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### Sunday School

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Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021**



# The *Pace* of Grace

**September 2021**

From the Rector:



Last month I introduced the fact that I am going to be taking sabbatical time in September and part of October. As I write this that time is almost upon us, and I am busy finishing up all the items that need to be in place while I am away. There are many details that require attention. I find that to be a good thing because it means that we are a busy, thriving, community of faith, despite the resurgence of COVID and its variants.

You have probably discovered that your Vestry has elected to return to wearing masks for indoor worship events and to continue physical distancing. We were just beginning to experience the freedom of masking only when singing and it makes my heart heavy that we need to return to full time masking. While it is disappointing, we are following Jesus's command to us – to love our neighbor. Masking allows us to do just that: to love our neighbors by protecting our neighbors. I am pretty sure that most of us are vaccinated and thus with that protection; however, it is important that we do all in our power to protect any who enter our space and join in our worship that cannot be vaccinated. The Vestry will continue to evaluate the safety of in-person worship as the statistics evolve. Hopefully we can continue with in-person gatherings with no interruption. We will definitely continue to provide both Zoom and Facebook Live streaming of the 10:00 am service.

Since we have some folks who are not yet comfortable returning to in-person worship, I am asking those of you who are to step up and help fill some roles that need covered due to both COVID and illness, especially at our Sunday 8:00 am service. We can use lectors, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and choristers to help our worship be peaceful and fulfilling. There is training available for any role so don't worry if you have never filled one of these roles before. It truly is a joy to serve God in God's church. Please let me know if you can do this, or in my absence let Fr. Dawson Moorer know. He will be with you 10-15 hours per week and will:

- Provide any needed pastoral care
- Celebrate Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am services
- Oversee Wednesday Study Group and celebrate 11:00 am Eucharist
- Hold Wednesday evening Bible Study (online 6:00 pm)

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## Officers and Rector

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Mary Miragliotta, *Junior Warden*  
Harry Dodds, *Treasurer*  
Kathy Hill, *Clerk*  
The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,  
*Rector*

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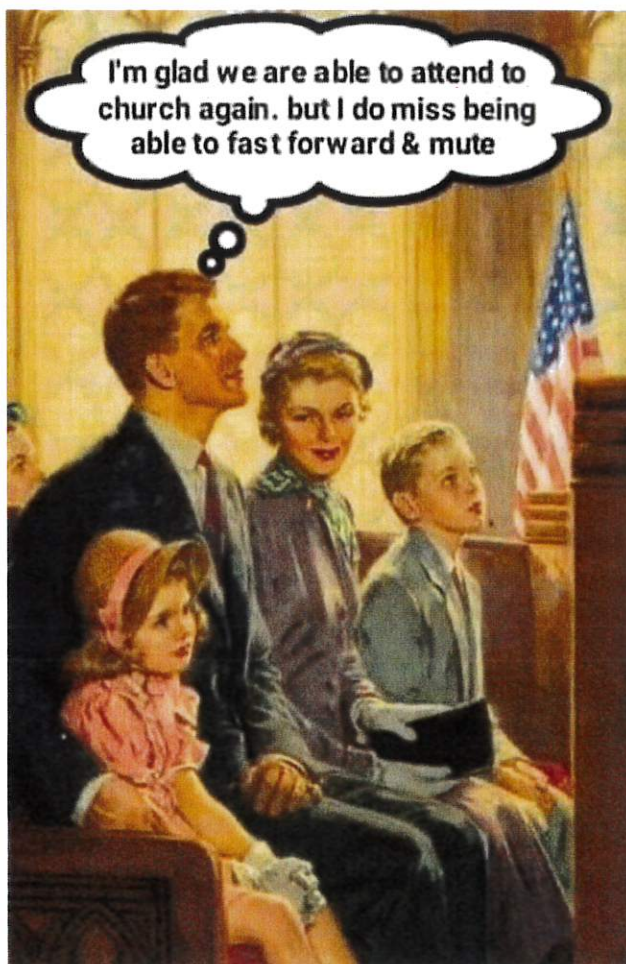


