



September 15, 2024 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

The Twelve were in trouble in today's Gospel; they couldn't exorcize the evil spirit in a man's son. The boy's father was helpless too. Jesus had no problem with the task. Our Lord can take care of our problems, too; we must rely on His strength and caring. The Introit has a good encouragement: "Be strong, and let your heart take courage."

WELCOME

HYMN: LSB 940 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to have our faith strengthened by hearing God's Word and by receiving our Lord's body and blood in the fellowship of this altar, but cannot come before God in our sinful condition, let us seek His infinite mercy and ask our heavenly Father's forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive the weakness of our faith and our many sins, and restore us to fellowship with You and one another, now and forever.**

Pastor: In Holy Baptism our heavenly Father declared us to be His children and united us to His Son, by whose death and resurrection all our sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

INTROIT *Psalm 31:14-16*

All: **Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!**

Pastor: But I trust in You, O LORD;* I say, "You are my God. "My times are in Your hand;* rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Make Your face shine on Your servant;* save me in Your steadfast love!

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit was it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

KYRIE: "Lord Have Mercy"

All: **Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God in the Highest" (*Words and music in the hymnal--LSB page 204*)

- 1. To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory. Lord God our heavenly King.**
- 2. To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.**
- 3. For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need,

People: **continue to preserve Your church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and
bless her with Your peace;**

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 29 (*Ascribe glory to the Lord*)

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: James 3:1-11 (*James writes about how we use our tongue.*)

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. ³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a

world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:14-29 (*Jesus heals a boy with an unclean spirit*)

¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. ¹⁶ "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked. ¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not." ¹⁹ "You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." ²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." ²³ "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" ²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. ²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" ²⁹ He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN: LSB 733 "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

SERMON: Psalm 29: "Be Strong, Take Courage"

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The 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 will 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 worshiped 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERINGS

COMMUNION CONFESSION

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)

COMMUNION LITURGY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; whose work continues as He builds His Church and calls sinners into fellowship with Him. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS---HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 208*)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Sovereign Lord, for in Your great mercy You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our Savior. You have graciously given us the gift of faith and endowed us with the gifts of the Spirit, deigning to allow us to carry forward Your Son's ministry. Grant that we remain strong in faith as we approach the Table of the Lord and receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, which come to us in His body and blood.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREETING OF PEACE

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

People: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *(Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 210)*

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: LSB 729 “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

LSB 728 “How Firm A Foundation”

NUNC DIMITTIS—SONG OF SIMEON *(Words and music in the Hymnal—LSB page 211)*

1. Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heavenly peace,

For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:

A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,

The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,

All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;

For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,

God’s triune name resounding Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 922 “Go My Children With My Blessing”

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Church
News

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of September 15, 2024

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Family for the Week:

Michael & Jennifer Lampe Family

Immanuel, Joplin - Rev. Christopher Ramstad

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Family of Larry Ninemo – (Father of Debbie Lynn – Peace and Comfort)

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Marybeth Lamp – (Friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health & healing)
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer’s son – health and healing from surgery)
Kathy Browne – (Friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman’s friend – healing from a broken-hip)
Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel - health and healing)
Lois Gaddy - (Friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing from cancer)
Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)
Wendy Koenig – (Friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing)
Gary Lampe– (Pastor’s brother - health and healing)
Randy Owensby – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Tabatha Packwood - (health & healing)

Billy Parsons – (Joanne Michel’s brother – recovery from surgery)
Debbie Porter – (friend of Harold Lampe – recovery from frostbite)
Ernest Ramm – (Cheryl Lile’s uncle – health and healing from stroke)
Roxie Sage – (Mother of Sandra Whalen – health and healing)
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)
Diane Smith – (Health and healing from eye problems)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)
Bill Thompson – (health and healing)
Jim Troyke – (health and healing from heart issues)
Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health & healing)
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard’s friend – health and healing)

Long Term

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health and healing, cancer)
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones’ mother - health and healing)
Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel’s Sister-In-Law – health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health and healing from cancer)
Jane Goodman – (Health and healing)

Betty Gordon – (health and healing)
Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)
Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)
Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health and healing)
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing, cancer)
Koopert Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer’s Great-grandson - health & healing)
Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle’s cousin – health and healing, cancer)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow’s mother – health and healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	Sept. 15th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am - Service with Communion Vote on Thanksgiving Eve & Christmas Eve Service Time
Monday	Sept. 16th	Braille – 9:00 am & 1:30 pm Women’s Bible Study – 1:30 pm in Freistatt
Wednesday	Sept. 18th	Pastor in Office Bible Study – 7:00 pm
Thursday	Sept. 19th	Pastor in Office Meeting on Springfield Lutheran High School See announcement below for details.
Saturday	Sept. 21st	Fish Fry – 6:00 pm (Bring a chair)
Sunday	Sept. 22nd	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am - Service
Monday	Sept. 23rd	Braille – 9:00 am & 1:30 pm

Birthdays: None
Anniversaries: None

September

GREETERS:

15-Bill & Cathy Munden
22-Charlie & Edee Chambers
29-Bill & Joanne Michel

USHERS:

15-Rob Springer
22-Bill Michel
29-Matt Miller



Portals of Prayer for October-December are available. If anyone would like a large print version, please see Pastor Ken.

Vote Today on Thanksgiving Eve & Christmas Eve Service Time – 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm?

"**Will and Estate Planning**" event directed by LCEF will be at St. John's, Monett, on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7pm. Please RSVP to Pastor Kennell at 816-507-2193 by this Sunday, Sept. 15, if you'd like to attend.

The **Future Teachers & Preachers freewill collection** for district was \$272.51.
Thank you for your generosity of giving!

Our Mid-Week Bible Study resumed on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. The title for the course is: *The Case for Heaven (and Hell)*. One of the goals from our Planning Session this spring was to help or equip people to defend our faith in today's culture. This five session course can help us in this regard. Each lesson will begin with a video introduction by Lee Strobel. The course will seek to help us get beyond misconceptions about heaven and hell and into what the Bible really says about the afterlife that awaits us. Everyone is invited to attend whether you are new to Bible Study or a long-time student of the Scriptures.



News & Updates: The SLHS Launch Team is hard at work behind-the-scenes! In August, we: Had great conversations with Trinity's Council about the possibility of leasing space at Trinity for Springfield Lutheran High School. We are so grateful to be able to discuss this request with their congregation at a special voter's meeting on September 15th!

Launched our social media presence; be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @SpringfieldLutheranHighSchool!

Made great progress on drafting our formation documents to obtain our 501(c)(3) status.
Developed marketing materials and are preparing for our upcoming September 19 event.
Began drafting preliminary budget projections and determining initial fundraising needs.

How You Can Help:

Continue spreading the word about our upcoming event! **On Thursday, September 19, at 6 PM** you're invited to join us in the **SLS gym (2852 S. Dayton Ave., Springfield)** for in-person updates about the high school. This event is open to all who are curious and eager to learn more about Springfield Lutheran High School. Based on enrollment interest generated at this meeting, we'll set our launch date for either Fall 2025 or Fall 2026.

Prayer Requests:

For God to continue to go before us as we seek to secure a facility for the high school.

For all the details to come together for the September 19th event, including getting the word out to as many people as possible.

For the subcommittee members working on developing our governance structure.

For volunteers, donors, and staff to help launch the high school.

Many have prayed for years to have a Lutheran high school in Southwest Missouri, and we believe the time is now! We look forward to continuing to share regular updates moving forward. If you have any questions, comments, recommendations, or ideas, please send them our way at info@springfieldlutheranhs.org. Thanks again for your support! SLHS Planning Team