

# Full Service Bulletin

## PRAISE SERVICE SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

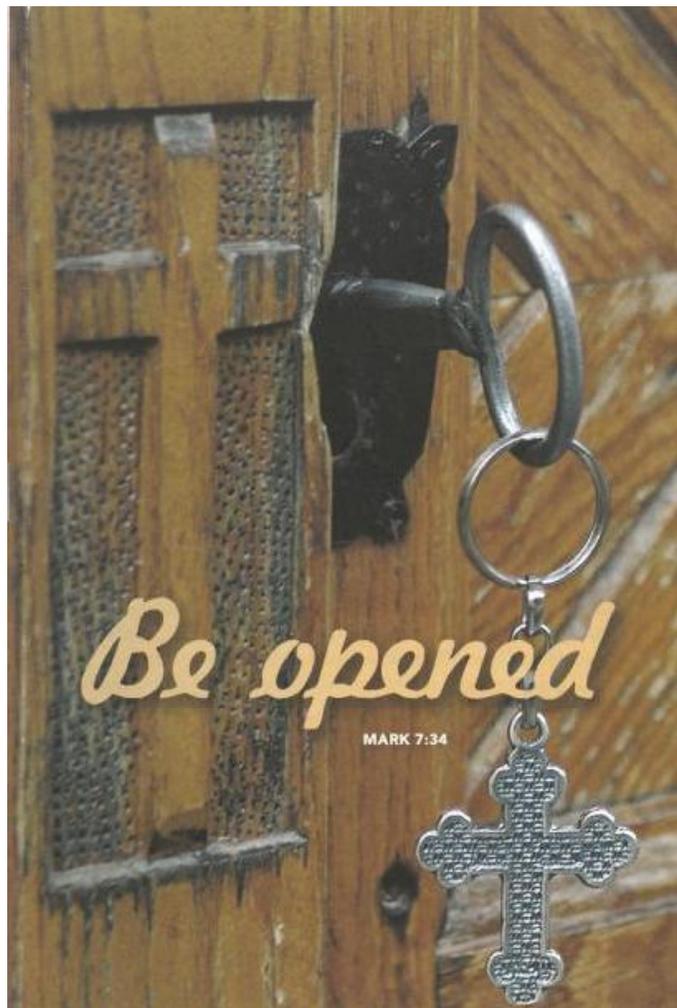
*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

**PRELUDE AND PREPARATION** *Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray:*

**God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

**CHILDREN** *We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

**INTRODUCTION** *In today's gospel Jesus heals a deaf and mute man using the word ephphatha, which means "be opened." This opened a whole new world for this man! Have our tongues been loosed to praise God's name? Are our ears open to hear His voice? James exhorts us to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Wisdom calls us to leave our simple ways which will lead to disaster and find the path that leads to life. Let us trust in the Lord, Who can keep our feet from stumbling as we walk in the ways of the Lord.*



**PRELUDE** *"Standing In the Need of Prayer" (2024 Scuba VBS cd # 8)*

**WELCOME AND MEDITATION**

# GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)* "O Son of God in Galilee"

(LBW # 426 - Text: Anna Hoppe; Tune: William Billings)

1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You made  
2 Oh, lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of your  
3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You can  
4 Mean-while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of stead -

the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the  
af - flict - ed ones. Oh, bid them cast on  
re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O  
fast faith im - part, And let your word bring

blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.  
you their care; Your grace to them make known.  
Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.  
light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.

5 Then in your promised happy land All myst'ries we shall understand,  
Each loss will prove a gain; For you will make them plain.

## INVOCATION *( = All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the presence of God, Who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

*(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)*

P: God our strength,

**C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. AMEN.**

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in Whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

**C: AMEN.**

## **GREETING** *(Please rise.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME**

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

*(Maj # 46 - favorite - Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Carl G. Gläser)*

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He breaks the power of can-celled sin, He sets the pris - oner free;  
5 Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos-ened tongues em-ploy;

1 The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace!  
2 To spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of Thy name.  
3 'Tis mu - sic in the sin-ners ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
4 His blood can make the foul-est clean, His blood a-vailed for me.  
5 Ye blind, be-hold your Sav-ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy! A-men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.      **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together:      **C: O God, through suffering and rejection You bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross You transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

## RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 19 (*congregation: indented*)

The heavens declare the glory of God;

**the skies proclaim the work of His hands.**

Day after day they pour forth speech;

**night after night they display knowledge.**

There is no speech or language

**where their voice is not heard.**

Their voice goes out into all the earth,

**their words to the ends of the world.**

In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun,

which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,

**like a champion rejoicing to run his course.**

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;

**nothing is hidden from its heat.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

**The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.**

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

**The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

**The ordinances of the LORD are sure  
and altogether righteous.**

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

**they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.**

By them is your servant warned;

**in keeping them there is great reward.**

Who can discern his errors?

