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Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (*Located in the church basement*)

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (*12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch*)

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

At church, worship folders will still be available for those who need them. Worship notes will be available for those wishing to use the hymnals.

Masking is encouraged when entering and exiting the church building. Social distancing is still recommended. Feel free to remain masked during the service if so desired.

These Emails, videos and other posts on Facebook will continue.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

*Word Search: **Help***

[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

5th graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service | - standing in respect; ☐ - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; ☐ - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring.

For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you

know to insert and use “Text Box” that is a good way to do it. You may also go to “References” and use “Foot Note” to record your thoughts or insight.

Contact the church office if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

WORSHIP FOLDER
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 19

Help Our Unbelief
September 11 & 12, 2021

ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE I LSB 151

AS WE GATHER

In today’s Readings, Jesus encounters another person possessed by an unclean spirit. The young man’s father is distraught and desperate. The father utters these words: “I believe; help my unbelief!” Jesus does help the man’s unbelief by healing his son. Jesus helps our unbelief as well in all that He does. In His miracles and teaching, suffering and death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus calls us to faith. And He calls us to be His witnesses.

OPENING SENTENCES

P I called on the name of the LORD:

C **O LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!**

P The LORD has dealt bountifully with us.

C **The LORD has opened our ears.**

P The LORD has delivered us from death.

C **He wipes away tears from all faces.**

P He rescues our feet from stumbling

C **and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news.**

OPENING HYMN LSB 528 “OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING”

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,

Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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.**

We need help because we sin. What does Jesus do to help us in this need?

INTROIT

P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!

C **But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."**

P My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

C **Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!

What makes us strong and courageous?

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 154*

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

What does Jesus use to rule over (govern) us?

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 50:4–10*

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

L This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Who can we rely on?

PSALM

P ¹I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C ²**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

P ³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

C ⁴**Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

P ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

C ⁶**The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

P ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

C ⁸**For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;**

P ⁹I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

Why do we love the Lord?

EPISTLE *James 3:1–12*

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

What is the hardest thing for you and me to bridal?

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:14–29*

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

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

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

When we have troubles, who can we go to?

Highlight (underline) words and phrase the describe the help our Lord gives to us?

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 849 “PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS”

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert’s burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.

- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

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SERMON “A Faith that Moves Us to Ask” Mark 9:14–29

Introduction:

“Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me.” This is the invitation and promise Christ has made with you and me and all believers. Christ has given us this gift of faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. For it does take faith and trust in Christ to call upon Him in the day of trouble.

I. Call on Jesus in the day of trouble

Jesus, Peter, James and John were not present when a crowd gathered around the others disciples. It seems that people were bringing their sick to the disciples to heal them. It seems that they had some success. Christ had sent them out two by two. They healed the sick and cast out demons in the name of Christ. So, they expected to continue to do so.

Yet, a father brought them their son who was possessed by demon. It made him mute and caused him to inflict harm to himself. The disciple couldn't cast the demon out. An argument ensued.

When Jesus approached, this father spoke up. The disciples were not able to heal his son. Jesus once again expresses the unbelief that the people still had. They still saw Him as a miracle worker similar to what they thought of His disciples.

It was the comment of the father that revealed this unbelief. "If you can..." Christ had cast out other demons, healed the sick, fed the thousands, walked on water, changed water into wine, and still the people did not believe that He was the Son of God, the Messiah promised long ago to Adam and Eve and to their father Abraham.

Jesus expresses the massiveness of the unbelief by saying, "Oh, this faithless generation." And things haven't changed. The world will cry out to God in the day of trouble. Yet, in calling out to God they reject Jesus as Lord and Savior. Their cries go out to an unknown God. They cry out in hopes that there may be a god. They cry out to manmade gods, names of gods of their own choosing. Yet, they denounce Christ by saying He is only a man, a prophet at best. And when their suffering is not relieved, they cry out, "There is no God."

II. Seek an increase in our faith in Christ

This father confessed, "I do believe, help my unbelief." Christ had drawn his attention to the fact that He could heal his son. And now helping the father's unbelief to turn even more into trusting faith, Christ healed his son.

Christ healed in such a way that it showed to the father, the disciples and those gathered that He alone has authority over Satan and his demons. It is He alone restores and gives life.

The disciples wondered why they couldn't cast out this demon. Christ replies that this type of demon could only be cast out by prayer. That is to say, it could only be cast out by God. For prayer is not a magical incantation. Prayer is the fruit of faith in Christ. It is faith at work. It is calling on Jesus in the day of trouble knowing that He and He alone will deliver. It is not the length or the work of man in praying that changes things. It is the trust in God to hear our prayers and answer. It is the trust that the Holy Spirit creates in our heart to know that He will forgive us our sin, deliver us from evil and grant us everlasting life.

Conclusion:

And so we join with the father in saying, "Help my unbelief." We know that our faith is challenged by our sinful nature, a sinful world and Satan. We know that we are powerless against these enemies of our faith. We know that we need Christ to intervene and the Holy Spirit to struggle against the onslaught of our faith. And we know that our children share in the same battle. Therefore we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom Come." We are not praying just for ourselves but for our family and friends, neighbors and acquaintances and for all people throughout the world. "Help our unbelief." And Christ will.

T AMEN T

APOSTLES' CREED

**C 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

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For pastors, missionaries, teachers, and all who proclaim Your Word, O Lord, that the sinfulness of their tongues may not hinder Your message of grace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who celebrate the good news of births and birthdays, weddings and anniversaries, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- P For all those who grieve [*especially . . .*], that they find hope in the resurrection, which brings us eternal life and defeats the enemy of death, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that their tongues would be kept from lying and slander, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all those who struggle with spiritual oppression, that God would deliver them from evil and restore them body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all those who have wandered from the Church, that the Holy Spirit would call them by the Gospel and gather them back to Your flock, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Lord, we offer all these prayers, knowing that You hear us and bless us with what we need.
- C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

- P Gracious God, You are the source of every lasting security. We bless You for the continuance of stability in a time of great national trial and ask that our nation be spared from any such act of terrorism and destruction in times to come. We remember those innocent victims of terrorism whose earthly lives ended on September 11th, 2001. Grant that their memories among us remain and their lives not be forgotten. We also remember the rescue workers who gave their lives that day seeking to assist the victims of the tragedy. Grant that their examples of bravery and sacrificial concern for others serve to inspire each of us as we live out our lives in these times.

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C **Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF OFFICES

OFFERING HYMN LSB 783 *"TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE" sts. 1, 4, 6*

- 1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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HYMN LSB 666 *"O LITTLE FLOCK, FEAR NOT THE FOE"*

- 1 O little flock, fear not the foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow'r.
And though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints
Lasts but a little hour.
- 2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise,
Uphold you and His Word.
- 3 As true as God's own Word is true,
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew
Against us shall prevail.
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God—
Our vict'ry cannot fail.
- 4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise
Forevermore. Amen.

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THANK THE LORD *LSB 164*

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

BENEDICTION *LSB 166*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen

HYMN OF DEPARTURE LSB 392 "GOD LOVES ME DEARLY"

1 God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. Refrain

ref Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

2 I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. Refrain

3 He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. Refrain

4 Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. Refrain

5 Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. Refrain

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Healing of the Demon Possessed Man

“Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you
and how good he has been to you.”

Mark 5:18