# Lake County, OH

## NAMI Walk 2021

Even though she will be on sabbatical, Mother Rose Anne is sponsoring a team for this year's NAMI Walk fund-raiser. On October 9, 2021, NAMI Walks will be a *virtually* virtual experience, united with NAMI Walks across the country. NAMI Lake County will also be in person walking a 5K at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater! If you would like to contribute to RAL's Ambling Advocates, or to join the team, you can use the following link:

<https://www.namiwalks.org/team/43518>





## From the Rector, continued

On another note: Here is information on who, what and how while I am away. If something comes up that is not listed here, contact Mark Clark, Administrative Assistant, in the office Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. He will have the answers you need or know where to go to find the answers.

- **General Questions/information:** Contact Mark Clark (440) 942-1015 or [office@gracewilloughby.org](mailto:office@gracewilloughby.org)
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- **Church issues/questions:** Contact Senior Warden Elizabeth Estep (440) 382- 5741 or [elizabethestep@wowway.com](mailto:elizabethestep@wowway.com)
- **Buildings and Grounds Issues:** Contact Junior Warden Mary Miragliotta or [qcmmary@att.net](mailto:qcmmary@att.net)

Please remember that I will be away from September 5 through October 18.

During my sabbatical, I will not be answering any church related emails or phone calls. Information on sabbaticals from the Diocese of Ohio states that “In Biblical tradition, a sabbatical or recurrent period of rest and renewal, is a full year every seventh year. Such an extended absence is rarely practical in parishes of the Church, yet a periodic sabbatical leave holds great benefit for ordained clergy in parochial or diocesan employ and is a standard practice recognized across the Church as a means for clergy to keep their ministry vibrant. Because the work of the clergy is unique and intersects with the lives of those, they serve beyond a typical workday or week, the only way for clergy to truly have time away for deep renewal is in the form of sabbatical. Therefore, a sabbatical is not a gift but a normal and expected part of spiritual and professional development for clergy.”

The only way to achieve this goal of sabbatical is to be separate from the day to day, thus no email or phone contact. I am confident that you will continue to have your spiritual and formation needs met under the care of Fr. Moorer.

I will miss seeing and talking to you all and I look forward to returning to you full of energy, caught up on some much-needed reading and learning, and ready to be sure that we are doing all we can to further the mission God has for us as the community of Grace in Willoughby. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you will remain in mine.

Be safe, be healthy, be joyful,

- *M. Rose Anne*+

## OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM UPDATES from Kathy Hill and Peggy Burkacki

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The Outreach and Evangelism Teams did not meet in August. Their next meetings will be Tuesday, September 7 at 6:00 pm (Evangelism) and 7:00 pm (Outreach). Look for updates in the next *Pace*.

### **The Prayer Shawl Ministry is back!**

After an informal meeting in August, our Prayer Shawl group has agreed to resume regular in-person meetings at 2:00 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month, beginning in September. All knitters and crocheters are invited!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE** from Debbie Zimmerman, Bobbin Davis, and the Sunday School Team

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After prayerful consideration, the Sunday School team has decided not to resume Sunday School this fall. Currently, most of the children in our program are ineligible to be vaccinated for COVID-19, and most parents who responded to our recent questionnaire indicated they did not plan to bring their young ones to Sunday School for that reason. Obviously, the safety of the children in our care must be our top priority. We remain hopeful that if conditions improve and vaccinations become available for the children, we may be able to reconsider resuming Sunday School at a later date.

In the meantime, we will continue mailing the Sunday Paper Junior to the children of the parish. And, starting September 12, we will create a Quiet Nook with toys in the back of the church where small children can play safely during the service. Children are always welcome in church!

