

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 9, 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  
The Ten Commandments

**Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!**

Opening Hymn....."Great Is Thy Faithfulness".....#43  
Liturgical Reading....."Assurance".....#672  
Hymn Response....."Peace Like a River".....#498  
Prayer of the Day .....Bulletin  
Passing of the Peace

**Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!**

Scripture Readings  
Special Music  
The Gospel. ....Mark 7:(24-30), 31-37  
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' Creed .....Inside cover of hymnal  
The Lord's Prayer  
Closing Hymn....."Victory in Jesus".....#473  
Benediction.

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**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Sept 9<sup>th</sup> thru Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**

Today: Sept 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. Worship at Trinity  
Fellowship time honoring Doris Kampen  
10:30 a.m. Worship at Lands  
  
Wed: 3:00 p.m. Canton Good Samaritan Worship  
7:00 p.m. Trinity/Romsdal Choir at Trinity  
8:00 p.m. Pastor Call Committee  
meets at Trinity  
  
Thurs: 1:30 p.m. Quilting Workshop at Lands  
  
Sun: Sept 16<sup>th</sup>  
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

Lands Sunday School Kickoff event will be next Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> with Sunday School at 9:15am for preschool – High School. We welcome the congregation to join us for refreshments at 10:00am with balloon lift off and student blessing prior to the church service that day.

Trinity-Romsdal Sunday School will begin next Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. at Romsdal.

Thank-you to Pastor Larry Jerke for being here today for our Worship services.

**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.

Please note that Trinity-Romsdal Choir will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Trinity. Also, the Pastor Call Committee will meet at 8 p.m. at Trinity on Wednesday.

**Today's Readings**

**Sept 9, 2018**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prayer of the Day**

Dear Lord, You have said that you are our Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. You teach us what is best for us, and direct us in the way we should go. In Jesus' Name, Amen.  
(Isaiah 48:17)

**First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a**

- 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.

## **Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-18**

**2** My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. **2** Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old 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? **5** Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: 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 dishonored 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 blaspheming 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 and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **15** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. **16** If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their 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 my deeds.

## **Gospel Lesson: Mark 7: (24-30), 31-37**

**(24** Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. **25** In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. **26** The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. **27** "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." **28** "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." **29** Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." **30** She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.)

**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 Jesus to place his hand on him. **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."



MARK 7: 34

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