

September 1, 2024

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Time After Pentecost

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

Moses Commands Obedience So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

SECOND READING James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Hearing and Doing the Word - You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 The Tradition of the EldersNow when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.” You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

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Sunday September 1, 2024 @ 11:00 am

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Order of Worship

Today’s Order of Worship and hymns are both located in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

Psalm 15 Hymn Tune ELW - 302 As With Gladness Men of Old - Melody
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Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may enter where you dwell,
There abide, your praise to tell?

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak
the truth from their heart and do not slander others, who do no
wrong to their friends nor spread rumors about their neighbors,

Who is worthy in your sight,
Lord, to serve you day and night?

Those who reject the wicked but honor those who fear the Lord,
who stand by what they promise no matter what the cost, who do
not give money in hope of gain and cannot be bribed against the
innocent.

God's good word to such is sure:
Ever they shall stand secure.

Dates to Remember

Please join us after the worship service on Sunday, September the
8th for a light luncheon and celebration of Pastor Bart's 30th
anniversary of ordination. Members of First Lutheran, Port Colborne
have been invited to join us.

Please also join us on September 22 after the service for cake &
coffee in honour of Sylvia Tollar in the Fellowship Hall.



There will be an open House September 14, 2024 10 am-2 pm
at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church 29 Bald St. Welland.
Come and see our Historical Sanctuary.
Silent Auction, Crafts for the kids and more.

GATHERING
Confession and Forgiveness.....ELW page 211
Hymn.....ELW # 531 The Trumpets Sound,
the Angels Sing
Prayer of the Day

WORD
First Reading.....Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm #15.....Printed in Bulletin
Second Reading.....James
1:17-27
Gospel Acclamation.....Hymn ELW # 189
“Glory to you, O Lord”
Gospel.....Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

“Praise to you, O Christ.”
Sermon
Hymn of the Day.....ELW #
512 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil
Prayers of Intercession
Peace (non-contact
gestures)

MEAL
Great Thanksgiving.....ELW.....Page 206
Holy, Holy, Holy.....ELW.....Page
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Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer.....ELW.....Page
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O Lamb of God.....ELW.....Page
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Communion Hymns.....ELW # 680 &
801
Prayer after Communion

SENDING
Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn TO BE ANNOUNCED
DismissalELW page 222
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
“Thanks be to God”