



**OUR WORSHIP TODAY: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME**

*Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements*

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER**

Pastor:

Lord, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. We realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things 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. 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**

**ABSOLUTION**

Pastor:

As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on His cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more. In the name of Jesus we pray. Alleluia and Amen.

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** 236 All Creatures of Our God and King – vs 1,4,5,6

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Unison): (*Theodore Parker C.1838*)

**O Lord, you cover yourself with light as with a garment, even the true light which lights every man coming into the world, shine**

**in us, putting to flight all the powers of darkness, and guilt of sin and selfishness.**

**Shine also though us to any that live in shadow; and so fill us with your radiant Spirit, that we may be a lamp unto a neighbor's feet and a light unto his path.**

**And when this day is done, may every face we have met be the brighter for our meeting, and every heart braver with new joy and cheer and grace and strength.**

**For in you, O Lord, is life, and your life is the light of men.**

**Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7a (ESV)**

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

**PSALM: Psalm 146 (ESV)**

*(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

Put Not Your Trust in Princes. Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

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

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those**

**who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

**EPISTLE LESSON: James 2:1-10, 13-18 (ESV)**

#### The Sin of Partiality

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

#### Faith Without Works Is Dead

**What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?**

**If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?**

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**So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

**But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works."  
Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my  
faith by my works.**

*Please rise for the Alleluia.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37(ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to You Oh Lord!**

Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You Oh Christ!**

**SERMON** *"Faith Without Works is a Dead Faith?"* Pastor Steve Dygert

**SERMON HYMN:** 237 This is My Father's World

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles Creed (C)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

**THE OFFERING: Offertory - Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus – Dean Carson**

*As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE:** Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER, PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

**THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING:**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION & Let There Be Peace On Earth**

Congregational Song, **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

**Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our father  
Brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony**

Let peace begin with me  
**Let this be the moment now  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God**

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**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN!** Thank you for joining us as we worship of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on muted** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

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**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

**PASTOR TONY'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:** Sunday September 30 will be the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pastor Tony's Ordination into the service of Jesus Christ. We will be doing a special service for him and then celebrating with a potluck luncheon. Help us to thank Pr. Tony for his faithful service to our Lord and Savior!

**We Serve Today, September 9<sup>th</sup> :**

*Reader: Priscilla Alonzo*

*Offering: Jeff Cisco, Bob Burchard*

*Communion: Nancy Nordell, Noreen Burchard, Dean Carson*

*Greeter: Bev Cisco*

**We Serve Next Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>:**

*Reader: Peggie Sue Dygert*

*Offering: Jeff Cisco, Bob Burchard*

*Communion: Nancy Nordell, Noreen Burchard, Dean Carson*

*Greeter: Bev Cisco*

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