



And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.”

Mark 7:27

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

11:00A

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

AS WE GATHER The Readings for today tell us that God will change people's circumstances. The Old Testament Reading lists those who are blind, deaf, lame, and mute. Instead of advising them simply to pray, Isaiah promises that God will take action, like water in the desert. Among the ways God will help is through His people; according to the advice to James, we, who have been given the gift of faith, are called to be fair in court, to try to keep the entire Law of God, and to see that the people around us are clothed and fed. Jesus casts out demons and heals a deaf man in the Gospel. He is doing no less when we become His caring instruments. Today we let the Word come into us so that we might be part of God's healing answer to prayer.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing" 584

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 146:7b-8; James 2:17-18*

P The LORD sets the prisoners free;
C the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

P The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
C the LORD loves the righteous.

P So also faith by itself,
C if it does not have works, is dead.

P But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works."
C Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C 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.

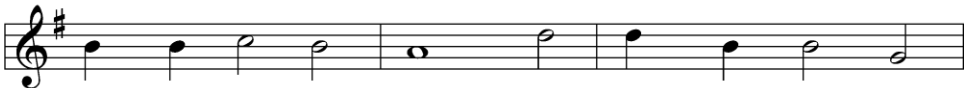
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” 528



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Grant us strength that comes from vibrant faith, O Lord. By Your power and guidance, move us to show forth our faith with words and deeds of loving service; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” Mark Bender

EPISTLE READING

James 2:1-10, 14-18

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL CANTICLE “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” 908



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Praise the Almighty”

797

St. 3 – choir only

SERMON

“God’s Word Works”

Pastor Richard Tucker

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ” 565

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” 621

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “On What Has Now Been Sown” 921

POSTLUDE