**Forgive my hidden faults.**

Keep Your servant also from willful sins;

**may they not rule over me.**

Then will I be blameless,  
**innocent of great transgression.**  
May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
**be pleasing in Your sight,**  
**O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

**VBS SONG** *(Please sit.) “I Sing the Mighty Power of God ”*  
*(2015 Everest VBS cd # 4)*

**There’s no greater power than the power of our God. (2x)**  
**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,**  
**That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.**  
**I sing the wisdom that designed the sun to rule the day.**  
**The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.**  
*(Repeat from beginning)*

**There’s no greater power than the power of our God. (6x)**

### **WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

*For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)*

**CHILDREN’S CHAT** - Ruthann Kistler

**VBS SONG** *“One True God” (2024 Scuba VBS cd # 2 - Jay Stocker)*

*Chorus:* **You are the one true God.**  
**There will never be another.**  
**You are the faithful God.**  
**Forever we will praise Your name. (Repeat Chorus)**

*Verse:* **Lord, Your mercy is unending.**  
**You forgive our every sin.**  
**You’re the hope when we are hopeless.**  
**Lord, Your love Has drawn us in.**

*Bridge:* **You brought us all together.**  
**We are Yours forever,**  
**And together we will sing.**

*(Sing Chorus 2 times) (Sing Bridge) (Sing Chorus 4 times)*

**You are the one true God.**  
**You are the faithful God.**  
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**You are the faithful God.**

**FIRST READING** .....Proverbs 1:20-33 ..... p. 985

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** ....James 1:17-27.....p. 1881

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please rise.*)

*“Open Our Eyes, Lord” (Maj # 506 - favorite - Robert Cull)*

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains two vocal lines: the first line has lyrics '1 O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus,' and the second line has '2 O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten.' The second system also has two vocal lines: the first line has '1 to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love' and the second line has '2 O - pen our eyes,'. The third system has two vocal lines: the first line has 'Him. Lord, we want to see Je - sus.' and the second line has 'Him. Lord, we want to see Je - sus.' The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the right and left hands.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL** ....Mark 7:24-37.....p. 1564

P: The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Young children may go to Children’s Church)*

*(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

**SERMON** “Wisdom from James - Part II: True Religion”

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.  
(Romans 15:13)

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** *(Please rise.)*

“God Calling Yet: Shall I Not Hear?” (SBH # 374)

*As Hymnodus Sacer, 1625*  
**BRESLAU. L. M.**

*With dignity*

1. God call - ing yet; shall I not hear? Earth's pleasures shall I still hold dear?  
2. God call - ing yet; shall I not rise? Can I his lov - ing voice de - spise,  
Shall life's swift pass - ing years all fly, And still my soul in slum - ber lie?  
And base - ly his kind care re - pay? He calls me still; can I de - lay?

- 3 God calling yet; and shall he knock,  
And I my heart the closer lock?  
He still is waiting to receive,  
And shall I dare his Spirit grieve?
- 4 Ah, yield him all; in him confide;  
Where but with him doth peace abide?
- 5 God calling yet; I cannot stay;  
My heart I yield without delay;  
Vain world, farewell! from thee I part;  
The voice of God hath reached my heart.

*Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769*

*Tr. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1823–1907 a.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

**OFFERING** *We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

*(Please sit.)*

**MISSION MOMENT** Certification of Education Ministries  
*All involved in Christian Education please stand in place.*

**Christian Education Director:**

Our Lord, Who came among us as a Servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You stand among us as persons called to service in the educational ministries of the Church. Will you assume this ministry of the Church in the confidence that it comes from God?

**R: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

CE: Will you teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church?

**R: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

CE: Will you trust in God's care, pray lovingly for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of God with a godly life through your study of the Holy Scriptures and faithfulness in your use of the means of grace and prayer?

**R: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P: Almighty God, Who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you His grace and His Spirit to perform them.

**C: Amen.**

**Church Council President (or other officer):**

On behalf of the Church Council of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, I declare you certified to serve in the Church's Ministry of Christian Education. May our Heavenly Father bless you and guide you and keep you faithful as you serve.

# NATIONAL HYMN "God of Our Fathers"

(Maj # 611 - favorite - Text: Daniel C. Roberts; Tune: George W. Warren)

Trumpets, before each verse

1. God of our fathers, whose al-might-y
2. Thy love di-vine hath led us in the
3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti-
4. Re-fresh thy peo-ple on their toil-some

hand Leads forth in beau-ty all the star-ry band  
past, In this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
lence, Be thy strong arm our ev-er sure de-fense;  
way, Lead us from night to nev-er-end-ing day;

Of shin-ing worlds in splen-dor thro' the skies,  
Be thou our rul-er, guard-ian, guide and stay,  
Thy true re-lig-ion in our hearts in-crease,  
Fill all our lives with love and grace di-vine,

Our grate-ful songs be-fore thy throne a-rise.  
Thy word our law, thy paths our cho-sen way.  
Thy boun-teous good-ness nour-ish us in peace.  
And glo-ry, laud and praise be ev-er thine. A-MEN.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please kneel.)*

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD**

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)*

### **BLESSING**

**P:** Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*(Ephesians 3:19)*

**C: AMEN.**

### **SENDING HYMN** *(Please rise.)*

*"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (ELW # 551)*

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

**L:** As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **POSTLUDE** *"Thanks, God" (2024 Scuba VBS cd # 1)*

### **FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS**

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - er'd us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939  
 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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**SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETER: 8:30-Diane Hahn / 10:45-Sharon Branigan

SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jonah Kincaid

SONG LEADER: Pastor Dave

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein, Patty Stein

LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-*Volunteer needed*

CHILDREN'S CHAT: Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Jim Femister / 10:45-Kathy Ballek

COUNTERS: Jan Stryker, Karen Brown

GRASS CUTTERS (9/2-7): Jonathan Miller, Rich Stein—*Thanks!*

SEXTON: *Volunteers needed*

PHONETREE: Jim Femister

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski

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**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. David L. Brown, *Pastor* † Ruthann Kistler, *Christian Ed. Dir.*

Nancy Cook, *Music Director* † Karen Brown, *Office Secretary*

Volunteers Needed, *Sexton* † Karen Steiner, *Pre-school*

Lisa Wechsler, *Bookkeeper* † Glade Schroeter, *Webmaster*

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM  
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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