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September 4, 2018 9:43 AM

Welcome

We are glad you have joined us today! Your children are welcome in church. When needed, a nursery is available during the service. Large print bulletins and hearing assist are available from the ushers. LSB refers to the Lutheran Service hymnal in the pew rack.

Hymn

LSB 528 (1, 3, 5, 7) O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Entrance Psalm

[Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon Psalm 28:8]

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest if you be silent to me, I become like those who go
down to the pit.**

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessed be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 9, 2018 – Setting One

“They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him...Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’” Mark 7:32, 34

He was not concerned about the tongue and ears of this poor man alone, but this was a general sighing over all tongues and ears, yes, over all hearts, bodies, and souls, and over all humankind from Adam till the last human being who shall be born. So he does not sigh chiefly over the many sins that this man will still commit. No, but best of all, the Lord Jesus sees all humankind's flesh and blood, and how in Eden the devil had brought it into deadly peril, making humans dumb and plunging them into death and hellfire.

This is the vision that Christ had before his eyes, and he looked around and saw the great evil that the devil has wrought through one person's fall in Eden. He looks not on those two ears alone but on the whole multitude of mortals who have been born of Adam and still are to be born. So this Gospel paints Christ as being the one man who cares for ourselves, as if he were immersed in the same shame and sin as we are.

–Martin Luther, *Sermons from 1534*

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**Glory be 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 LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Please stand.

Confession & Absolution

☩ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

🕯 **Amen.** [Matt 28:19b; 18-20]

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [1 John 1:8-9]

Quiet time for self-examination and confession

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. **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**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

Lord, Have Mercy

[Mark 10:47, Setting IV]

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Hymn of Praise-Gloria

[Luke 2:14; John 1:29]

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

G Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** [1 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray...[silence for individual prayer] O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah:

Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

[Isaiah 35:4-7a]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading is from James:

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. [James 2:1-10, 14-18]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse. [John 6:68]

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:



Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." [Mark 7:31-37]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit.

Children's Talk

[Mark 10:14-16; Matt 19:14; Luke 18:16-17]

Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on today's Scripture readings led by David VonFange

Hymn

LSB 749 (soloist on verses) There Is a Balm in Gilead

Sermon

Our Confession of Faith

Please stand to confess the **Apostles' Creed** printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Those for whom we pray are listed on the *Life at Faith* insert.

Gathering of the Offering

James 2:2 - "For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in." God shows no partiality; rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving - that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's work.

Please be seated and place completed attendance cards in the offering plate, then stand as the gifts are brought to the altar and sing:

Hymn

LSB 842 (1,2) Son of God, Eternal Savior

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

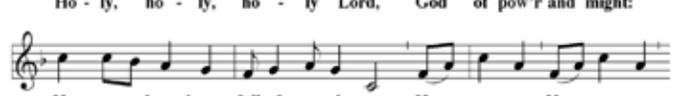
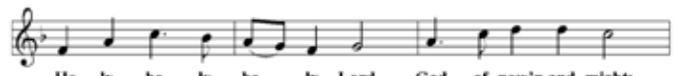
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

[Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

[1 Cor 11:26; Rev 22:20]

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,... Amen. [Matt 6:9-13]

Lamb of God

[John 1:29]

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.

The wine is served first by individual cups. The right side of the individual cup tray contains diluted wine. If you desire to commune from the common cup please extend both hands in an open position. The pastor will bring the gifts to you in your seat, please inform an usher or the pastor as needed.

LSB **849** Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB **793** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

When all have communed, please stand.

Post Communion Song

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

[Galatians 6:10]

Please refer to the Life@Faith insert for upcoming events.

Benediction

[Numbers 6:24-26]

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you + peace. **Amen.**

Hymn

LSB **832** Jesus Shall Reign

Postlude

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Today@Faith

9a Worship
10¹⁵a Snacks
10³⁰a Planned Giving Presentation
& Sunday School



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