



*But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of God.*

*Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

*September 7<sup>th</sup>, Year of our Lord 2025*

The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

## Order of Worship – Divine Service - Setting 3

### Preludes -

*Time for silent prayer and preparation for confession*

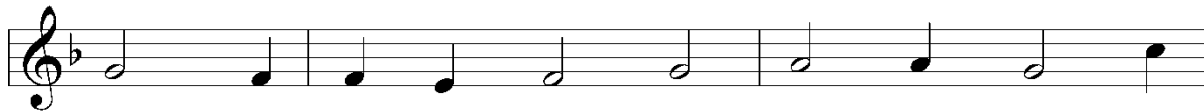
***Please rise and face the procession turning to the altar when the celebrant has passed by.***

### Procession Hymn – Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,  
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

### Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for**

**them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

### **Absolution**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### **Service of the Word**

**Introit (Congregation chants the bold stanzas.)**



**Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!\***

**O LORD, make haste to | help me!**

**Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion\*  
who | seek my life!**

**P** Let them be | turned back\*  
and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

**C** **May all who seek | You rejoice\***  
**and be | glad in You!**  
**You are my help and my de- | liverer;\***  
**O LORD, do | not delay!**

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

**P** Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!\*  
O LORD, make haste to | help me!  
Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion\*  
who | seek my life!

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**Salutation**

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**Collect of the Day** – *Prayed by the Pastor*

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***Please be seated.***

**The Old Testament:**

**Isaiah 29:17–24**

Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the Words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. For when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will sanctify My name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

**Gradual** - *Chanted by the Cantor*

I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*

His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*

let the humble hear | and be glad.

## The Epistle:

## 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

*Please rise and face the procession as the Word of God enters into your midst.*

### Alleluia



## The Holy Gospel:

## Mark 7:31–37

Then He returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 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. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

*Please be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day- Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

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1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our  
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the  
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.  
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.  
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

**Sermon**

**Offering**

*Please rise.*

**Offertory**

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**Prayer of the Church - *Prayed by Pastor***

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**The Verba - The Words Instituting the Lord's Supper**

**What we believe: The Sacrament of the Altar**

We welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently communicant members in good standing of Prince of Peace. If you have never received Holy Communion at Prince of Peace from Pastor Foy, please see him before you commune. Thank you

**Distribution**

*Communicants are invited to pray the following prayers:*

**Before receiving the Sacrament**

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

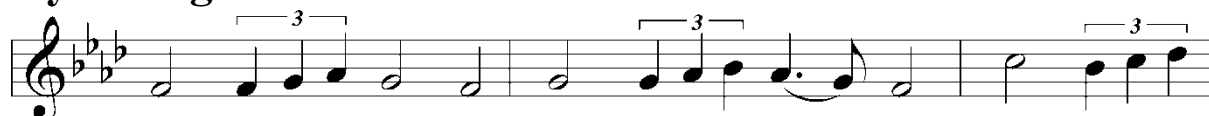
**After receiving the Sacrament**

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of Your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven and eternal blessing. Amen.

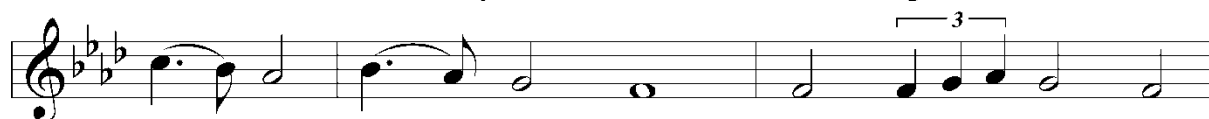
**Distribution Hymns – *Please be seated.***

**Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness**

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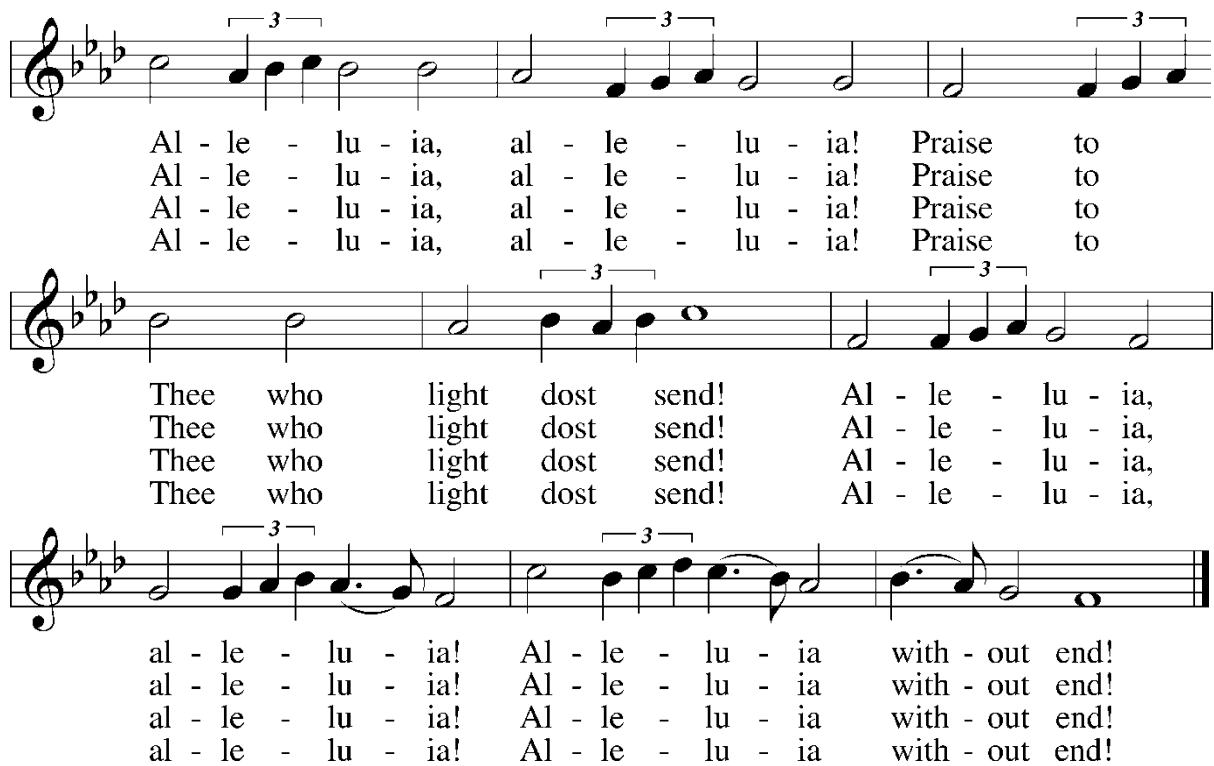
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
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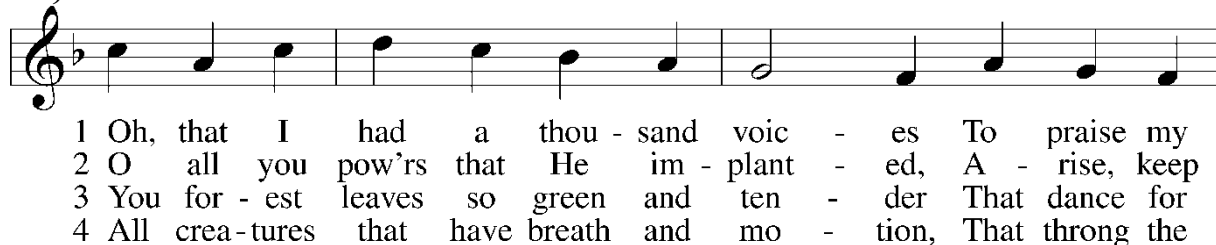
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 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!

