

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 16, 2018

Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!

Prelude
Announcements
Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal
Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal

Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!

Opening Hymn....."Blessed Assurance".....#345
Liturgical Reading....."Assurance".....#672
Hymn Response....."Peace Like a River".....#498
Prayer of the DayBulletin
Passing of the Peace

Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Scripture Readings
Special Music....."Bless This House"....Trinity/Romsdal Choir
The Gospel.Mark 9:14-29
The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"
The Sermon:Pastor Jerke

Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Offering Hymn....."Standing on the Promises".....#271
Offertory Hymn:....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620
Apostles' CreedInside cover of hymnal
The Lord's Prayer
Closing Hymn....."Sweet By and By".....#553
Benediction.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Sept 16th thru Sept 23rd

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Romsdal
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands
10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Romsdal
10:30 a.m. Worship at Lands

Tues: **October Messenger Deadline**

Wed: 7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle at Lands
7:30 p.m. Trinity/Romsdal Choir at Trinity

Thurs: 2:00 p.m. Mary Circle at Lands

Sun: Sept 23rd Worship Schedule
9:00 a.m. Worship at Trinity
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands
10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Trinity
10:30 a.m. Worship at Lands
5:00 p.m. Trinity Women meet at Church

Parish Members: As our Parish is transitioning between Pastors, we will be searching for assistance with teaching Confirmation classes, and also visiting with those in nursing homes, in the hospitals, and shut-ins. Let your Church Chairman know if you are willing to help with this. Please pray about this and let God lead you as we face this opportunity for our Parish together.

Trinity Women will meet at the Church next Sunday at 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 30th, 9 a.m. Worship will be at Lands, and Lands Sunday School at be at 10:15 that morning.
Trinity/ Romsdal will have early Sunday School (9:15 a.m.), and Church at 10:30 a.m., with their Annual Food Auction immediately following Worship.

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3:8

Today's Readings

**Sept 16, 2018
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Prayer of the Day

We worship You, O God, as the only true source of wisdom. Please show us how to make choices that bring honor to Your name.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.
(Our Daily Bread)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10

- 4 The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.
He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.
- 5 The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious,
I have not turned away.
- 6 I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.
- 7 Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,
I will not be disgraced.
Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.
- 8 He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges against me?
Let us face each other!
Who is my accuser?
Let him confront me!
- 9 It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me.
Who will condemn me?
They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.
- 10 Who among you fears the Lord
and obeys the word of his servant?
Let the one who walks in the dark,
who has no light,
trust in the name of the Lord
and rely on their God.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. **2** We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. **3** When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. **4** Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. **5** Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. **6** The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. **7** All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, **8** but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9** With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. **10** Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. **11** Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? **12** My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:14-29

14 When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. **15** As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. **16** "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked. **17** A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. **18** Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not." **19** "You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." **20** So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. **21** Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. **22** "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." **23** "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." **24** Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" **25** When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." **26** The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." **27** But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. **28** After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" **29** He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."



FAITHFUL GOD
KEEP SAFE
OUR GOING OUT
AND
OUR COMING IN
LET YOUR
BLESSING
REMAIN WITH US
THROUGHOUT
THIS DAY

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Next week's texts: Jeremiah 11:18-20
James 3:13-4:10
Mark 9:30-37