

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8 & 9, 2018

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Our God cares for people. During His ministry, which had as its purpose securing salvation for us all, Jesus demonstrated how much He did care for us. Today's Gospel communicates that heart of Jesus as it shares the healing He provided for a deaf and nearly mute man. Isaiah pictures the Lord's ministry as water that satisfies a thirsty desert. May the Holy Spirit move us to be amazed at all that our Lord has done. May our words confess that He has indeed done all things well; and may we praise the Lord who by His power does satisfy the needs of His people.

PRELUDE

5:00	"Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him"	setting by Jan Bender
8:30	"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"	arr. by John Behnke

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

797 Praise the Almighty



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our 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. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

797 Praise the Almighty
Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **God of compassion, Your Son, Jesus, came to the suffering, the infirm, and the dying, and by His word of authority He set them free. Bless the ministry of Your Church that it may continue to speak a word of deliverance to all those in need; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:4–7a

(The ears of the deaf will be unstopped.)

⁴ Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."

⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

People: **I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

People: **When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

People: **the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them-- the LORD, who remains faithful forever.**

Leader: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free,

People: **the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.**

Leader: The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

People: **The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.**

EPISTLE

James 2:1–10, 14–18

(I will show you my faith by what I do.)

¹ My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.

² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

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⁵ Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:31–37

(The healing of the deaf and mute man)

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, ""Ephphatha!"" (which means, "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE WORD

545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING

5:00 "Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier"

setting by Jim Vyhanek

8:30 "Danny Boy"

Old Irish Air

Please stand

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

+++ Special Intercessions +++

Each concluding: **Leader:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Leader: 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.
People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

POSTLUDE

5:00 "Freut Euch, Ihr Lieben"

8:30 "The Rejoicing"

setting by Matthew Machermer

G. F. Handel

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Isaiah 50:4-10; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	James Marriott
	8:30 a.m.	Clifford Bischoff
	11:00 a.m.	Jake Bellinghausen
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Judy Kooi
	11:00 a.m.	Ernest & Sandra Roberts
Acolytes:	5:00 p.m.	Diego Dominguez
	8:30 a.m.	Alex Uttley
	11:00 a.m.	Zachary Oliver
Organists:	5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Stahlhut
	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Milo Lombard
Radio Announcer:	Leon Steinbrueck	
Elder of the Week:	Jim Koch	