## Oh, that I had a thousand voices

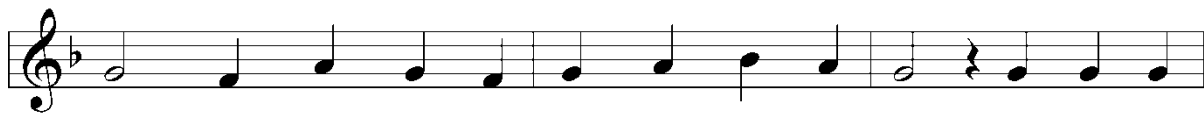
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1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
 2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep  
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for  
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the



God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has  
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -



joic - es, Would then pro-claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher-  
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and  
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to  
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak-er's praise.  
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.  
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won-ders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You  
To listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You,  
Together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing  
Eternal anthems to my King.

## Jesus, grant that balm of healing

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1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet



Tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp-  
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 wound-ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

5 O my God, my rock and tower,  
 Grant that in Your death I trust,  
 Knowing death has lost its power  
 Since You crushed it in the dust.  
 Savior, let Your agony  
 Ever help and comfort me;  
 When I die be my protection,  
 Light and life and resurrection.

**Please rise.**

**Nunc Dimittis** 199

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*Please face the procession until the celebrant has passed and then face back towards the altar.*

**Closing Hymn – Praise the Almighty, my soul adore Him** 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,

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

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

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

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.

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!

5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Altar Flowers** The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving to Him for all of His good and gracious gifts which are new to us every morning.  
Thank You, Lord. The Pierces

**4Keynakids and Pastor Meeker:** Pastor Meeker sends his thanks for your gift and care for him and all at 4Kenaskids. \_Thank you. Pastor Foy

**NEW Valpo Homeless Shelter:** Daybreak (formally New Creations) is the new homeless men's shelter in Valparaiso. They have 12 rooms for gentlemen in their program (finding jobs, preparing them to live on their own etc.). They also have overnight space for 12 additional men, and an emergency shelter for families in need. The shelter provides 3 meals for 35-40 people in need everyday Prince of Peace will deliver a meal September 20th. A sign-up sheet of items needed for dinner is located on the white board in the foyer. Thank you for your help providing a nice meal for those in need.

**Funeral Luncheon Supplies** We are in need of your help to obtain supplies for funeral lunches so that we can be prepared. A list of items needed to set up for a funeral luncheon is on the white board in the foyer. Any questions please see Joann

**Prince of Peace Garden News:** The Garden is producing by God's hand. There are items on the table in the parish hall, please help yourself remembering others would also like some. If you can give a small donation that would be appreciated and used for next year's maintenance and plants. Thanks so much Pam & Joann

**Seminary Clothing Co-op:** We are accepting clothing for the Ft Wayne Seminary clothing coop. Please bring clothing bagged and in good condition with no stains or tears for men, women and children. Socks and undergarments must be new and in original package. We will get everything delivered clothing co-op Thank you.

**Eggs for sale:** There are eggs this week. PLEASE ONLY TAKE 1! They are donated to the ladies guild to sell for LWML. Sorry, they are not free. Please give at least \$2 for a dozen into the box on the kitchen counter. Pastor

**Lutheran World Relief personal care kits.** We will continue to collect items for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits throughout the year. A donation box is located in Pastor's former office. Items needed new dark colored bath towels, nail clippers, tooth brushes, bars of bath soap & sturdy combs. Items may be placed in the box located in Pastor's former office off the Narthex.

**Seminary Gift Emporium** We will also continue to collect money for gift cards for the Seminary Gift Emporium throughout the year. A jar is located by the flower chart

in the Narthex. Even an occasional dollar would help purchase gift cards for the Seminary Students.

**Coffee Hour:** Please make a small donation for the goodies you eat. Thank you.

**SUNDAY - Bible Study:** We are studying the 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle of St. Peter after the Divine Service, in the Parish Hall. We begin at 10:45 Pastor

**For the coming Week**

**Organist:** Jennifer Symer

**Elders:** Josh, Carl, Jeff, Paul

**Altar Guild Servers:** Cheryl, Deb, Cathy

**Morning Divine Service:** Wednesday 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Bible Study:** Wednesday 11:45 a.m.