### **WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP UPDATE** from Sue Mancino

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Graceful Friends, starting 10:00 am Wednesday, September 22 our book will be *An Altar in the World*. It was written by retired Episcopal priest, Barbara Brown Taylor. Some of us already know her from reading her book *Holy Envy* about when she was a college teacher of world religions. *An Altar in the World* builds on *Holy Envy*. Barbara asks "What is saving your life now? What possible spiritual significance could a trip to the grocery store have? How could something as common as a toothache be a door to greater life?" If you are curious, I have paperback copies and can get more. I am asking for \$15. Please contact me. Everyone is welcome! Thanks, - Sue Mancino.

### **WORSHIP UPDATES** from the August 12, 2021, Worship Committee Meeting

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#### **Altar Guild:**

- We will be using tweezers to administer the host at communion. New procedures are available in the sacristy for set up and cleaning them. The tweezers are to be cleaned using alcohol. No bleach is allowed in the sacristy.
- The cost of flowers has gone up to \$40 for the 2 arrangements.
- We need a sign-up sheet put back up as we have had available in the past where we can sign up to donate flowers. We can also call Mark if we would like to donate flowers and he can add the name to the schedule. Those donating flowers may take them at the end of the 10:00 a.m. service if they wish. Mark will send out an announcement to let people know this procedure.
- Peggy Burkacki is now on Nancy's Altar Guild team. The schedule is back to each team being 2 weeks on and 2 off as we were prior to COVID. Nancy will talk to Mark about coordinating the Grace Volunteer Schedule for Altar Guild.

**Sunday School:** Debbie Zimmerman sent out surveys for attendance information to families with children. Some surveys have been returned but it is not certain at this time how many children we will have for Sunday school this upcoming term. Even if we don't hold Sunday School, we will continue to send the Sunday School paper and projects to the children.

**Choir summer party:** Undecided at this time. Choir rehearsals begin again Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.

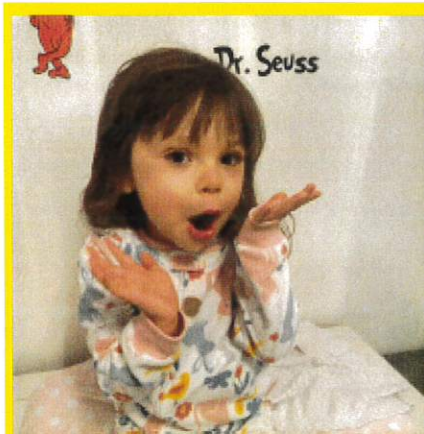
**Upcoming Services:**

- Scott and Father Dawson will discuss music for the upcoming services that Father Dawson will officiate.
- Rose Anne will be out Sunday, August 15. Father John Hayden will officiate at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. worship services. There will be a stool available for him if needed for rest.
- All parishioners will wear masks. Masks will be provided for those who may not have one.
- The Baptism of Benjamin William Pate is scheduled for August 22.
- A Pet Blessing is scheduled for Oct. 3 at 2:00 p.m. Father Dawson will officiate. We are not sure at this time whether there will be a separate pet blessing for Grace Woods. Rose Anne will talk to Elaine at Grace Woods for a determination.
- There will not be a Blessing of Backpacks this year.
- There will not be a Feast of Grace this year.

**Other discussion:**

- Rose Anne will be on sabbatical from September 5 to October 19. Father Dawson will be serving in Rose Anne's absence.
- Scott will be out Sunday, October 17. Scott will talk with Father Dawson about music alternative.
- Father Dawson will chair the next Worship committee meeting scheduled for September 14. The October 19 meeting will be chaired by Rose Anne when she returns.

**Change of meeting dates:** The Worship Committee meetings will be changed to Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday September 14, 2021, at 6:00 pm, in person with a Zoom option.



