

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, 14-18

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. ...

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be

warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Holy Gospel

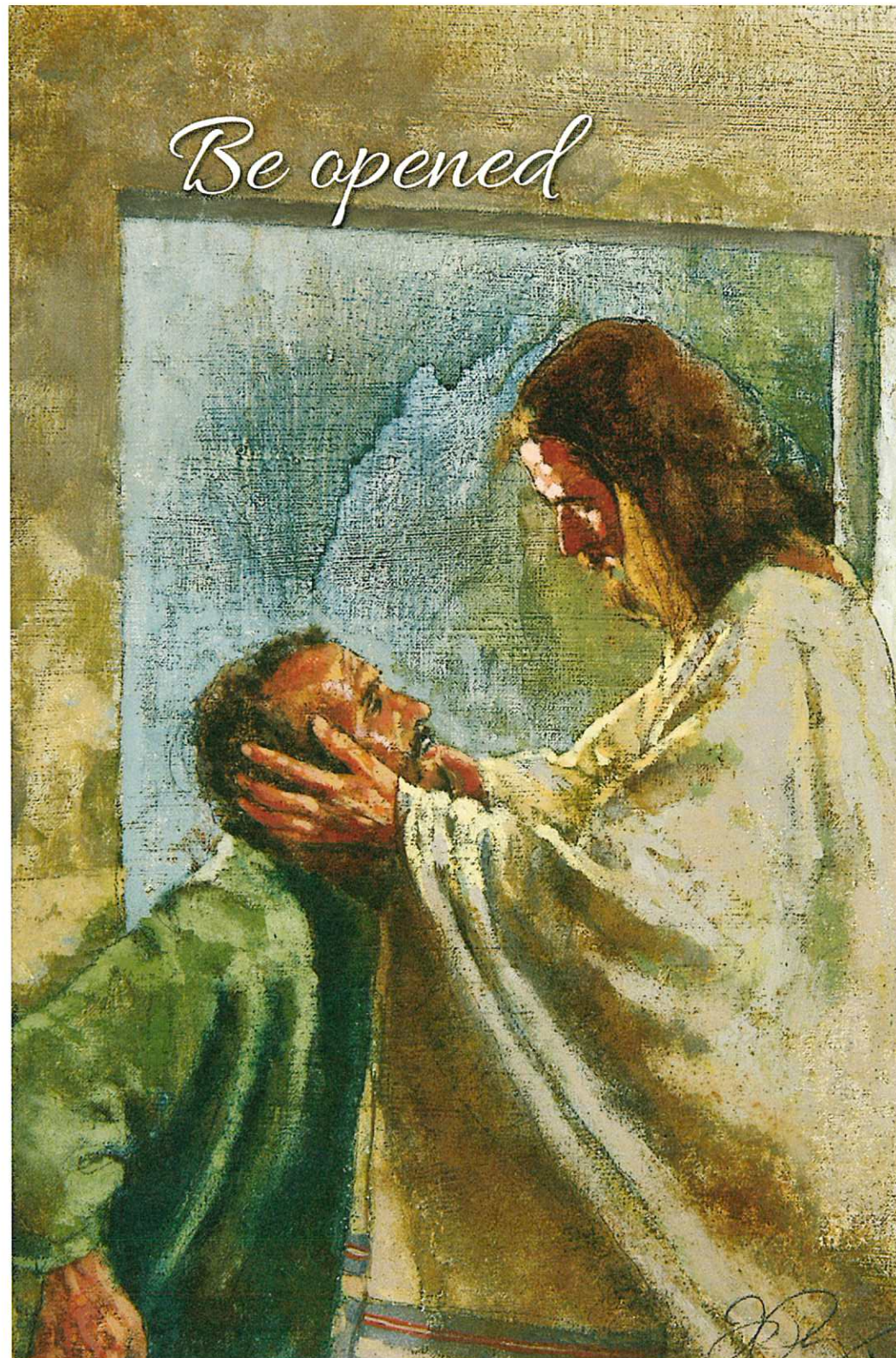
Mark 7:24-37

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."



About the Cover: Ephphatha! Be opened! Jesus' healing hand and command make the man's deaf ears to hear and mute tongue to speak. Jesus says the word, and it happens! The Holy Spirit opens our ears and hearts to listen to the Word so that the healing effects of the Gospel might take hold within us. While Jesus wanted all who witnessed this miracle to keep silent for a time, He opens our ears to hear and receive the Gospel, and He gives us mouths to proclaim His mercies to all.



15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1 & 5, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 617, 634 vs. 1, 4-8, 805, 628, 622 vs. 1, 4, 6-8, 643
Sermon: "Who Receives the Sacrament Rightly?"
1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 8/25 (Wed.): 34	Comm.: 28	Offering: \$882.08
Attendance 8/29 (Sun): 40	Comm.: 34	Offering: \$1,784.00
Budget Needs: \$3,541		Scrip Profit 8/29: \$14.75

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (9/6) Labor Day – Office Closed
WED (9/8) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation
7:00 p.m. – **Worship**
Installation of S.S. Staff
7:45 p.m. – Elders
THUR (9/9) 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid/LWML
FRI (9/10) 3:00 p.m. – Adult Information Class
SUN (9/12) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – **Worship**
Installation of S.S. Staff
6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Connie Koerth who is recovering from knee-replacement surgery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS begin next Sunday, September 12 at 8 a.m.

LEARNING TO BE MORE CONTENT is the title of our Bible study that begins on Sept. 12. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

FREE WOOD for those who want to come and cut down a tree. We have 9 trees on the church property that we are looking to take down in October or early November. Contact one of the Trustees or the church office if interested.

SCRIP is available for purchase after most worship services, in the church office during the week, or by pre-ordering by calling Renee Bonick (920-296-9164).

PRODUCE TABLE – If you have any extra garden produce during the summer months that you would like to share with members of the congregation, drop it off on the table in the coat room. Items can be left on or taken from the table anytime during the week.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Luke 17:18-19 – [Jesus said,] 'Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.' " Faith and thanksgiving go together. How could they not go together? Our Lord gave Himself for us, and we trust Him and His every Word. Once we have this faith, we want to say thank you – it's only natural. And thus, our stewardship is only a natural part of the Christian faith. We thank the Lord with our gifts, which enable the Church to reach more with the Good News of Christ.

HAPPY
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Labor Day

"My soul finds rest in God alone."

Psalm 62:1