

September 8, 2024

**Rally Sunday, Cradle Roll,
Third Grade Bibles,
& Backpack Blessing**

**Lectionary 23, Year B
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Pastor David Wall

Worship Assistant: Carmen Nesseth



PRELUDE *I Love to Tell the Story – Jesus Loves Me –
I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In* vs 1-3 No. 532

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away; see in
this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us
in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of
our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we
are the old who yearn for your face; we have
been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to
be light to the whole human race. Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek
and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the
song.

CRADLE ROLL DIALOGUE Carmen Nesseth

- L: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,
and do not stop them;
C: for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such
as these." MATT. 19:14

- L: O LORD, your praise reaches up to the
heavens;
C: it is sung by children and babies. Ps. 8:2
L: Children's children are a crown to the aged,
C: and parents are the pride of their children.
PROV. 17:6
L: Train up a child in the way they should go,
C: and when they are old they will not turn
from it. PROV. 22:6
L: Tell it to your children and let your children tell it
to their children,
C: and their children to the next generation.
JOEL 1:3
L: We praise you Father, LORD of heaven and
earth, because you have hidden these things
from the wise and learned,
C: and revealed them to the little children.
MATT. 11:25
L: Jesus took the children in his arms,
C: laid his hands on them and blessed them.
MARK 10:16
L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

CRADLE ROLL HONOREES (GRADUATES)

Katherine Kirchmann-Boger
Lillianna Kirchmann-Boger

THIRD GRADE BIBLE RECIPIENT

Korra Vodovnik

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

- L: Almighty God, heavenly Father,
C: You have blessed us with joy and care of
children. As we bring them up, give us calm
strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach
them to love whatever is just and true and good,
following the example of our Savior, Jesus
Christ. Amen.

HYMN: *Jesus Loves Me* No. 595

- 1 Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible
tells me so; little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.
Refrain
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
- 2 Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates
to open wide; he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside
me all the way; when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING:: ISAIAH 35:4-7A

God comes with healing to the Israelites in exile

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM 146 we read responsively

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

L: Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

C: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

L: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

C: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

L: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

C: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

L: The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

C: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17

Faith without works is dead

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen

the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 7:24-37

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Christ begins his mission to the Gentiles

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They

were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

MESSAGE PASTOR DAVID WALL

HYMN *Healer of Our Every Ill* No. 612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope
beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

2 In the pain and joy beholding how your
grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision,
God of love. *Refrain*

3 Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry
sister, ev'ry brother; Spirit of all kindness,
be our guide. *Refrain*

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing; Spirit of
compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING—OFFERTORY--GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.

C: **By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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 our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Jesus welcomes you.

DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS No. 781

Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Thy Holy Wings No. 613

1 Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

2 Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

3 Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy God,

C: **you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BACKPACK BLESSING

BENEDICTION

P: God all mighty, God most merciful,
✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: _____ v. 1,3,5 No. 822
Oh, Sing to the Lord

1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to our God, oh sing to our God.

3 So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. Oh, sing to our God, oh sing to our God.

5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! Oh, sing to our God, oh sing to our God.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Cantad al Señor*

PARTICIPANTS

PRESIDER—Pastor David Wall. KEYBOARD/PIANO—Annette Thunhorst. COMMUNION SET-UP—Erica Aronson. GREETERS—Darvin & Anne Laue. WORSHIP ASSISTANT—Carmen Nesseth. COMMUNION SERVERS—Carmen Nesseth, Erica Aronson, Sandy Doehling. PANCAKE BRKFST—Tammy & Ed Fletcher TECH CREW—Heidi Haugen, Barb Groth, Steve Johnson, Holly Aldorfer.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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TWO WEEK CALENDAR

Sun 9/8	9 AM RALLY SUNDAY WORSHIP& EVENTS – PANCAKE BREAKFAST, SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION, FAMILY GAMES, FACE-PAINTING, FELLOWSHIP, STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE.
Wed 9/11	NO Wed Worship
Thu 9/12	1 PM LOVE DAY 7 PM AA
Fri 9/13	Celebration of Life for Virginia Aase: Visitation @ 1 pm, Service at @ 2 pm
Sun 9/15	No Worship @ First MORE BELOW ↓ 10:30 COMMUNITY WORSHIP @ HOLDEN PARK -
Wed 9/18	NO Wed Worship 7 PM COUNCIL
Thu 9/19	4-7 FARMER'S MARKET 7 PM AA
Sun 9/22	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM COFFEE

SUN, SEPT 15 No Worship—No Live-Stream at First Luth. You are invited to 10:30 am Community Worship & Sun. School at Holden Park with area churches. Bishop Hassanally is leading worship. Bring Lawn Chairs. Donate supplies benefiting Ruth's House. See <https://ruthshousemn.org/>
In case of rain w/b held @ Holden Church.

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