



Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word

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I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter



Jeremiah 11:19

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Ron Moritz, Deacon Ed Smallcombe

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Opening Hymn- "What is the World to Me"

### THE INVOCATION

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

C: Amen

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**



## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**O.T. Jeremiah 11:18-20:-** <sup>18</sup> Because the Lord revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. <sup>19</sup> I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, “Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” <sup>20</sup> But you, Lord Almighty, who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause

**Epistle- James 3:13-4:10 -** <sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. **4** What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? <sup>6</sup> But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

**Gospel- Mark 9:30-37 -** <sup>30</sup> They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “**The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.**” <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. <sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “**What were you arguing about on the road?**” <sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “**Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.**” <sup>36</sup> He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> “**Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.**”

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe one holy and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Sermon Hymn: "Children of the heavenly Father"**

**Sermon: "Everybody Does It, Nobody Admits It"**  
**James 3:16-4:6**



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn: "The Lamb"**

**SERMON REVIEW for September 22, 2024**

**"Everybody Does It, Nobody Admits It"**

**James 3:16-4:6**

**Silent sins of envy and selfish ambition**

### I. The Goal; of Jesus' disciples

- A. To be S\_\_\_\_\_ of all(Gospel lesson)
- B. To commit our C\_\_\_\_\_ to God. (O.T. lesson)
- C. To rely on God's grace to S\_\_\_\_\_ us. (Epistle)

### II. The human failing that H\_\_\_\_\_ these goals.

- A. Wrong R\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. We envy worldly success("Friendship with the world)
  - 2. Jesus models self-sacrifice. (the cross)
- B. Wrong M\_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. To get instead of to give
  - 2. Note James' stern warning.

### III. The Gospel Power

- A. To F\_\_\_\_\_ all sins.
- B. To set Godly S\_\_\_\_\_
- C. To define G\_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. NOT, who H\_\_\_\_\_ the most.
  - 2. But who L\_\_\_\_\_ the most



Adult Bible meets downstairs after service,

*Jr. Bible Class meets today!*

October dates: 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>



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LWML/Ladies Aid: Next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2024 @ 10:00am

LWML Sunday & Collection of Mites will be Sunday October 20, 2024.



## LWML IN-GATHERING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

LWML is once again collecting items for personal care kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. The items needed are listed below and must be new:

**1-lightweight bath-size towel** 20"x40" to 52" x 27" Dark colors

**2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap** 4 oz each, any brand, in original wrapping.

1- adult-sized **toothbrush** in its original packaging, toothbrushes in multi-packs may be donated.

1- **sturdy comb** (no picks or fine-tooth combs).

**1-metal nail clipper** (attached file optional).

We will be collecting these items starting August 25, 2024 thru October 6, 2024. You may put your items in the tub so marked in the Narthex.

According to LWR guidelines, please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, holiday symbols, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage

Thank you for your generosity!

**Our guest pastor** for October 6<sup>th</sup> is Pastor Jason Groth, recently ordained to serve missionary to Belize.

**October 13th** Pastor Phil Quardokus will lead worship. There will be no Bible class and Church Council will meet following the service.

Pastor Cal Kozlow of Trinity, Sturgis will be on cdall for emergencies the first 2 weeks of October. Deacon Ed will contact him of needed.