

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST—  
PROPER 18**



**Reversing the  
Ramifications of Sin  
September 8, 2024**

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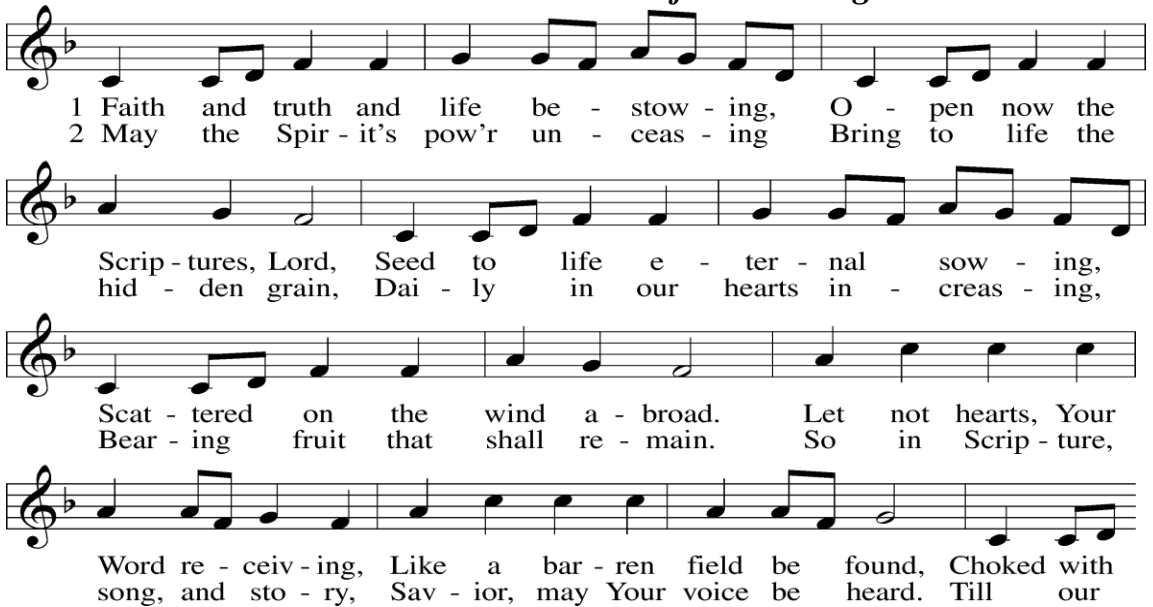
## AS WE GATHER

Since the fall and expulsion from Eden, the ramifications of sin have been quite evident. People do not have to be worse sinners than anyone else to become blind, deaf, lame, or mute. They need not sin more than other people to find themselves unfairly treated in court. How can those problems be reversed? It takes God's power. The Gospel tells of how Jesus cast out demons and healed the deaf. He seeks to make such great reversals today! Through the letter to James, we, God's faith-filled people, are encouraged to treat our neighbors as ourselves and do more than give them lip service. But the inability of the disciples to exorcize a demon is a startling reminder that all things are possible only for God, to whom we must entrust all our problems.

### HYMN

#### *Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing*

LSB 584

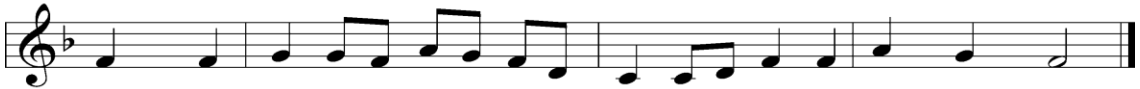


1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the  
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,  
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your  
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with  
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our



thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.  
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 146:7b–8; James 2:17–18*

**Pastor:** The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
**People:** **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

**Pastor:** The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
**People:** **the Lord loves the righteous.**

**Pastor:** So also faith by itself,  
**People:** **if it does not have works, is dead.**

**Pastor:** But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.”  
**People:** **Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and**

eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an 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.

People: Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*

LSB 737



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A  
2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your  
7 Up - on your lips, then, lay your hand, And

cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of  
life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when  
trust His guid - ing love; Then like a rock your

ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.  
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.  
peace shall stand Here and in heav'n a - bove.

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## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Grant us strength that comes from vibrant faith, O Lord.

