



18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week of September 27, 2026

Collect for the week: Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Hymn for the week: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655

Notes on the Sermon: _____

Trinity Reads the Bible in 2026: (Psalms in parentheses may be read in the evening.)

September 27	Malachi 3:6–4:6	Matthew 4:12-25	Ps. 19 (81; 113)
September 28	Deuteronomy 1:1-18	Matthew 5:1-20	Ps. 136 (97; 112)
September 29	<i>St. Michael and All Angels</i> Deut. 1:19-36	Matt. 5:21-48	Ps. 123 (30; 86)
September 30	Deuteronomy 1:37–2:15	Matthew 6:1-15	Ps. 15 (48; 4)
October 1	Deuteronomy 2:16-37	Matthew 6:16-34	Ps. 36 (80; 27)
October 2	Deuteronomy 3:1-29	Matthew 7:1-12	Ps. 130 (32; 139)
October 3	Deuteronomy 4:1-20	Matthew 7:13-29	Ps. 56 (100; 62)

NEXT Week's Readings

October 4	Deuteronomy 4:21-40	Matthew 8:1-17	Ps. 67 (46; 93)
October 5	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	Matthew 8:18-34	Ps. 51 (85; 47)
October 6	Deuteronomy 5:22–6:9	Matthew 9:1-17	Ps. 54 (28; 99)
October 7	Deuteronomy 6:10-25	Matthew 9:18-38	Ps. 65 (125; 91)
October 8	Deuteronomy 7:1-19	Matthew 10:1-23	Ps. 143 (81; 116)
October 9	Deuteronomy 8:1-20	Matthew 10:24-42	Ps. 86 (6; 19)
October 10	Deuteronomy 9:1-22	Matthew 11:1-19	Ps. 122 (141; 90)



for home devotions &
personal meditation

From the Old Testament

Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. *Ezekiel 18:4*

Applying God's Word to our lives: Yahweh declares that **all** souls are his—meaning that to Him, the Creator, belong all the people of the world. Moreover, each of us is accountable to God. He pronounces the sentence of death upon everyone who sins against Him. But Yahweh does not desire this death. So in love He calls sinners to turn from their sin. We should turn *to Him*, who is just and who for Jesus' sake will forgive us, so that we will not die but live—yes, live forevermore.

From the Epistle

Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. *Philippians 2:2*

Applying God's Word to our lives: Family members should not only share a home and perhaps a last name, but they should share a common faith in Christ, a common purpose in life, a common love and devotion to one another. In the Church, God's people should share these same things. St. Paul told the Philippians that if they did, his joy would be complete. How important is Christian harmony and concord!

From the Holy Gospel

A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not," but afterward he changed his mind and went. *Matthew 21:28-29*

Applying God's Word to our lives: Better, Jesus says, to refuse to do God's will but then change your mind and do it, than to say you will do God's will but not do it. Better still to do God's will at all times! In the assurance of God's forgiveness for Christ's sake, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us hurry to "work in the vineyard"!