

September 15, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost
9:30 AM



Followers of Christ
Are Armed for the Battle

Atonement Lutheran Church



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Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.

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Order of Service:	CW Pg 38
Psalm of the day: Ps # 46	CW Pg 84
Hymns: #537 v1,2, #353, #422, #537 v3,4	

Serving Today

Music: HymnSoft / Tim Kassebaum
 Usher: Bob Pieper
 Streaming: Dan Meister

Personal Preparation: *Before Worship* **CW Pg 10**

Pastor Greeting:

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Opening Hymn: *Onward, Christian Soldiers* **CW # 537 v1,2**

Order of Worship: *Service of the Word* **CW Pg 38**

First Lesson: **1 Kings 18:21-39**

²¹ Then Elijah said to all the people, "How long will you stagger around on two crutches? If the LORD is God, follow him. If Baal is God, follow him." But the people did not answer him a single word. ²² Then Elijah said to the people, "I am the only one left of the LORD's prophets, but the prophets of Baal total four hundred fifty men. ²³ Provide two bulls for us. Let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it up and place it on the firewood, but they are not to light the fire. I will prepare the other bull and place it on the firewood, but I will not light the fire. ²⁴ Then you will call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers with fire, he is God." All the people said, "This proposal is good." ²⁵ Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull, and you go first because there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god. But do not light the fire." ²⁶ So they took the bull which had been given to them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, "Baal! Answer us!" But there was not a sound. No one answered. So they staggered around the altar which they had made. ²⁷ When noon came, Elijah mocked them: "Shout louder! He is a god, isn't he? He may be deep in thought or busy or on a journey. Perhaps he is asleep and will wake up!" ²⁸ So they cried out with a loud voice, and according to their practice they cut themselves with daggers and spears until their blood flowed. ²⁹ After noon, they kept up a prophetic frenzy until the time of the evening sacrifice, but there was no sound. No one answered. There

was no response. ³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." So they came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. ³¹ Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come and had proclaimed, "Your name shall be Israel." ³² He built the stones into an altar in the name of the LORD. Around it he made a trench big enough to hold about twenty-five pounds of seed. ³³ He arranged the wood, cut up the bull, and placed it on the wood. Then he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the sacrifice and on the wood." ³⁴ Then he said, "Do it again." So they did it again. Then he said, "Do it a third time." So they did it a third time. ³⁵ The water flowed all around the altar. It even filled the trench. ³⁶ When the time of the evening sacrifice had arrived, Elijah the prophet stood up and said, "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and that I have done all these things by your word. ³⁷ Answer me, LORD! Answer me so that this people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you are turning their hearts back to you." ³⁸ Fire from the LORD fell on the sacrifice and on the wood, the stones, and the dirt. It even licked up the water in the trench. ³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell on their knees and said, "The LORD, he is God! The LORD, he is God!"

Psalm: # 46

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**Second Lesson:
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Ephesians 6:10-

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, ¹⁵ and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. ¹⁶ At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. ¹⁷ Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints.

Verse of the Day:

Psalm 31:1

In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

(Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!...)

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The Gospel:

Mark 9:14-27

¹⁴ When they returned to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and some experts in the law were arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people in the crowd saw Jesus, they were very excited and ran to greet him. ¹⁶ He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ One man from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who has a spirit that makes him unable to speak. ¹⁸ Wherever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they could not." ¹⁹ "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied. "How long will I be with you? How long will I put up with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ They brought the boy to Jesus. As soon as the spirit saw him, it threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell on the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has this been happening to him?" "From childhood," he said. ²² "It has often thrown him into the fire and into the water to kill him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ "If you can?"^[a] Jesus said to him. "All things are possible for the one who believes." ²⁴ The child's father immediately cried out and said with tears,^[b] "I do believe. Help me with my unbelief!" ²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was quickly gathering, he rebuked the unclean spirit. "You mute and deaf spirit," he said, "I command you to come out of him and never enter him again!"²⁶ The spirit screamed, shook the boy violently, and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many of them said, "He's dead!" ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand, raised him up, and he stood up.

Sing: "Praise be to you, O Christ!"

Hymn of the Day: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness.* **CW # 353**

Sermon:

Mark 9:14-27

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Hymn: *Jesus, Lead Us On*..... **CW # 422**

Closing Hymn: *Onward Christian Soldiers*..... **CW # 537 v3,4**

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Kindly include Atonement members in your prayers:



Please remember **Fay Jones** in your thoughts and prayers as she deals with back pain resulting from a spine compression fracture. Her condition is improving, and she is grateful for your prayers.

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In-reach event – Good Life Thursdays/**Farmers Market** at **Boordy Vineyards**, 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

A BIG Atonement Thank You! Thank you, Atonement members from the Koelpins an Buabengs for the nice baby shower and luncheon last Sunday. We appreciate your kindness to welcome our babies’ arrival!

LWMS Circuit Donation If you wish to make a donation to LWMS Heritage Circuit before the October 5th rally, you can check that box on your extra monthly envelope (and put something inside!). Deadline is September 22nd and the projects are: Home : Musical Assistance and World : Multi-Language Productions. These are described the Times article for this month. Thank you!

Deacons & Deaconesses! There will be a brief Deacon & Deaconess meeting after worship and before Bible Class this morning.

LWMS Watch Party We can do a “Watch Party” at our church on Saturday morning, October 5th for the LWMS Rally which is being streamed from Jacksonville, NC. More information in the Times article.

Looking Ahead

Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
September					
Pentecost 17	15	9:30 AM	Dan	HS/ Tim	Bob P.
Pentecost 18	22	9:30 AM	Mark	HS/Carol	Scott S. Matt W.
Pentecost 19	29	9:30 AM	Megan	HS/ Dan	Paul K. Scot S.
October					
Pentecost 20	6	9:30 AM	Audrey	HS/Ellen	Mark F.

September 2024 Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- 8 Paul Taylor
- 9 Cynthia Freeman
- 11 Aiga Jaunozolina
- 12 Natasha Sullivan
- 19 Philip Paul
- 20 Dan Meister
- 26 Larry & JoHannah Galbreath 26

2024 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall Cleaning may be done any day and time during the week preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.

September 7	Piepers/Schweitzers
September 21	Gerlachs
October 5	Galbreaths
October 19	Carnes