



**Communion Notice** Today we celebrate Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's own body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because we believe that participation in this sacrament is also a public confession of unity in the faith we invite communicant members of congregations in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive the sacrament.

We welcome our fellow Christians who wish to come forward but do not share all our beliefs to fold their arms in front of them and receive a blessing. We pray that our common baptism and the continued work of the Holy Spirit will draw us closer to one another and dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that as we are led into all truth from God's Word such divisions will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). Let us all express in our hearts a prayerful desire for such unity of faith to be achieved.

**Introit**

The Lord is the strength of his | people;\*  
 he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.  
**To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\***  
**lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.**  
 Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,\*  
 when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.  
**Blessèd | be the Lord!\***  
**For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.**  
 The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\*  
 my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
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 he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

**Readings**

**L** The first reading is from Isaiah, the thirty-fifth chapter. *Isaiah 35:4-7*  
 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; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The second reading is from James the second chapter. *James 2:1-10,14-18*  
 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. 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? 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.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter. *Mark 7:31-37*  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
 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."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**09-05-2021**  
**Fifteenth Day After Pentecost**  
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## The Lord's Week

### Sunday, September 5th, 2021

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

### Monday, September 6th, 2021

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
6:30pm- Men's Reunion

### Tuesday, September 7th, 2021

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

### Wednesday, September 8th, 2021

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

### Thursday, September 9th, 2021

6:30- Parish Planning

### Saturday, September 11th, 2021

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

### Sunday, September 12th, 2021

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

## 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 19th  
"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:*

#### Organist

Christine Engebrecht

#### Greeters

8:00am- Ralph & Norma Grotelueschen  
10:30am- Loretta Nielson & Marsha Boarts

#### 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



"The Healing Work of Christ"  
Mark 7:31-37



Next Sunday!!!



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