

16th Sunday After Pentecost

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (ELW p. 94)

OPENING HYMN: *Earth and All Stars!* (ELW 731)

GREETING: (ELW p. 184)

KYRIE: (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast of Victory* (ELW p. 187)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

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

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 146 (*Sung in unison*)

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

A reading from James.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit 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 and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 188)

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Blessed be the Name* (ELW 797)

APOSTLE’S CREED: (ELW p. 105 or back cover of hymn book)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Let the Vineyards* (ELW 181)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. 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.

MEAL: (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God (ELW p. 191)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (ELW 708)

How Sweet the Name of Jesus (ELW 620)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. **O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Amen, We Praise Your Name (ELW 846)*

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUTH AMERICAN BBQ: The youth are back from CLAY with another "Around the World" dinner! We will host a Latin American themed BBQ at Faith on Sunday Sept 16, 5-8pm. Come join us for an authentic Brazilian BBQ and enjoy some trivia, games, and a Peruvian missions trip presentation!

CONNECTING WITH A YOUNGER GENERATION: Saturday, October 13 at FLC. This workshop is for a broad spectrum of people from various denominations who are involved in relating with youth. For more information, please see the poster in the narthex or speak with Pastor Martin.

For a printed text of Pastor Martin's sermon today, please visit his blog at www.raspberryman.wordpress.com

Upcoming Regular Events:

LECTIONARY STUDY: Monday, Sept 10, 2 pm. Lectio: Proverbs 1:20-33.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE: Monday, Sept 10, 6:00 pm at FLC.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Wednesday, September 12, 9 am, at Chances 'R'.

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesday, September 12, 5 pm at FLC.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Wednesday, September 19, 7 pm at FLC.