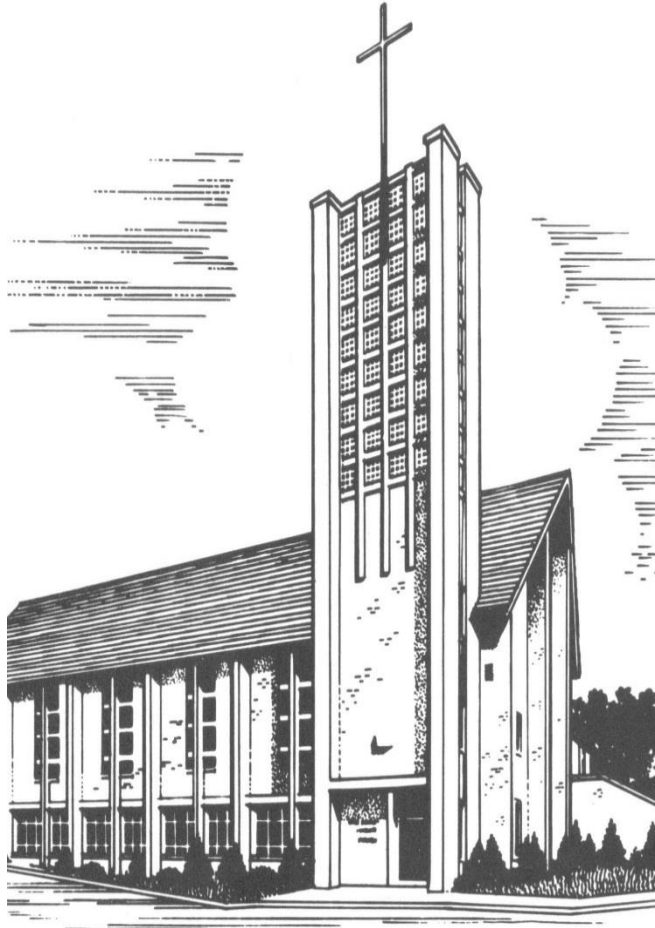


THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2015

8:00 a.m.



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MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME

(Stand)

HYMN OF INVOCATION “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” *LSB 849*

INVOCATION *LSB 184*

EXHORTATION *LSB 184*

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

CONFESSION OF SINS *(Kneel)* *LSB 184*

ABSOLUTION *LSB 185*

(Stand)

OPENING VERSICLES *LSB 219*

ANTIPHON (COMMON) *LSB 220*

VENITE *LSB 220*

ANTIPHON (COMMON) *LSB 221*

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 50:4–10*

⁴The 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. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷But 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. ⁸He 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. ⁹Behold, 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. ¹⁰Who 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For 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. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look 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. ⁵So 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! ⁶And 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. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14–29

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY (COMMON)

LSB 221

(Sit)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight” *LSB 720*

SERMON “Faithless Generation” based on the Gospel reading

OFFERING “Because He Lives” *(Norm Vinyard, solo)*

(Stand)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER 1

LSB 282

HYMN TO DEPART “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

LSB 702

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Sit)*

POSTLUDE

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Those serving in worship today:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m. Lisa Williams; 10:45 a.m. Bonnie Griffith;
6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner)

Attendance: 9/6/15 (8:00 a.m. 65; 10:45 a.m. 66)