

Additional Psalm

Psalm 116:1-9

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; **I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”** Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. **The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.** Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. **For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

Readings

☞ The first reading is from Isaiah, the fiftieth chapter. *Isaiah 50:4-10*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I might know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

☞ O Lord, have mercy on us.
☛ **Thanks be to God.**

☞ The second reading is from James, the third chapter. *James 3:1-12*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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☞ The Gospel reading is from Mark, the ninth chapter. *Mark 9:14-29*

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

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The Lord's Week

Sunday, September 12th, 2021

8:00am- Worship
9:15am- Sunday School Rally Day
9:15am- Voter's Meeting
10:30am - Worship

Monday, September 13th, 2021

9:00am- Morning Prayers with Vicar Lackey
6:30pm- Men's Reunion
6:30pm- Heavenly Ringers

Tuesday, September 14th, 2021

10:00am- Food Pantry
6:30pm- Guitar Jam

Wednesday, September 15th, 2021

9:00am- TOPS
10:00am- Bible Timeline study
6:00pm- Cherub Chimers
6:30pm- Confirmation Instruction

Thursday, September 16th, 2021

11:30am- Ladies Luncheon at Deerfield Restaurant

Saturday, September 18th, 2021

8:00am- Men's Bible Study
9:30am- Choir Practice

Sunday, September 19th, 2021

8:00am- Worship w/ Communion
9:15am- Sunday School/ Bible Study
10:30am - Worship w/ Communion



Sunday School Rally Day and a Voter's Meeting take place TODAY between services!!!

Please join us!

Bible Study Opportunities

ADULT INSTRUCTION and MEMBER REFRESHER

Pastor Umbarger and Vicar Lackey are offering a class during the 9:15am Bible class hour entitled "God Connects". This class is a video and workbook based study which offers a great refresher for current members or an introductory course for those interested in membership.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION

Take a journey through the entire Bible that looks at each period of salvation history and a discover of the amazing story woven throughout the Scriptures. This class meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Janssen rooms.

SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Which Jesus? There are many different versions of Jesus floating around out there. In fact, there always have been. Join us as we listen to Dr. Jeffrey Kloha explain what we know of the four Gospels and how they have given us a central proclamation of Jesus. He will also discuss Gnosticism and why certain books were left out of the Bible.

UPCOMING SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

To begin on Sunday, September 26th
"I AM" Join us as Pastor Umbarger will help us explore what Jesus tells us about Himself in the great "I AM" statements recorded in John's Gospel.

Serving the Lord:

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Christine Engebrecht

Greeters

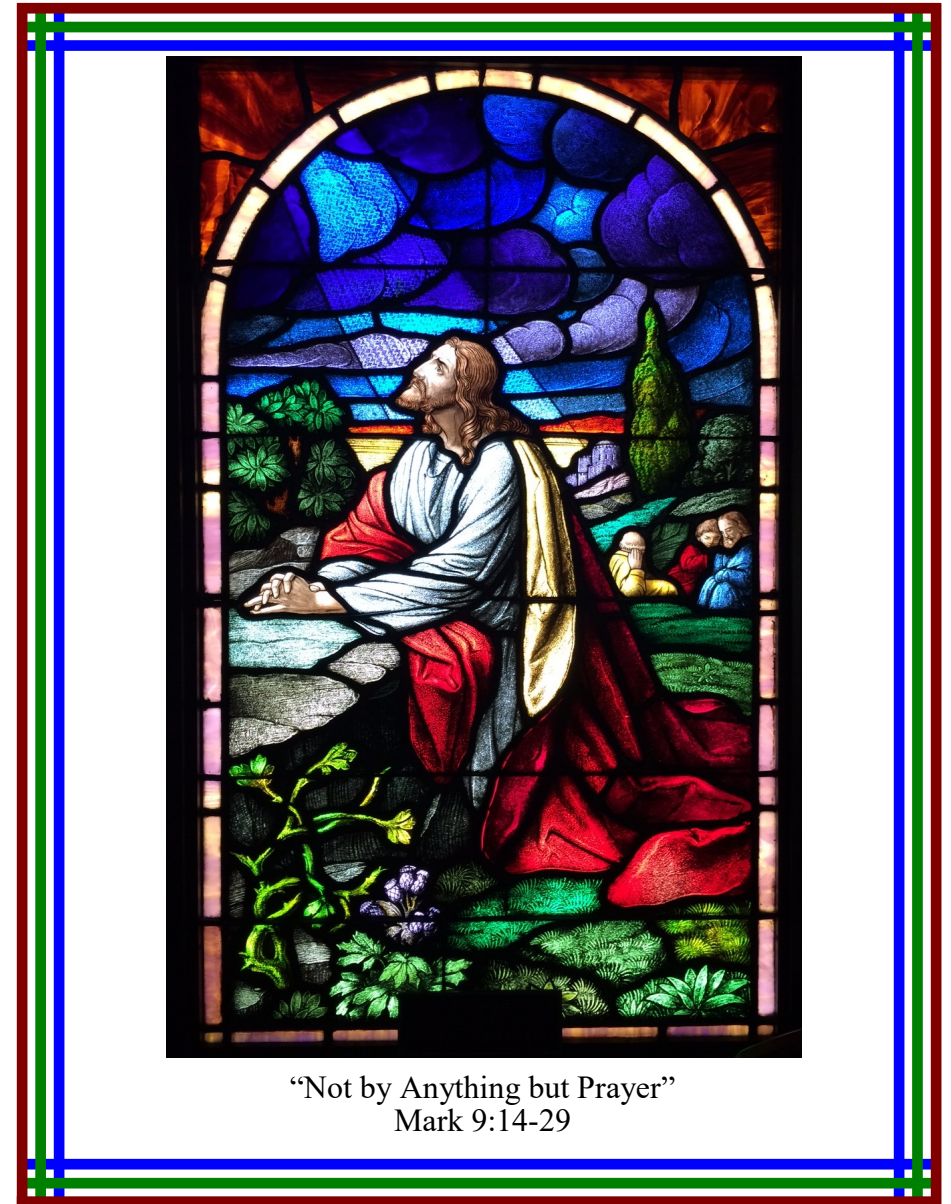
8:00am- Margie Schaefer & Chloe Hewitt
10:30am- Ed & Jan Wachs

September Ushers

8:00am- Adam & Aaron Homann, Donna Green, Larry Dodge, & Collin Antolik
10:30am- Dennis Boarts, Karen Schmidt, Lee Copeland, Rick Newlon, & Lorin Soyke

Acolytes

8:00am- Payton Braddy
10:30am- Dawsyn McDonald



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