

# NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 15th, 2024 (11:11 am)

## OUR TONGUE

Psalm 116:1-9

Isaiah 50:4-10

**James 3:1-12**

Mark 9:14-29

### **Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil**

Those who teach the Word of God “will be judged with greater strictness” (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue “boasts of great things,” whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, “it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison” (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who “does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man” (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with “the tongue of those who are taught,” He is able to sustain the weary “with a word” (Is. 50:4-5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6-9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the “mute and deaf spirit” from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22-27).

## WELCOME

## GATHERING SONGS

### THE HEART OF WORSHIP

When the music fades all is stripped away

And I simply come

Longing just to bring something that's of worth

That will bless Your heart

*I'll bring You more than a song*

*For a song in itself is not what You have required*

*You search much deeper within*

*Through the way things appear*

*You're looking into my heart*

***I'm coming back to the heart of worship***

***And it's all about You all about You Jesus***

***I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it***

***When it's all about You all about You Jesus***

King of endless worth no one could express

How much You deserve

Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours

Ev'ry single breath

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## **THIS IS AMAZING GRACE**

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

***(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace***

***This is unfailing love***

***That You would take my place***

***That You would bear my cross***

***You laid down Your life***

***That I would be set free***

***Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me***

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings  
*::Worthy is the Lamb who was slain*  
*Worthy is the King who conquered the grave::*

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## **AS WE BEGIN and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME (Pastor)**

**P** – In the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

## **BIBLE READING FROM JAMES 3:1-12 - (Pastor)**

*Taming the Tongue*

**Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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! <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P** – Dear God. We have a small but powerful member of the body called the tongue! Sometimes we use it well, with your help, but many times we use it badly, hurting the people we love the most. Sometimes words come out of our mouths causing contention instead of reconciliation. Sometimes, on impulse and unintentionally, words come out that do not encourage people by bringing and creating a bad environment around them. Sometimes the explanations of our ideas and intentions are not fully understood and we end up making people sad. And sometimes, too, we get upset because we were not well understood and we ended up suffering too.

**C** – **Dear God! We know that we sin for things we said and for things that we didn't say in times that we could collaborate better. We are sinners! For all this, Lord, and much more: forgive us, God of mercy! Amen. (*Brief silence*)**

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*Pastor*)**

**P** – God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a blessed life on earth and in heaven. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **KIDS SONG – MY GOD IS SO BIG**

*::My God is so big, so strong and so mighty*

*There's nothing my God cannot do::*

**He made the trees**

**He made the seas**

**He made the elephants too**

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty

There's nothing my God cannot do

For you!

## **KIDS MESSAGE (*Teacher*)**

## **WORSHIP SONGS – OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART**

***Open the eyes of my heart Lord***

***Open the eyes of my heart***

***I want to see You***

***I want to see You***

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

*Holy holy holy*

*Holy holy holy*

*Holy holy holy*

*I want to see You*

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## **BIBLE READINGS – (Laverne)**

### **ISAIAH 50:4-10**

**The Lord God has given me**

**the tongue of those who are taught,**

**that I may 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.**

**<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;**

**I turned not backward.**

**<sup>6</sup>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.**

**<sup>7</sup>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.**

**<sup>8</sup> 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.**

**<sup>9</sup>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.**

**<sup>10</sup> 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.**

**MARK 9:14-29**

*Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit*

**<sup>14</sup> And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. <sup>16</sup> And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup> And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup> 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." <sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup> 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." <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup> 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." <sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."**

**WORSHIP SONG - I WILL FOLLOW**

***Where You go I'll go***

***Where You stay I'll stay***

***When You move I'll move***

***I will follow***

Oh oh oh

All Your ways are good

All Your ways are sure

I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight

High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

***Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow (You)***

Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone

*In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow*

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## **MESSAGE – “Our Tongue”**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the FATHER almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)**

### **LORD'S PRAYER (Prayer)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **WORSHIP SONG (IN PREPARATION OF COMMUNION) – BLESSED ASSURANCE**

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood  
***This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long***  
Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love  
Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

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*'As a Lutheran Church, we believe that Jesus' body and blood are really and truly present in the Lord's Supper. And we believe that Jesus is giving real and true spiritual gifts to us through this eating and drinking: forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is pure gospel for our comfort and spiritual strength.*

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

These are our statements about Holy Communion:

- **I know I am a sinner.**
- **I believe that Jesus is my personal Savior.**
- **I believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine.**
- **I intend, with God's help, to change my sinful life and live for him.**
- **I understand that when I come to this table, I publicly state that I believe these things.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: "**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**" In the same way also, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "**Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**"

## DISTRIBUTION – SONGS: "SHOUT TO THE LORD" and "GOODNESS OF GOD"

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (Pastor)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FINAL SONG – THE SAME LOVE

You choose the humble and raise them high  
You choose the weak and make them strong  
You heal our brokenness inside  
and give us life

***The same love that set the captives free***

***The same love that opened eyes to see***

***Is calling us all by name***

***You are calling us all by name***

***The same God that spread the heavens wide***

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<sup>1</sup> "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink."  
(<https://catechism.cph.org/en/sacrament-of-the-altar.html>)



***The same God that was crucified***

***Is calling us all by name***

***You are calling us all by name***

You take the faithless one aside

And speak the words "You are mine"

You call the cynic and the proud

Come to me now

***The same love that set the captives free***

***The same love that opened eyes to see***

***Is calling us all by name***

***You are calling us all by name***

***The same God that spread the heavens wide***

***The same God that was crucified***

***Is calling us all by name***

***You are calling us all by name***

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