

WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2022

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns
To Study and Share with those You Love.

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to God as a
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worker who isn't
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teach the word
of truth.

Hymn of Invocation ***The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place*** LSB #838

Service of Holy Baptism for Riley Quinn Easterling. LSB p. 268

+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism +

PSALM 34

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised* in the city | of our God! **My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;* let the humble hear | and be glad.** Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,* and let us exalt his name to- | gether! **I sought the LORD, and he | answered me* and delivered me from | all my fears.** When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears* and delivers them out of all their | troubles. **Glory to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.** Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised* in the city | of our God!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PSALM 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.** Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. **He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.** The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; **they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! Glory 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.** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

SELECTED READINGS 9 OCTOBER 2022

Ruth 1:1–19a.

2 Timothy 2:1–13.

Luke 17:11–19

Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus

- Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. *“Go and show yourselves to the priests,”* for you are cleansed, and you are granted access to the Lord’s temple. (Luke 17:14)
- It is *“at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks,”* that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you *“find rest, each of you in the house of her husband”* for the Lord has *“visited his people and given them food.”* Ruth 1:6)
- The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. *“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead”.* As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely *“the word of God is not bound.”* His Gospel is entrusted *“to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also”* (so that you *“may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus”*). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ. (2 Tim. 2)

SERMON NOTES

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 October 2022 **Good Soldier/Diligent Workman** 2 Timothy 2:3-15

Join me in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Whoever serves in the military doesn't get mixed up in non-military activities. This pleases his commanding officer. ... Do your best to present yourself to God as a tried-and-true worker who isn't ashamed to teach the word of truth correctly.

Like good soldiers and diligent workmen, followers of Jesus Christ strive to give their best to the One who enlisted them and equipped them for the Kingdom that shall have no end.

1. Good soldiers of the Cross serve under the One who enlisted them

1. Good soldiers are in spiritual training and readiness
2. Good soldiers suffer together and please their Commander

2. Tried-and-True Workmen do all things as unto the Lord

1. Little things done with great love
2. Not ashamed to teach the Word of Truth correctly

3. Enlisted and Equipped for the Kingdom that shall have no end

1. Choose your battles with wisdom and discernment
2. Work for things that will endure unto eternity

PRAAYER OF THE CHURCH 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. 9 OCTOBER 2022

Faithful Lord, by Your Holy Spirit teach us constantly to pray, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us," and to trust that You have cleansed us by His blood. Grant that we, like the former leper, would raise our voices of praise in joyful response to Your loving care.

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

God of all truth, have mercy upon those whom You have called to proclaim Your Holy Gospel. Preserve them from useless entanglements, fortify them in faithfulness when they must suffer, and remind them always that Your Word is not bound.

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

God of hope, if we are faithless, You remain faithful, for You cannot deny Yourself. Remember those You baptized who have departed from the faith. Grant them penitent hearts, that they might obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

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

Heavenly Father, Your servant Ruth faithfully cared for Naomi in her solitude and later years. Bless all adult children with wisdom and compassion as they care for their aging parents, and give their parents a humble spirit to accept needed assistance.

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

Mighty Savior, bring to an end all war and violence. Guide and protect those who defend us against our enemies, those who preserve order against the threat of terror, and those who sit in judgment over evildoers, that justice and peace may prevail and we may all work together for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all help, You hear the cries of the righteous and deliver them from their troubles and fears. Remember all who cry to You for mercy, [*especially* _____,] and help them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, as Your Son visited and cleansed the 10 lepers, grant that He would visit us with His body and blood this day, cleansing us of sin and filling our mouths with thanks and praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, grant that we may with grateful hearts receive all these things, according to Your merciful will. Lead us to respond with voices of praise and thanksgiving and lives of holiness and righteousness, displaying in outward form the faith that lives in our hearts. Give us faith that works in love, hope that does not disappoint, compassion that does not fail, and confidence in Your mercy that does not waver, that we may live in Your faith and fear all our days and at length fall asleep in the arms of Your mercy and in everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn. **Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise** LSB # 917