

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say 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."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then 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;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Epistle

James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and 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," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, 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? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is

poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and 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? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But 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.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

*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, especially those suffering in
Georgia.*

• *Jim Knepprath, recovering from
surgery.*

• *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, Grace in
Elkhardt Lake and Rev. Peter Peitsch;*

—*our Missionary Rev. James May
and his family in Africa; and*

—*our shut-in Members, Donna
Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed
Friede and Virginia Dowty.*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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Mark 7:33-34

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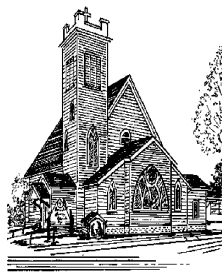
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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

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.

OUR MERCIFUL LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, DOES ALL THINGS WELL

The Lord proclaims the Gospel *“to those who have an anxious heart”* to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes not only with threats of *“vengeance”* and *“recompense,”* but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens *“the eyes of the blind”* and *“the ears of the deaf,”* and He loosens *“the tongue of the mute”* to *“sing for joy”* (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word to people of all nations. With His Word and the touch of His hand, He does *“all things well,”* so that you may now speak *“plainly”* (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also *“love your neighbor as yourself”* (James 2:8). Show your faith *“in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,”* by loving without partiality. For God has *“chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom”* (James 2:1–5).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **Mark 9:24** *“Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’”*

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #849 — *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *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.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** 2 Kings 6:1-23; Phil. 1:21—2:11 **T:** 2 Kings 9:1-13, 10:18-29; Phil. 2:12-30 **W:** 2 Chron. 29:1-24; Phil. 3:1-21 **Th:** 2 Chron. 31:1-21; Phil. 4:1-23 **F:** 2 Chron. 32:1-22; Col. 1:1-23 **Sat:** 2 Chron. 33:1-25; Col. 1:24—2:7 **Sun:** 2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33; Col. 2:8-23

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — Lessons for **Pentecost 17** (September 15, 2024):
Isaiah 50:4-10; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29; Psalm 116:1-9

❻ **The Whole Story for the Whole Family** — *Week 34*
Day 1 — *In Between* Day 3 — *A Willing Servant*
Day 2 — *The Silent Father* Day 4 — *The Real Hero*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Greeters — *Chris Neumann Family*

Elder — *Andy Schmitt*; Usher — *Howard Mitchell*

Altar Guild — *Mandy Neumann, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Kari Marks*

Cantors — *Choir*; Acolyte — *Bryce Dolezal*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8



The Lord is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

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 sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the Lord!*

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

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 be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The Lord is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

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.

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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