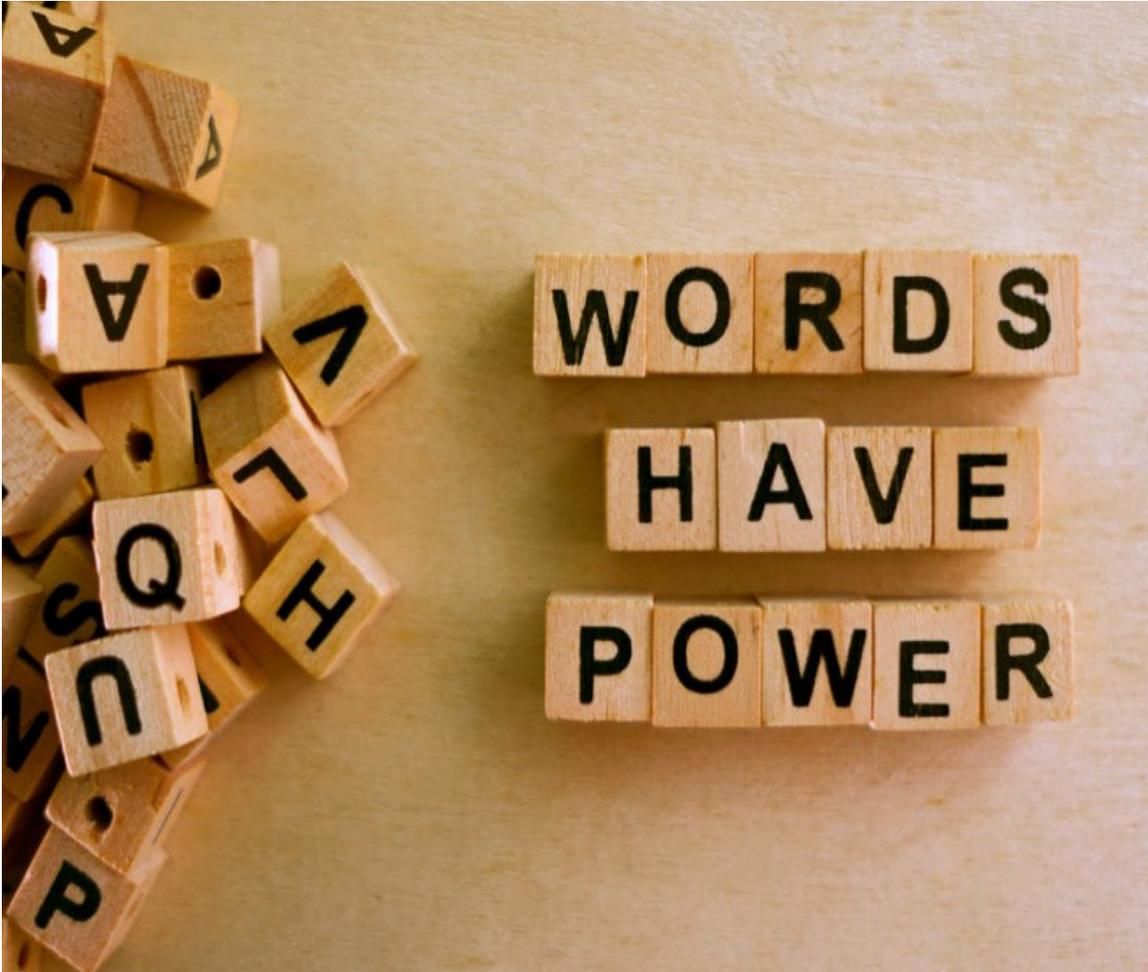


Welcome

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sam Nguyen and Tina Brown, duet

Prayer (by Alexander)

The Altar Candles are lit at this time during the Prelude.

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation.

Please stand as able.

L In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19)

C **Amen**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

L 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)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

HYMN

Give to God Immortal Praise!

LBW #520

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Mark 10:47)

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer. We
come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9) IS OMITTED THIS WEEK.

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)

FIRST LESSON: 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.

Lay Reader The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 116:1-8* *sung in unison*

- ¹I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.
- ²The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me;*
I came to | grief and sorrow.
- ³Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:*
“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”
- ⁴Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;*
our God is full | of compassion.
- ⁵The Lord watches | over the innocent;*
I was brought very low, | and he helped me.
- ⁶Turn again to your rest, | O my soul,*
for the Lord has treat- | ed you well.
- ⁷For you have rescued my | life from death,*
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.
- ⁸I will walk in the presence | of the Lord *
in the land | of the living.

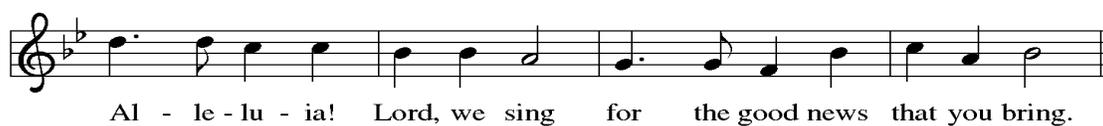
SECOND LESSON: James 3:1-12

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.

Lay Reader The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 6:68)



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 9:14-29

¹⁴When {Jesus, Peter, James and John} 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 him 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Keith Thrasher

Be mindful of your Tongue

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LBW #381

APOSTLES' CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

***Or, the holy Christian Church,*

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

All loose offering will go towards the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund. During the month of September a love offering will be offered to assist those whose items were stolen from the trailer. If you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.

ANTHEM

Tina Brown and Brian Sevison, piano duet

It Is Well (Phillip P. Bliss/arr. Sharon Wilson)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray.

C Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

L Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

L Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

- L Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:22-27)

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

- L 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.
C **Amen**

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

WOV #771

THE SENDING (Matthew 28:19)

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

- L You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations
C **Baptizing them in them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**
L Union Lutheran Church you are sent!
C **Amen, amen, amen**

POSTLUDE

Next Week's Readings (September 19):

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

* — Some psalms within the Book of Common Prayer psalter, which the Sola lectionary uses, are numbered differently than the psalms in the psalter of the English Standard Version Bible, on which the lectionary calendar is based. To account for this difference, today's psalm reading ends at verse 8 (the ESV reading will end at verse 9).

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Altar Guild: Robyn Arey and Jan Huffman

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Lay Readers: Dusty Morgan Sr. Family

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10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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