to cut out fabric and help in other ways. Lunch will be provided. Those attending are also welcome to bring remnants and new or very gently used pillowcases (all or mostly cotton, please), as well as buttons, ribbon, any notions that might be used to "trim" the clothing. Those with questions should call Patty Mack at 937/693-3163.

Redeemer visit Thursday, September 27th 8am-2:30pm. Anyone is welcome to join us for worship, serving, and fellowship. For more information please talk to Susan or Pastor Melodi.

September 16, 2018

Attendance 76

Current Offering received: \$1,991.53

Budget Needed: \$3,672.00

Deadline for information for the weekly bulletin is Thursday at 11 am.

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.

Next Sunday

Simon Smith, Acolyte
Susan Lengerich, Cantor
Sandra Stolzenburg, Altar Flower Care
Kathy Moellenkamp, Lay Reader

This Week's Schedule

Today	Following Worship, 150 th Committee	
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Prayer
	6:00 pm	Catechism
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	8:00 am	Redeemer Visit
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	4:30 pm	Financial Peace University

Pastor Melodi's contact information:

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Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 9am – Noon, or by appointment

Check out the website each week for announcements and information.

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Response Form Information

1. ***Financial Peace University*** starts September 30. If you are interested in learning more about the class, please indicate it on the response form. You are asked to provide the best way to be contacted.