

September 15, 2024

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Time After Pentecost

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a The Servant’s Humiliation and Vindication
The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like 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 are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

SECOND READING James 3:1-12 Taming the Tongue Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet 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 exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8:27-38 Peter’s Declaration about Jesus - Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection - Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things. ‘He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

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Sunday September 15 , 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 116:1-9 Hymn Tune **ELW – 858** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Melody ... Lobe Den Herren 14 14 4 7 8

I love the Lord, because he hears me; he listens to my prayers. He listens to me every time I call to him.

**Praise to the Lord, who will
Prosper your work and defend you.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**Surely his goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life."

**Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,**

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the helpless; when I was brought low he saved me.

If with his love he befriend you.

Be confident, my heart, because the Lord has been good to me.

**Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things is wondrously reigning.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**And, as on wings of an eagle,
Uplifting, sustaining.**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Have you not seen?
All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining!**

Dates to Remember

The flowers on the altar are placed in loving memory of Charlene Robin Hansen, who passed away 36 years ago on September the 11th, by mom, Bertha Bertrand, and brother Marc Hansen and family. She is truly missed every day.

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

The Fall start date for pickleball was Friday Sept. 13th at 9:30 am. Playing 9:30 till 11:30 AM - Tuesday and Friday each week. Margaret is looking for a church member to volunteer to help out occasionally. Playing pickleball is not a requirement to volunteer. Further information please email Margaret at margaret@kleinsmith.ca



*Minutes of the August 25 Council
meeting are posted in the
Church office if anyone would
like to read them.*

“Wasn’t that a party? Thank you for the kindness, generosity and expressions of love to Sharon and me on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of my ordination. What a joy to share this time with you all—and to share this phase of ministry together!” - Pastor Bart

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GATHERING
Hymn..... ELW # 660 Lift High the Cross
Prayer of the Day

WORD
First Reading..... Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm **#116:1-9**.....Printed in Bulletin
Second Reading..... James 3:1-12
Gospel Acclamation.....Page 188
“Glory to you, O Lord”
Gospel.....Mark 8:27-38

“Praise to you, O Christ.”
Sermon
Hymn of the Day.....ELW # 651 Oh, Praise the Gracious Power
Prayers of Intercession
Peace (non-contact gestures)

MEAL
Great Thanksgiving.....ELW.....Page 206
Holy, Holy, Holy.....ELW.....Page 207
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer.....ELW.....Page 208
O Lamb of God.....ELW.....Page 208
Communion **Hymns.....ELW # 748 & 798**
Prayer after Communion

SENDING
Announcements
Blessing
Sending **Hymn.....ELW # 774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**
DismissalELW Page 222
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
“Thanks be to God”