

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: In today's Readings, James draws our attention to the tongue. Our tongues might be small but, like the rudder of a ship, the tongue is vitally important to us for staying on the right course. If the rudder is broken, the ship is adrift. If the tongue is filled with evil, so will the rest of our lives. But the tongue also boasts of great things, speaking God's good word of forgiveness and life. Remember that Jesus has restored all things, including our tongues to no longer speak evil, but to speak His Word.

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

LSB 528 vs 1,6 & 7

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise

The glories of my God and King

The triumphs of His grace

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

**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**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Psalm 146*

Pastor: I called on the name of the LORD:

People: O LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!

Pastor: The LORD has dealt bountifully with us.

People: The LORD has opened our ears.

Pastor: The LORD has delivered us from death.

People: He wipes away tears from all faces.

Pastor: He rescues our feet from stumbling

**People: and restores our tongues to proclaim His good
news.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still
struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still
curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to
lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father
invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal,
and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We set free to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.

(Please Stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24*

Pastor: Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord! But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hands, Deliver me from my enemies And from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant. Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord!

GLORIA PATRI (Sing)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE (SING)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

LSB 940 verses 1 & 4

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou has opened heaven to faith.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (sing) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your Word You spoke creation into being. Tame our tongues and guide our words so that we would proclaim Your promises to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 50:4-10 ESV*

The 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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I 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. But 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. He 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. Behold, 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. Who 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Pastor: Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE *James 3:1-12 ESV*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For 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. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look 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. So 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! And 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. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea

creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sing)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:14-29 ESV*

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And 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.” And 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.” And 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. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And 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.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And 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.” And 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.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”
LSB 611 verses 1 & 4

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me.
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

+ SERMON+

“A PERFECT MAN”

Text: James 3:1–12 (Epistle or Second Reading)

Theme: Perfection comes only through the one perfect man, Christ.

Goal: That each and every one present would be convicted of the sins of the tongue and find forgiveness and righteousness in Jesus Christ.

Outline:

1. None of us is perfect, because none of us can bridle his or her tongue.
2. But one man did bridle his tongue, even as he was innocently led to the slaughter.

3. Though our trying to bridle the tongue will still fail us, that perfect one, Christ, makes us perfect.

PERFECTION COMES ONLY THROUGH THE ONE PERFECT MAN, CHRIST.

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY *LSB pages 192-193*

ALL: (sing) **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the Prayer of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *LSB 708:3*

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those who celebrate the good news of births and birthdays, weddings and anniversaries,, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those who grieve, that they find hope in the resurrection, which brings us eternal life and defeats the enemy of death, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, and recovering,, that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, we offer all these prayers, knowing that You hear us and bless us with what we need.

People: Amen.

(Please remain seated or kneeling for the Prayers of Remembrance of September 11th, 2001)

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who helps us in our unbelief by restoring and renewing us through His death and resurrection. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna,

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

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

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: 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 (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**All: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Sung*) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Your Table I Approach” *LSB 628*

Your table I approach

Dear Savior hear my prayer

Let not an unrepentant heart

Prove hurtful to me there

Lord I confess my sins

And mourn their wretched bands

A contrite heart is sure to find

Forgiveness at your hands

Your body and Your blood

Once slain and shed for me

Are taken at Your table Lord

In blest reality

Search not how this takes place

This wondrous mystery

God can accomplish vastly more

Than what we think could be

O grant most blessed Lord

That earth and hell combined

May not about this sacrament

Raise doubt within my mind

Oh may I never fail

To thank You day and night

For Your true body and true blood

O God my peace and light

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You
have placed Christ's body and blood upon our
tongues to renew and restore us once again. We
ask that You would strengthen us to proclaim Your
promises to all the world; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be” *LSB 783*

Take me life and let it be

Consecrated Lord to Thee

Take my moments and my days

Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move

At the impulse of Thy Love

Take my feet and let them be

Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing

Always only for my King

Take my lips and let them be

Filled with messages from Thee

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

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall by Thy royal throne

Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder & Council Meeting

This Tuesday - September 14th starting at 6:30pm

Sunday Bible Study

This September 19th, the Bible Study after church, will be going on a journey. That journey will be a chronological walk of Jesus' life, clearer and in more detail than ever before. Hope you had a great summer, read God's word and realize the gift that He gave us- his son, our Savior. All are invited to share this journey together with Him

Jim

Wednesday Bible Study

Sept. 15th @10:30 am

Studying the Book of Ruth.

If you want an advance copy, see Ken today.

Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park

35667 W. 8 mile Rd Livonia, MI

Cemetery plots for sale \$1,000 each

Garden of Hope Block 16 Section 519

Graves 1, 2, 3, 4 (will split apart)

Call Carl or Connie @ 734-282-4332

Everyone, Please

Fill out a yellow attendance card & place it in the offering plate at the back of the church.

Attendance

Sunday September 5th 9:30 am 40

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Nancy Dajos – September 14th

Mack Mayfield – September 17th

Marilyn Switter – September 17th

Ron Marshall – September 19th

For the Shut-Ins

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Family of Marianne Switter, Bill Switter's Nephew wife,
Called to eternal home

John Switter, Bill Switter's Nephew, Home with COVID

Margie Taylor, Val Mason's Cousin, in hospital on
ventilator for Covid. Her other cousins have come
down with Covid but are improving.

Daniel Brown, father of Dave Brown, recovering from a
fall.

Linda Grant, recovering from her hip replacement.

Diane Brown, Sandy Cairns' sister, hospitalized with
appendicitis and back issues.

Barbara Parise, Frank Pignanelli's sister, undergoing
more cancer treatments.

Pastor Tony Sikora, in the hospital with Covid and on
ventilator.

Shirley Griffin, recovery from surgery and cancer
treatment

Pastor Marvin, the patience to endure and exercise or
therapy to gain more and more strength and
movement.

Phyllis Dasher, upcoming Surgery on her eye

Kim Armstrong, upcoming surgery