**24 in 24 for Harper**

Our Chloe Baldauf is running a "24 in 24" campaign to raise money for a little girl with cerebral palsy named Harper. (pictured). Harper's wish is to meet Minnie Mouse, so Chloe is raising money (and training to run 24 miles in 24 hours!) from now until October. "Travel expenses for children with special conditions can be high, so I'm going to try hard to achieve my fundraising goal of \$2,500," Chloe says. "Grace Church has been so generous with raising money for my 2019 wish child Cece and my 2020 wish child August, I wanted to ask if its members could help me raise money for Harper." To donate, please use this link:

<https://the24in24.org/team-harper-s/chloe-baldauf> Thank you!

**VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS** *from the August 22, 2021, Vestry Meeting*

**Welcome back, Deb Zimmerman!** The Vestry welcomed former Senior Warden Debra Zimmerman back to its ranks. Deb agreed to complete the unexpired term of Cathy Nash, who had to step down due to health issues. Deb's term will end in January.

**Treasurer's Report:** We are still ahead on pledge payments for the year. (How wonderful this is!) A question was asked regarding the elevator project. There has been no activity. We will probably need a capital campaign for this project. We also need time to settle after the renovation and COVID.

**Hybrid Worship Technology Project:** The downstairs TV for announcements/events is up. Many thanks to Harry Dodds for getting the TV up and to Gary and Kathy Hill for donating the TV! David Ivey and Mark will get the TV set up to run our announcements and events.

**Senior Warden's Report:**

- Elizabeth sent a completed draft of the By-Laws to the review committee for final review and comments. The By-Laws will then go to the Vestry.
- Pew markers are now in place to indicate pews that must be left empty to ensure proper and safe distancing. We will also keep the wooden and string dividers in the pews. Thanks to Elizabeth for the lovely markers and making it possible for the masking tape to go away!

**Junior Warden's Report:**

**Buildings and Grounds:**

- *Rectory:* RJK Roofing Solutions will look at shingles, gutters, and downspouts on the rectory. They are checking to see how to improve the water flow to avoid water in the basement. We should get better downspouts for the rectory. There is some moisture still in the basement but not as much. Monitoring continues. They will also assess a place of concern on the roof of the education wing.
- *Memorial Garden:* Impullitti Landscaping is submitting a bid to maintain the area around the memorial garden and the stairs monthly.
- *Gilmore Alarm System:* Phil is working with Gilmore regarding a required upgrade to our alarm system. Gilmore inspector recommends paying the full amount for the upgrade to 5G connectivity rather than paying an increased monthly fee ongoing. There will be no increase in the current monthly charge. We will be evaluating our current company.

**Foundation:** At its July 25, 2021, meeting, the Foundation approved the following donations:

- NAMI \$500
- Lutheran Ministries \$500
- Bishop's Annual Appeal \$500

**Rector's Report:**

- *Vestry Retreat planning:*
  - The retreat will be in the Card Room, Second Floor of The Landing at Grace Woods and The Rev. Ann Kidder will facilitate.
  - Retreat Schedule:
    - Sept. 3: 5:30 – 8:30 pm - Meal included, mostly social and worship time.
    - Sept. 4: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Breakfast, social time. Will discuss the spirituality of serving on a vestry; what it takes to be an effective vestry person. Rose Anne met with the Rev. Ann Kidder to lay out the agenda. Lunch will be provided.



- *Scout concerns:* It is decided that if the Scouts are outside, then no masks are necessary for the current time. Anytime they are in the building, they will need to wear masks regardless of their vaccination status.
- *Sabbatical plans:* Mother Rose Anne will be on sabbatical September 5 through October 18. Please see the *From the Rector* column for further details. The Senior Warden is the authority in Rector's absence, supported by Junior Warden and Administrative Assistant.

**Stewardship:** Still needs a new team Leader

**Evangelism:** Did not meet in August, but the committee did bake muffins and take them, along with a packet of information on Grace Church, to Jo Bennett who moved back to Willoughby and is living in Breckenridge Village in one of the ranches.

