

## Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Gaunt 308-627-7238.

**The Lord's Supper is a Gift** . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let Pastor Gaunt know beforehand!

**All Guests** should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

**The Divine Service** utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

## Prayers of the Church

**Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Viola Melvin + Freida Nelson + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Patty Whitten + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Judy Meier + Maria Gomez + Merna Urwin + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

## In His Service

Minister: Rev. Micah R. Gaunt  
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk  
 Altar Guild: Sept. Shannon Blakley Oct. Shannon Blakley, Jeanne Buck  
 Ushers: Sept. Craig Weseman  
 Elders: 9/08 Kevin H. 402-984-2182 9/15 Roger B. 308-390-3484  
 Bus Drivers: 9/08 Mike N. 402-469-4838 9/15 Harold H. 402-984-9666

Readings for Next Sunday: 2 Chronicles 28:8-15, Galatians 3:15-22, Luke 10:23-37

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	110
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 2,569.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,498.11
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign</u>	<i>Remaining Loan Balance as of 7/31/2019</i> \$ 104,406.26

*For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.  
 A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.  
 Contact our Treasurer, Jerry Blazer jblazer@imne.com*

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, September 8th	9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Bible Class
Monday, September 9th	9:30am Sewing-Assemble School Kits 6:00pm Men's Steak Night
Tuesday, September 10th	9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Board-Finance 7:00pm Board-Elders
Wednesday, September 11th	11:00am Senior Bible Study/11:30am Lunch 6:00pm Choir Begins 6:30pm Midweek Classes - Pre-K-8th Grade
Friday, September 13th	Pastor's Family Day
Sunday, September 15th	9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Bible Class 6:00pm LIT. by the Lamp-Parsonage

**Take Home Questions:** What are the man's problems in the Gospel lesson? What strange things does Jesus do? How does Jesus fill our ears and touch our tongues in the Divine Service? What's something good you heard in church? What's something good you can tell someone else this week?

## Faith Comes from Hearing

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For *"faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ"* (Rom. 10:9-17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing *"Ephphatha"* opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, *"In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book"* (Is. 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.



Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
Hymn	#905
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Salutation and Collect	
Old Testament Reading	
Gradual	
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Alleluia & Verse	
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Pax Domini & Agnus Dei	
Distribution & Hymns	#641 #549 #533 #528
Nunc Dimittis & Collect	
Benediction	
Hymn	#524
Postlude	
Announcements	
P: <i>Go In Peace</i>	
C: <b>Thanks Be To God!</b>	

# News and Notes of Interest

*Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!*

**Divine Service:** Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M. and Bible Class 10:30am Members who would like to serve treats please do so on the sign-up sheet. Thanks!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 9/08 Dale Ellis 9/11 Jeffery Ellis 9/13 Hunter Fowler, Jaden Lacy, Janet Riese, Vicci Willmon 9/14 Jared Blackwell

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 9/08 Jeanne Buck 9/10 Andrea Melendez 9/11 Mike Morgan, Gwen Shuler, Jeremy Shuler, Kari Wolfe, Lillian Shuler, Kira Zuehlke

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:** 9/12 Dick & Kathy LeBeau

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS of PRAYER** available in the Narthex, copies run September 1-October 12, 2019. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

**LIT. by the LAMP:** Children and their parents (as well as the young at heart) are invited to the parsonage on Sunday evenings at 6 to listen to good stories by the lamp post. We will begin this fall by reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. The Gaunts will provide scones, tea, and lemonade. Feel free to bring something else if you desire, as well chairs and blankets for seating. The first meeting will be September 15th.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** On Tuesday, September 17th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm the Heartland Lutheran National Honor Society Students will be hosting a Blood Drive for the Red Cross. Please consider coming in to make a donation and helping them reach their goal of over 30 usable units -reaching 30 usable units will make HLHS students eligible for a Scholarship through the Red Cross. So your donation will not only help the community but HLHS students as well. Please Contact the HLHS office at 308-385-3900 for a donation time.

**GOLF SCRAMBLE:** The HLHS Golf Scramble is Saturday, September 21. We will tee off at 8:30 am with registration and rolls from 7:30 - 8:30 am. A post round lunch will be provided immediately after the round by Probasco Partners, Inc.

Please call or email the office to register your team or sponsorship. Help us make this the most successful scramble ever!

**Peace Lutheran Camp-Out** September 27th & 28th at Mormon Island, by Grand Island and I-80 Interstate. A park permit is required or a day pass is \$6.00 per car. Saturday, starts around 2pm bring a side dish, will have smores around the fire. Hamburgers, Hotdogs, drinks, paper products will be provided. Supper at 6:00pm with a small service at 7:30pm. Bring your lawn chairs, fishing poles, other games. Questions call Janelle Ham

**LIFEQUOTE** "We speak truth and show love in reflection of His own toward us. We respect and protect even the least among us because we have received the same favor freely from Him. We treat both our life and our neighbor's as privilege to us and treasure to God." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERANISM IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE...**Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Suffering, Equipping Families to Use the Hymnal at Home, An Introduction to the Koran, Scripture in the Divine Service and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

## LCMS Trinity XII

**Romans 10:15 - "And how are they to preach unless they are sent?"** The Word goes out to us each week in the Lord's House. Indeed, every day and all around the world, the Word goes out wherever it is preached and read. This brings us great joy, but even more joy is derived from realizing God has blessed us with being part of this sending of the Word. From the blessings God gives us, we return a portion to Him in the Church for His work. And thus we are doubly blessed - we receive the Word, and we get to send it forth to others.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

September 8th  
9:00am



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# Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8 September 2019 Anno Domini



INTROIT (Ps. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1-2a)

*Make haste, O God, to de- / liver me!\**

*O LORD, make haste to / help me!*

Let them be put to shame and con- / fusion\*

who / seek my life!