**Bethesda Services:** No service this week

**Veterans:** As requested with pastor.

**PRAYERS FOR:**

All who are in areas of war, famine, drought and other severe weather

**PRAYER FOR SHUT-INS:** Mike Foy, Darlene McDonald, Marilyn Skinner, Jim & Lois Brown, Ruth Koeppen

**THOSE IN THE MILITARY:** Craig McCall, Seneca Newkirk

**PRAYER FOR HEALING:**

Bonnie Broviak- Dr Care

Jim Brown- Remission

Robert Sprout - Cancer

Shannon Callahan -Dr Care

Bill Lomas – Lung issues

Jo Thompson – Cancer

Carlie Lawal - Remission

Marilyn Skinner – Cancer

Lillie Johnston – Alzheimers

Lois Brown – Parkinsons

Pete Sut – Cancer

Ruth Koeppen – Dr Care

Bob Granzow – Dr Care

Pat Maile – Dr Care

Dave McCall – Drs Care

Mike Arnold - Cancer

Greg Mohlke – Kidney Issues

Ellen Strutz – Cancer

Mary Cruz – ALS

Betty Sut - Cancer

Bob Steingass - Therapy

Rick dahl–Recovering

Ginny Fox - Cancer

Carol Becker – Dr Care

Ken Platt – Broken Hip

Sandy Billie – Broken Elbow

*Please give the Church Office updates Thank you Pastor*

## **THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD**

## **THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

**Rick Dahl 9/10   Jessie Swiercz 9/11   Linsey McIntosh 9/11  
Dan Wilburn 9/13   Diana Foy 9/13**

## **THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

**Stephan Foy 9/10   Clara Filipiak 9/10   Madeleine DeVries 9/12**

## **THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

**Mike & Sandy Billie 9/9   Bob & Kristen Scheub 9/11  
Tyler & Ashleigh Hora 9/12**

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### **Chrismon Trinity 12**

**Mk 7.31-37**



The **Fish** is one of the oldest Christian symbols. The letters, from the Greek word for fish (ichthus), stand for Jesus (I), Christ (X), God (Q), Son (Y), Savior (S).

God's Law is always good. His Word is always trustworthy. Sometimes, to our fallen reason, it seems contrary to what is good. We are like the friends of the healed man. We think, "What could be wrong with telling people about Jesus healing this deaf man?" When God's Law seems contrary to what is good, we do best to repent and submit. When we don't, when we insist on our way, we hurt ourselves and we hurt others. There are no victimless sins. That means white lies and choosing the lesser evil and whatever other things we use to cover up our sins, are dangerous and hurtful.

Despite the glaring imperfections of the people in today's lesson, the Lord had compassion. He healed the man. He didn't come to just make atonement at some distant point in the future. He came with real compassion. His sigh to heaven comes from His heart. The sorrow and pain of the deaf man moves Him to act even though it will result in making His ministry and mission harder. The fact that they don't receive

His Word, that they take the miracle and run, that they don't fully understand who He is, does not stop Him or lessen His compassion.

He is the friend of sinners. He has compassion on all who suffer. We are not only criminals, we are also victims. He sighs in sorrow and frustration over our confusion and self-righteousness. He sighs in grief over our sins and self-inflicted pain. He sighs in anger over that which has been done to us by the devil, by our neighbors, and even by our loved ones. Getting involved with us means that we will hurt Him that we will complicate matters, that we will betray Him in a thousand ways – but it doesn't matter. He gets involved anyway. He sticks His finger in our ear. He is dirtied by the interaction. He takes our sorrow, our sin, our blame into Himself in order to heal and save us.

He answers imperfect prayers. He abides with sinful men. He is not done with you. Your sins are not enough to drive Him away or disgust Him. He loves you and marches toward Jerusalem for you. This is more astonishing than any other miracle: He is faithful to you even unto death and has risen from the dead in order to bring you to Himself alive and healed on the last day. Indeed, He does do all things well.