**People: By Your power and guidance, move us to show forth our faith with words and deeds of loving service;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 35:4–7a*

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# EPISTLE

*James 2:1-10, 14-18*

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup> For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup> have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 7:31-37*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven,

he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

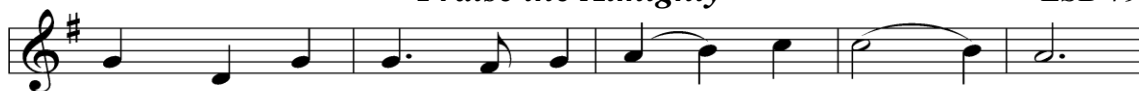
**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## *Praise the Almighty*

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
△ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!





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| Al - le - lu - ia, | al - le - lu - ia! |
| Al - le - lu - ia, | al - le - lu - ia! |
| Al - le - lu - ia, | al - le - lu - ia! |
| Al - le - lu - ia, | al - le - lu - ia! |
| Al - le - lu - ia, | al - le - lu - ia! |

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## SERMON

### APOSTLE'S 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 thence 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

*Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*

LSB 848



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the

wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -  
 crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.

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**Pastor:** We pray for Your guidance and impetus to use our gifts and even ourselves in service to the needs of those around us and people in other parts of the world. Use us to meet the physical and spiritual needs of these people, for whom You offered Yourself as sacrifice for sin.

**People:** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service* LSB 848

2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry  
 cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -  
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.

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**Pastor:** We pray for Your healing, comfort, freedom, and sustenance to each person in need of compassionate care and basic necessities. We

especially include those near and dear to us. Use us as part of Your answer to prayer.

**People:** Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*

LSB 848

3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -  
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,  
Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and  
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring  
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.

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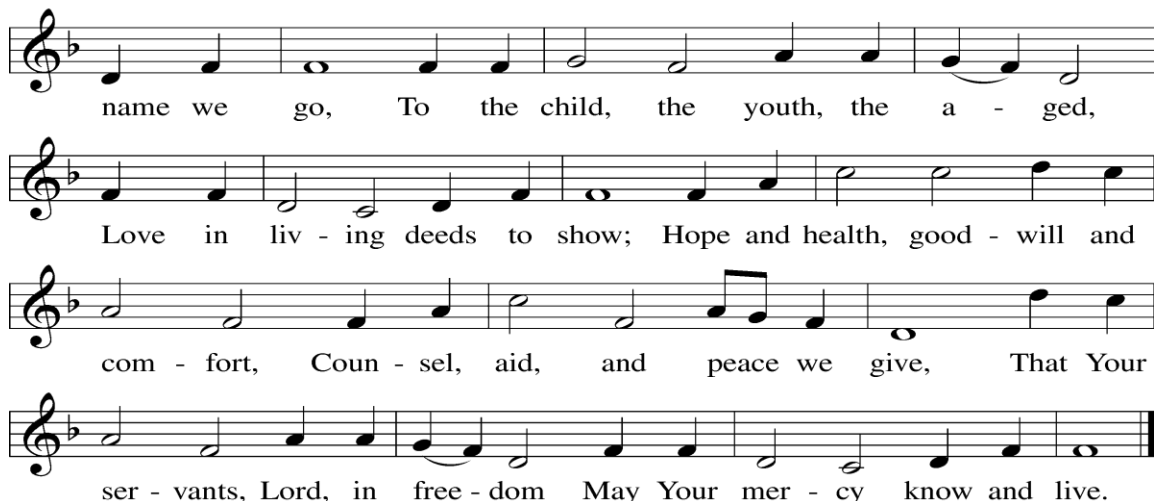
**Pastor:** We pray for Your protection and opportunity for ourselves here and for the church around the world as we bring the Gospel to bear on many circumstances. We ask You to be with all who work with us, protecting them and our nation, offering goods and services from our bounty, and attracting many to hear about, believe in, and grow closer to our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

**People:** Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*

LSB 848

4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,  
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and  
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your  
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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## OFFERING / OFFERTORY

### LORD'S PRAYER

**People:**      **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.**

# BENEDICTION

Pastor: The mercy, strength, and peace of God Almighty—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—go with you, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## HYMN

### *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

LSB 919



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

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*For with you is the fountain of life;*



*in your light we see light. Psalm 36:9*

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### **Service Times**

#### **Sunday**

Chancel Choir starting September 88:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Bible Study 11:15 am

#### **Tuesday**

Mid-week Bible Study 10:00 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Men's Breakfast/Royal Cafe 8:30 am

#### **Wednesday**

Quilters 9:00 am

#### **Thursday**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> *Permission to Grieve Group* 10:00 am

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday *Ladies Lunch Bunch* 11:30 am

### **Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday (9am-2pm)

\*\*Closed Friday\*\*

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