**Outreach:** Did not meet in August. However, the Outreach team helped oversee the "No-Sale Rummage Sale," when parishioners were invited to select items that had been gathered for the cancelled Rummage Sale and pay with a free will donation. With a week remaining, \$247 had been raised for our Little Feet Ministry. A final total will be reported in next month's *Pace*. Rose Anne and Kathy Hill are scheduled to meet with Diana from Grant School to discuss Little Feet shopping this year. The number of children is not yet known but this is just the initial meeting.

**Worship:**

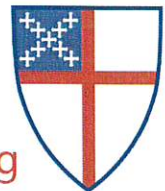
- Committee meetings have been changed to Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. as hybrid a meeting.
- It was decided to forego Feast of Grace and backpack blessing this year.
- Fr. Dawson will do the pet blessing Oct. 3 at 2:00 pm and the blessing of stuffed animals.
- See further updates elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Pastoral Care Team:** The virtual shower for Cathy and Emily Nash was a great success. Rose Anne, Thora, and Kathy Hill delivered the items which were received with great thanks to all. Thanks to Harry's sister for the great idea for a virtual shower.

**Special thanks to Elizabeth Estep, who redesigned and beautified the spacers we use in the pews on Sunday mornings to ensure appropriate social distancing at our services.**

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## Meet the Rev. Dawson Moorer

Hello everyone! I want you to know that I am really excited about the opportunity to share in the life of the Grace Church community for the next seven weeks and to care for you while Mother Rose Ann is on sabbatical. I enjoyed worship with you and preaching for you in July, and I am looking forward to more of the same.

I've been a priest for nearly thirty-two years and resident in the Diocese of Ohio for twenty-seven years, which is the longest I've lived anywhere, so I guess this is home. I live in South Euclid, so not very far away, in a nice little brick ranch with a very big woodworking shop in the basement (which I'm still trying to get set up and running. I need bookcases in the worst way!)

I have two adult children, Miriam and Donal, who both live in the Cleveland area, and I also live with six (!) cats. When I'm not working on my house, which seems to be all the time, I am playing piano, taking Crossfit classes, listening to music (classical or blues), or reading. I am also a widower, having lost my second wife, Pamela, in March, 2017.

Please know that I intend to be available any time you need or want to get in touch with me. My phone number (330-256-7554) is being published in various places, and you can even stop by (793 Trebisky Road), if you don't mind a lot of cat hair. Again, I'm really looking forward to our time together.

Blessings,  
Dawson+



**Father Dawson will be serving at Grace during Mother Rose Anne's sabbatical. He will lead worship and Bible study and provide pastoral care until she returns October 19.**

**Please see this month's "From the Rector" column for more information.**



### **We need volunteers to sign up to provide altar flowers.**

Please contact the office if you're interested in honoring a loved one or celebrating a thanksgiving with an altar flower dedication. You can also sign up using the Altar Flower poster near the restrooms.

Please note our flower cost has increased to \$40. If you provide flowers, you're welcome to take them home after the 10:00 am service.



## Baby Talk: Grace celebrates baptism and birthday party



Grace welcomed Benjamin William Pate to our church family and to the household of God through Holy Baptism.

LEFT: Mom Erin Pate (left), with Mother Rose Anne and Benjamin. BELOW: Benjamin with god-mother Jenna Ball.



Arianna Stoldt, age 1, (pictured at right with her mom, Melanie Stoldt) was generous enough to share her birthday cupcakes with the parish. Thanks, Arianna!





## The Story Behind Our New Cross

Ray Sphatt explains why he, Beth, and other family members installed a new cross in Grace's front garden:

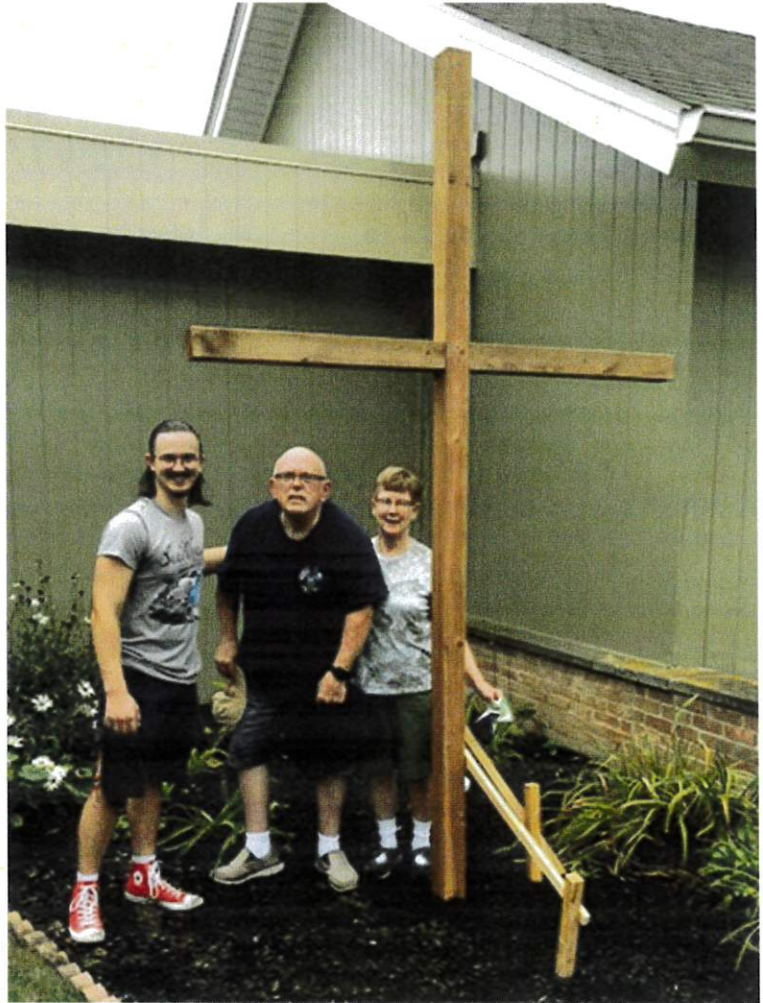
"At my previous church we had a prayer walk and I along with some others at the church built a cross out of 6x6 cedar and installed it there. Since it's been moved to another church.

I thought that Grace would look better with a nice cross out front so that we could drape the different colors of the seasons over the cross arms. This was a passion that I wanted to do, but because of my shoulders it had been put on the back burner for a few months or more. And now that I have a date for the surgery I thought that I had better get it up and done!

My main source of power for putting it up was our grandson, Matthew. Matthew goes back to college on Sunday so we cut corners close. I also had my sister-in-law, Beth's twin, and her husband here for the week and they helped as well.

Personally I think it looks nice, and it will also look good at night as well. I have bought a solar light on a stake to place out in front of it so that it's lit up at night. It's very personal to me to have completed this project for the church and to be an addition to the new appearance on the inside."

The Sphatts also built and placed a smaller cross by the lower entrance to the church. Thanks to Ray and family!



ABOVE, from left: Matthew, Ray, and Beth Sphatt pose with the new cross.

## Cathy Nash says thank you!

From Cathy Nash:

"Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Virtual Shower for my family. I absolutely cannot put into words how much I appreciated it.

What we received went well beyond anything I expected. I feel blessed to have my Grace family!"



ABOVE: Donated items packaged and ready for delivery to Cathy and Emily Nash who have been struggling with health issues.



**BACK BY PUP-ULAR DEMAND!**



**GRACE CHURCH ANNUAL  
PET BLESSING**

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**36200 RIDGE ROAD, WILLOUGHBY, OHIO**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 3, 2:00 PM**

A biscuit and treat fellowship will follow the service.

Please make sure your pets are leashed or confined  
for their protection and the protection of others.

Kids can bring their stuffed animals for a special blessing  
at our regular 10:30 am worship service the same day.



## READINGS FOR THE DAY

September 5  
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 18

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

September 12  
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 19

Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

September 19  
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 20

Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

September 26  
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 21

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Psalm 124  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50