

September 8, 2024

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Time After Pentecost

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7a Say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

SECOND READING James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17 Warning against Partiality - My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Have a seat here, please’, while to the one who is poor you say, ‘Stand there’, or, ‘Sit at my feet’, have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’, also said, ‘You shall not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. Faith without Works Is Dead What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7:24-37 - The Syrophoenician Woman’s Faith - From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’ Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go—the

demon has left your daughter.’ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Jesus Cures a Deaf Man - Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

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Sunday September 8 , 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 146 Hymn Tune ELW - 858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Melody Lobe Den Herren 14 14 4 7 8

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation.**
I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life.
**O my soul, praise him,
For he is your health and salvation.**
Do not put your trust in rulers; no human being can save you. When they breathe their last, they return to the dust; on that day all their plans come to an end.
**Let all who hear
Now to his temple draw near.**
Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them. He always keeps his promises.
Join now in glad adoration!
The Lord executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry; he sets the prisoners free.
**Praise to the Lord, who will
Prosper your work and defend you.**
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.
**Surely his goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you.**
The Lord loves the righteous. He watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
**Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do**
The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!
If with his love he befriend you.

Dates to Remember

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

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.

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

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GATHERING
Confession and Forgiveness..... ELW page 211
Hymn..... ELW # 731 Earth and All Stars!
Prayer of the Day

WORD
First Reading..... Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm **#146**.....Printed in Bulletin
Second Reading.....James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17
Gospel Acclamation.....**Hymn ELW # 189**
“Glory to you, O Lord”
Gospel..... Mark 7:24-37

“Praise to you, O Christ.”
Sermon
Hymn of the Day.....ELW # 612 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil
Prayers of Intercession
Peace (non-contact gestures)

MEAL
Great Thanksgiving.....ELW.....Page 206
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Eucharistic Prayer
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Communion **Hymns.....ELW # 620 & 675**
Prayer after Communion

SENDING
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Blessing
Sending **Hymn.....ELW # 673 God, Whose Almighty Word**
DismissalELW Page 222
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
“Thanks be to God”