

Old Testament

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, **“Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”** ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Epistle

James 2:1-10

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, **“You sit here in a good place,”** while you say to the poor man, **“You stand over there,”** or, **“Sit down at my feet,”** ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself,”** you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing 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.

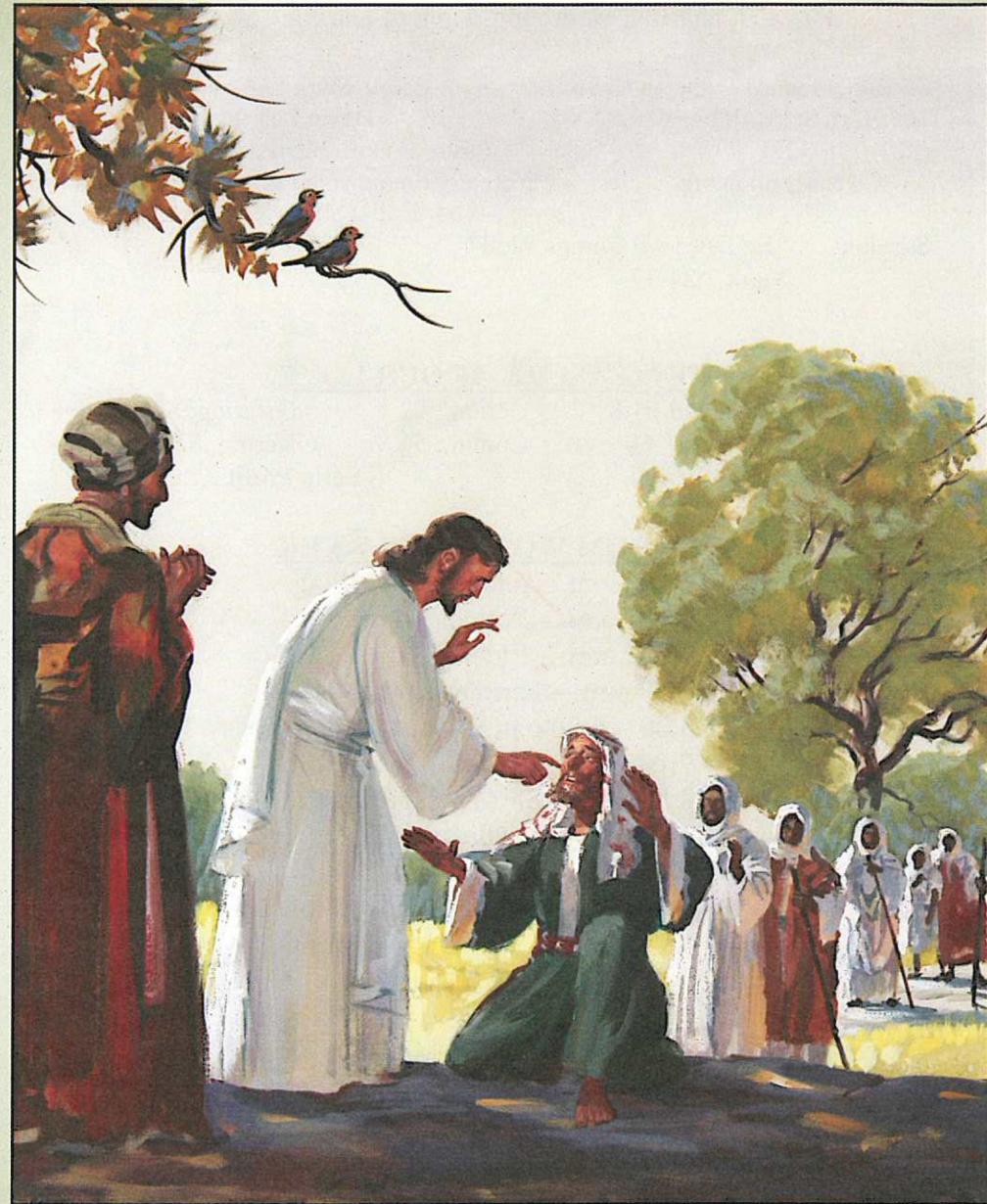
Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, **“Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”** ²⁸But she answered him, **“Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”** ²⁹And he said to her, **“For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.”** ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, **“Ephphatha,”** that is, **“Be opened.”** ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, **“He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”**

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About the Cover: We are spiritually deaf and have a speech impediment when we refuse to hear Jesus’ Word or when we do not tell others of His love. We have been given the most pleasant task of telling others of Christ’s forgiving love, which we hear from His Word. When we hear His Word, we are enabled to fulfill Jesus’ purpose for us in life. Jesus, through His Word, is able to heal us also.

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5 & 9, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Sermon: "He Does All Things Well"
Mark 7:24-37

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 8/29 (Wed.): 48 Comm.: 42 Offering: \$779.00
Attendance 9/2 (Sun.): 60 Comm.: 51 Offering: \$2,293.00
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00 Scrip Profit 9/2: \$54.80

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (9/9) 10:00 a.m. – 6th Grade Meeting
 10:30 a.m. – Potluck Dinner
 10:30 a.m. – Elders
 6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H
WED (9/12) 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
 7:00 p.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**
 8:00 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism
THUR (9/13) 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid
 3:45 p.m. – Trustees
SUN (9/16) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Class
 9:00 a.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Michelle Krueger as she is called to teach at St. Paul Lutheran School, Bonduel.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Pastor & Kris Krueger in memory of Hans Wildhagen.

POTLUCK is today (Sunday) in the fellowship hall following the outdoor service. Join us for food and fellowship.

CIRCUIT FORUM REP. - We are looking for a voting member of the congregation to be our lay representative at the Circuit Forum to be held here on Sunday, October 7 at 1 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the circuit pastoral and lay delegates and alternates to the Synod convention to be held in July 2019. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger.

SYNOD CONVENTION LAY DELEGATE – Are you interested in being a lay delegate to the Synod convention, July 20-25, 2019, in Tampa, Florida? If so, contact Pastor Krueger by October 5.

TIMELY TOPICS, TIMELESS TRUTHS - Have you ever felt unprepared to talk about today's hot-button issues from a Christian perspective? Do you wish you could be better equipped to defend why you believe what you do when your faith is challenged, and yet do it in a loving way? Our upcoming study, *Timely Topics, Timeless Truths*, will equip you with biblical truths for engaging in challenging issues with your family, friends, and coworkers. We will dig into these interesting topics: Intelligent Design, Global Warming, Gender Identity. We hope to see you there on Sundays @ 8 a.m.!

SHEPHERDS ATTIC – We are in need of volunteer workers especially cashiers. If interested, call 920-849-9250 and ask for Carl.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES: Be sure to drop off your school address as well as your school email at the church office or email the information to sblcbrillion@gmail.com as soon as you have them. *Thank you.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Matthew 6:24 "...*You cannot serve God and money.*" In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the first and last word about our stewardship – well, you have to go back a few verses to verse 21 to get the whole thing: "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*" Read Matthew 5:19-34 again this week at home and consider your generosity to the Lord's work in light of what Jesus says.

DISTRICT MISSIONS – In Your prayers this week please include **Pastor Gui Kasongo**, our French African pastor from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the congregations he serves (Gospel and Benediction Lutheran Churches). Ask our Lord to grant continued zeal and faithfulness in their work while they connect with new immigrants by sharing resources, teaching ESL classes, and bringing the Gospel to their homes.