

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Three pg. 184 in the hymnal

WELCOME

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#528

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

GLORIA

“Glory to God in the Highest”

COLLECT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4-10 (ESV)

We hear the voice of the Suffering Servant, who faithfully subjects himself to mistreatment knowing God will vindicate him. This is a prophecy of Christ's death and resurrection.

The 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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I 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. But 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. He 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. Behold, 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. Who 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.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Will do My Best for You, Jesus”

St Paul K-8 Grades

EPISTLE READING

James 3:1-12 (ESV)

Jesus warns us about the trouble we can get into whenever we open our mouths to speak. One of the fruits of a living faith is words that honor God and show love for our neighbors.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For 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. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look 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. So 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! And 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. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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

ALLELUIA

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:14-29 (ESV)

Jesus heals a boy who is possessed by an unclean spirit. But he also rebukes the people, including his own disciples, for their lack of faith.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the ninth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And 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." And 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." And 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. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And 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." 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!" And 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."

And 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." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachel Saunders

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

#688 vs 1-3

SERMON

OFFERING

Orphan Grain Train Video

OFFERTORY

"Create in me a clean heart, O God"

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INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

SALUTATION AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#850

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev David Fedder, Zion Lutheran Church and School, Hampton

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Hope's Parents Bill and Margaret Brummel

Dealing with an illness: Wilmer Ritterling, Taida Grantski, Ann Gardels, Mary Reeves (niece of Bobbie Luce), Sharron Owens, Pat Koch, Karen Stuart (Roy Richter's mother), Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Recovering from surgery: Trent Linabery, Merle Schmieding

Declining Health: LaVern Stuhr

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In Response to God's Love

September 5: Inperson Attendance: 140 Visitors: 2 Online: 75 Communion: 115

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(09-12-21) Acolyte: Ella Baack **Lay Reader:** Jeremy Gumaer **Organist:** Donneta Schmieding

Next Week: 9-19-21 Acolyte: Garret Brandenburg **Lay Reader:** Tim Heidorn **Organist:**Dylan Teut

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (09-12)	9:00 AM	Worship w/K-8 Grades singing
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Ministry
	7:00 PM	Card Social
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry
MONDAY (09-13)	9:30 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (09-14)	8:00 AM	Pastor Circuit Meeting
WEDNESDAY (09-15)	3:45 PM	Midweek classes
	7:00 PM	PTA Meeting
THURSDAY (09-16)	-----	
FRIDAY (09-17)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (09-18)	-----	St Paul Volleyball Tournament
SUNDAY (09-19)	9:00 AM	Worship w/ Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	11:00 AM	OGT Train Fish/Brat Dinner
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Ministry
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry

As of 08-31-21	Amount received 08-29-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$10,253.00		\$452,826.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$3,880.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$19,256.00		
Total	\$10,253.00	\$18,963.00	\$475,962.00	\$537,342.00	-\$61,380.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$790.00	Bldg Fund**	\$7,908.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$600.00	Teacherage Fund	\$675.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$1,476.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$4,925.00	\$5,000.00	-\$75.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

THANK YOU. I would like to say "Thank you" for the many prayers, visits, phone calls and food received during my recent journey with my health issues. Thanks also to our Pastors for their prayers. It is great to be a part of a caring church and community. God's Blessings to each and everyone of you. Pauline Bulgrin



Sunday School begins Today September 12th! After service children will meet in the sanctuary for opening. From there they will go to their classrooms in the school. They will be dismissed at 11:15 am. You can either pick them up at their classrooms or they can find you.



CARD SOCIAL The card social will be held in the Fellowship Hall this evening at 7:00. All ages are welcome for some fun and fellowship. You may bring a snack to share.



St. Paul Lutheran School will host a Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, September 18. If anyone would like to help run concessions, line judge, run the scoreboard, etc. your help would be welcome. Remember, High school students are able to receive Community Service when helping with the tournament! Please visit with Mr. Brauer if you are interested in volunteering for an hour or two on September 18.

Orphan Grain Train dinner here on September 19th St. Paul will be hosting a fundraising dinner for the Central Nebraska branch of OGT. There will be the traditional pollock white fish, small red potatoes and pearl onions as well as salads and desserts brought by our members. Grilled bratwursts and a few hot dogs will also be on the menu for those wanting an alternative to fish. Please join us at 11:00 on Sunday, the 19th (serving till 1:00) and support the work carried out by OGT. ~ hosted by the OGT volunteers

NEED FOR SALADS AND DESSERTS - OGT DINNER

Dear Congregation, We are asking for salads and desserts to add to the Fish/Brat dinner on September 19th to benefit Orphan Grain Train. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. We are hoping for 10 salads and 8 desserts. Thank you for your "giving of time and talents"! ~ the OGT volunteers

Thank you for the beautiful cards and notes I received for my birthday. It made my birthday very special. Blessings to each of you! Florence Gruber

As another year of youth group begins we want to make sure to keep you in the loop. Join our classes on Remind by texting a class code including the @ to 81010.

High School Parents: @h24ag9g **High School Youth: @youngsaint** 5th-8th Grade Parents: @k9cba

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the refugee home, coordinated by Josephine's Girl Scout Troop. We are overwhelmed and extremely grateful for St. Paul's generosity! We know that there will soon be a refugee family from Afghanistan who will be excited to have a newly furnished home. At this point, we have enough household furnishings. We are, however, still in need of personal hygiene items as well as cleaning supplies, including trash cans. You can leave items in the church fellowship hall, contact Katelyn or contact Stacie at stacie.turnbull@gmail.com. Thank you for helping a family get a new start on their life!

Please join us in leading worship during the contemporary service September 26. Practice will be Wednesday September 22 at 8.

Do you, or someone you know, experience a number of so-called Senior Moments? Do you chalk it up to 'old age' catching up with you? Or could it be something more serious. . . There's a new tract at the Welcome Center provided by LLL, called "Alzheimers: Facing the Loss of a Lifetime", which follows the journey of one family through the various stages of memory loss that provides great information and resources. Help yourself.