

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.
¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God.

Epistle

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my
brothers, for you know that we who teach will be
judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in
many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what
he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his
whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses
so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as
well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large
and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a
very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot
directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it
boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small
fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of
unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our
members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the

entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every
kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can
be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no
human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil,
full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and
Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the
likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing
and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be
so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening
both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers,
bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a
salt pond yield fresh water.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14-29

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great
crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them.
¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him,
were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted
him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about
with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered
him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a
spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes
him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his
teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to
cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered
them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with
you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to
me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the
spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he
fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the
mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has
this been happening to him?" And he said, "From
childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into
water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have
compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to
him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who
believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out
and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when
Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he
rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and
deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never
enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing
him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse,
so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus
took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.
²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples
asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"
²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out
by anything but prayer."

*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.*
 - *Jim Knepprath, recovering from surgery.*
 - *Jim Schmitz, for successful treatment plan.*
 - *Ruth McKenna, recovering after hospitalization.*
- 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, Zion in Glenbeulah and Rev. Don Johnson;*
—*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.*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes."
Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"*

Mark 9:23-24

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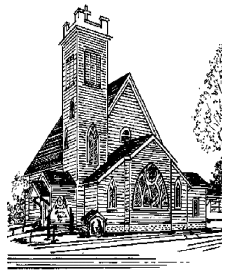
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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

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.

CHRIST JESUS DELIVERS US FROM SIN, DEATH AND THE DEVIL

Those who teach the Word of God *“will be judged with greater strictness”* (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue *“boasts of great things,”* whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, *“it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison”* (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who *“does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man”* (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with *“the tongue of those who are taught,”* He is able to sustain the weary *“with a word”* (Is. 50:4–5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6–9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the *“mute and deaf spirit”* from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22–27).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **Mark 9:37** “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #851 — “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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:** 2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25; Col. 3:1-25 **T:** 2 Chron. 36:1-23; Col. 4:1-18 **W:** Neb. 1:1—2:10; 1 Tim. 1:1-20 **Th:** Neb. 2:11-20, 4:1-6; 1 Tim. 2:1-15

F: Neb. 4:7-23; 1 Tim. 3:1-16 **Sat:** Neb. 5:1-16, 6:1-9, 15-16; 1 Tim. 4:1-16

Sun: Neb. 7:1-4, 8:1-18; 1 Tim. 5:1-16

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Pentecost 18* (September 22, 2024):
Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13—4:10; Mark 9:30-27; Psalm 54

❻ **The Whole Story for the Whole Family** — *Week 35*

Day 1 — *The Birth of Jesus*

Day 3 — *The Wise Men and the King*

Day 2 — *The First Visitors*

Day 4 — *On the Run*

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Greeters — *Harrill Family*

Elder — *Todd Graf*; Usher — *Andy Schmitt*

Altar Guild — *Hayley Buchholz, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Betsy Marks*

Cantor — *Jeff Ourada*; Acolyte — *Tim Marks*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

The flowers in church today are given by Jeff & June Michaels in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary. May God bless them with many more years together.

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 31:14-16; antiphon: v. 24



Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the Lord!

But I trust in you, | O Lord;*

I say, “You | are my God.”

My times are | in your hand;*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

Make your face shine on your | servant;*

save me in your | steadfast love!

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.

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*

all you who wait | for the Lord!

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father 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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