*Let them be / turned back\**

*and brought to dishonor who de- / sire my hurt!*

May all who seek / you rejoice\*

and be / glad in you!

*You are my help and my de- / liverer;\**

*O LORD, do / not delay!*

*Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\**

*and to the Holy / Spirit;*

*as it was in the be- / ginning,\**

*is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

## GRADUAL (Ps. 34:1-2)

*I will bless the LORD at / all times;\**

*his praise shall continually be / in my mouth.*

*My soul makes its boast / in the LORD;\**

*let the humble hear / and be glad.*

## Old Testament:

### Isaiah 29:17-24

<sup>17</sup>Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? <sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. <sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. <sup>20</sup>For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, <sup>21</sup>who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. <sup>22</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. <sup>23</sup>For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. <sup>24</sup>And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."

### Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

<sup>4</sup>Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup>Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, <sup>6</sup>who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. <sup>7</sup>Now if the ministry of death, carved

in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, <sup>8</sup>will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? <sup>9</sup>For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. <sup>10</sup>Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. <sup>11</sup>For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

### Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

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

<sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

- “Plainly” – literally “rightly” (*orthos*). Having had his tongue released by Jesus, the man was now able to speak rightly. So also we, whose lips are opened by the Lord, now confess and praise Him rightly (*orthodoxy*).

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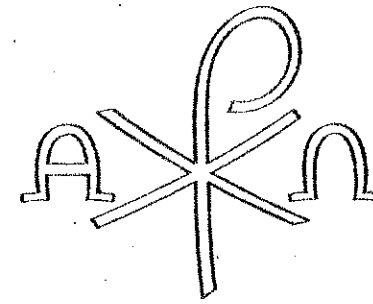
- Again, Jesus charges them with secrecy lest He be kept from His ultimate purpose: suffering and dying on the cross. Now that Christ has died and is risen and ascended, the Good News of Jesus Christ is to be proclaimed to all nations (Matthew 28:18-20), for it is only through the hearing of the Gospel that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:8-17)

<sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

- “He has done all things well” – could also be translated “made all things well”. This summarizes all of Jesus’ work, and especially His death and resurrection. By His blood we are made well unto everlasting life.
- Thus the words of the Old Testament reading from Isaiah 29 are fulfilled in Christ. The ears of the deaf man were opened to hear the words of a book (that is, the Scriptures), and the people who witnessed it “sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and...stand in awe of the God of Israel.” (Isaiah 29:18, 23)



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## THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Marcus Baikie

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### Collect of the Day:

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Introit:

Psalm 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Psalm 70:1-2a – *Make hast, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!*

### Psalm:

Psalm 146 – *Praise the LORD, O my soul!*

### Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 29:17-24 – *In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book*

### Gradual:

Psalm 34:1-2 – *I will bless the LORD at all times*

### Epistle:

2 Corinthians 3:4-11 – *The ministry of condemnation and the ministry of righteousness*

### Verse:

Psalm 81:1 – *Alleluia. Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Alleluia.*

## Mark 7:31-37 ESV

### Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused John Mark to write the words of this Gospel around AD 50-60. This text takes place during Jesus' ministry, after the healing of the Syrophenician woman's daughter (7:24-30) and before the feeding of the 4000 in the wilderness (8:1-10). The account of this miracle is only found in Mark's Gospel, though Matthew writes in general of Jesus healing "the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others" between his accounts of the healing of the woman's daughter and the feeding of the 4000 (15:29-31).

<sup>31</sup> Then [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

- The Decapolis was ten cities of Greek and Roman culture, east of the Jordan River and southeast of the Sea of Galilee, in an otherwise Semitic region.
- "Then" – literally "And again". This may refer back to Mark 5:1-20. Jesus healed a man with an unclean spirit in the region of the Gerasenes. He sent the demon (named "Legion", for they were many) into a herd of pigs. When the former demoniac was found by the townspeople to be healed, they were afraid and begged Jesus to depart from their region. The man, however, went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. Thus the testimony of the man healed by Christ bore fruit. Faith was created through the Word, and so those who heard of Jesus brought another man to Him to be healed.

<sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

- Though it is not explicitly stated in the text, the fact that this man had a speech impediment implies that he had been deaf since birth.

<sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.

- Jesus takes this man away from the crowd to Himself in order to avoid any misconceptions about the purpose of His coming. As He will soon teach His disciples, "the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and scribes

and be killed, and after three days rise again." (Mark 8:31) Nothing, not even the spread of His power to heal, could be permitted to keep Him from the cross.

- This act of Jesus testifies to His incarnation in human flesh. He did not remain in heaven to heal from afar, but came to earth with flesh and bone fingers that could be put into ears and saliva glands and tongue that could spit. Perhaps He used these physical acts to teach the man what He was about to do, since, being deaf, he would not be able to hear Jesus' speak.
- Christ continues to work through physical means today, as He forgives through water in Holy Baptism and bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar.

<sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

- Jesus sighed as an expression of His compassion for this poor man. He is moved by his condition. This is characteristic of Mark's Gospel, who often writes of Jesus' emotions (see Mark 1:41, 3:5, 10:14, 10:21, 14:33).
- "Ephphatha" is an Aramaic word that Mark translated into Greek. This word was used in early Christian baptismal liturgies, as the Holy Spirit, through the Word, opened the baptized's ears to hear God's Word and mouth to confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Consider also the opening versicles in the offices of Matins and Vespers, from Psalm 51:15: "O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise."
- Thus Jesus did not simply act, but spoke. The miracle of healing was accomplished through the Word, accompanied by physical action. Consider the Small Catechism: "How can water do such great things? Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things..." and "How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'"