

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put

on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14-23

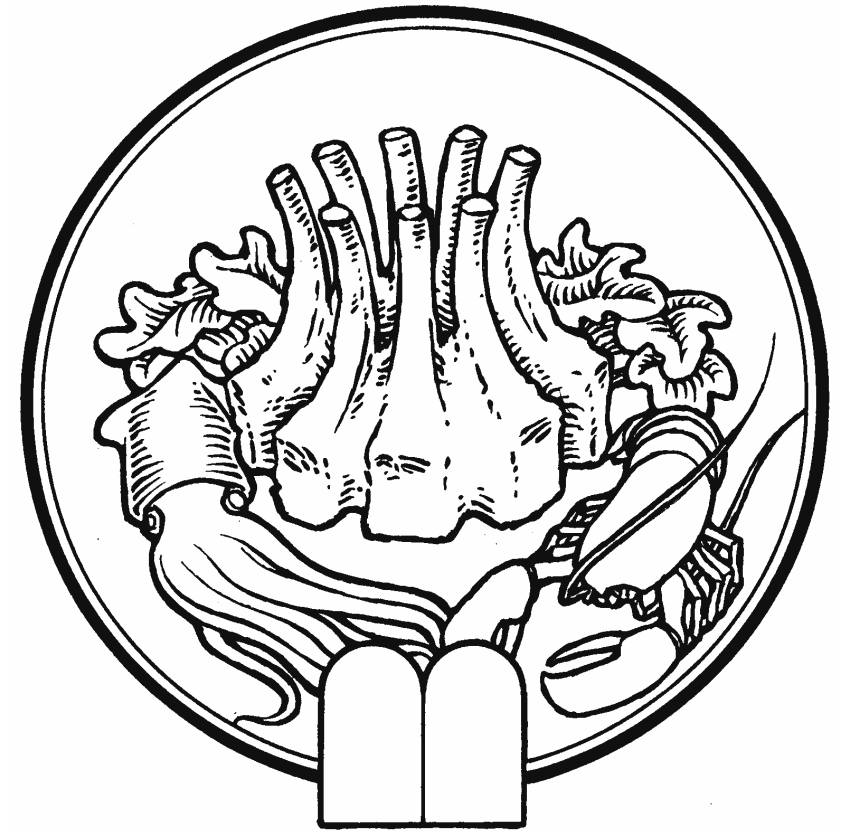
¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *September mission of the month, Anchor of Hope.*
- *Peace among nations.*
- *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
- *The family and friends of Joan Eippert, who mourn her death.*
- *Jim Schmitz, ongoing testing.*
- *Ruth McKenna, dealing with hip pain.*
- *All who are battling cancer:*
 - *Jayne Cotter*
 - *Ed Friede*
 - *Randy Heidemann, brother of Sandy Korb.*
 - *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann.*
 - *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill.*
 - *Tom Rozegnal, grandfather of Lorraine Harrill.*
- *Please also keep in prayer*
 - our Seminarian, Vicar Luke Konkel;*
 - Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;*
 - Matthew Harrison, synod president;*
 - the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*
 - our circuit congregation, St. John in Plymouth and Revs. John Schultz & Andrew Thompson;*
 - our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and*
 - our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede and Virginia Dowty.*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



“This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;”

Mark 7:6b

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

WE ARE CLEANSED AND SUSTAINED BY THE WORD OF GOD

Wickedness and evil come *“from within, out of the heart,”* and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus *“declared all foods clean”* (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, by the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, *“listen to the statutes and the rules”* of the Lord, *“and do them, that you may live”* (Deut. 4:1). For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is *“your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples”* (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it *“to your children and your children’s children”* (Deut. 4:9). Put on this *“armor of God”* by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may *“stand firm”* in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the *“gospel of peace,”* and take up *“the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,”* by confessing Christ Jesus and *“praying at all times in the Spirit”* (Eph. 6:14–18).

T H E F A M I L Y A L T A R

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **Mark 7:34** “And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’”

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #797 — *“Praise the Almighty”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — 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.

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** 1 Kings 18:20-40; Eph. 2:1-22 **T:** 1 Kings 19:1-21; Eph. 3:1-21 **W:** 2 Kings 2:1-18; Eph. 4:1-24 **Th:** 2 Kings 2:19-25, 4:1-7; Eph. 4:25—5:14 **F:** 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37; Eph. 5:15-33 **Sat:** 2 Kings 4:38—5:8; Eph. 6:1-24 **Sun:** 2 Kings 5:9-27; Phil. 1:1-20

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Pentecost 16* (September 8, 2024):
Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:31-37; Psalm 146

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Greeters — *Jerry & Betty Payne*

Elder — *Jeff Ourada*; Usher — *Michael Schommer*

Altar Guild — *Elizabeth Laubenstein*; Jr. Altar Guild — *Sarah Mitchell*

Lector — *Andrew Harrill*; Cantor—*Hayley Buchholz*

Acolyte — *Parker Fischer*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 51:7, 10-12; antiphon: v. 2



Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

Glory be 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.

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*sung responsively*) Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

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