

*Lord, I Believe; Help My Unbelief!*



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 19**

September 16, 2018

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Guests. Welcome to Zion. We are glad to have you with us. Please sign our guestbook located in the Narthex. About Holy Communion: We celebrate this Sacrament every Sunday at Zion. We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have repented of their sins and seek to amend their sinful life; all who believe that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine; and all who believe that through the words "given and shed for you" forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given. If this is your confession and a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, then come with a thankful heart and join us. See p.329, 330 in the front part of the hymnal for guidance in preparing to receive Holy Communion. We also offer gluten free wafers please notify Elder ahead of time that you would appreciate the gluten free.

## **AS WE GATHER**

Imagine if you were the father in today's Gospel. Since childhood, his son has been plagued by an unclean spirit that makes him mute and throws him down, doing bodily harm. The dad brings his son to Jesus' disciples, and they are of no help. The father comes before Jesus and asks him to help . . . if He can. Jesus responds, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." To which the father cries out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:23–24). This father, who is at the end of his rope, cries out with faith mixed with desperation. Thankfully, his worthiness, and our worthiness, does not depend on the greatness or smallness of faith. Instead, it depends on Jesus, the object of our faith. When we face desperate times, we, too, cry out in prayer and faith, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

### **Altar Guild for September:**

*Judy S*

727-858-1163

**Order of Worship**

**Divine Service 2**

**Divine Service Lutheran Service Book -**

**Page 167**

**Opening Hymn:**

**“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”**

**LSB 811**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Page 167**

**Introit for Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as 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!**

**Collect for Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**OLD TESTAMENT**

**Isaiah 50:4–10**

(“He who vindicates me is near.”)

4 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.

5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

6 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.

7 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.

8 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.

9 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.

10 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.

## **EPISTLE**

## **James 3:1–12**

(“From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.”)

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

2 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.

3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

4 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.

5 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!

6 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.

7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea

creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,  
8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless  
evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse  
people who are made in the likeness of God.

10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My  
brothers, these things ought not to be so.

11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both  
fresh and salt water?

12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine  
produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 9:14–29**

(Jesus casts out a spirit.)



14 When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd  
around them, and scribes arguing with them.

15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were  
greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him.

16 And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?"

17 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute.

18 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."

19 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."

20 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.

21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.

22 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."

23 And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes."

24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

25 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."

26 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."

27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

29 And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

<b>Nicene Creed or Apostle's Creed</b>	<b>Page 174 or 175</b>
<b>Sermon Hymn:</b>	
<b>"How Great Thou Art"</b>	<b>LSB 801</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>The Offering</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Word's of Institution</b>	<b>Page 179</b>
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	<b>Page 180</b>
<b>Distribution of the Lord's Supper</b>	
<b>Communion Hymns:</b>	
<b>"Here, O y Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"</b>	<b>LSB 631</b>
<b>"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"</b>	<b>LSB 585</b>
<b>"Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"</b>	<b>LSB 647</b>
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	<b>Page 182</b>
<b>Prayer and Benediction</b>	<b>Page 183</b>
<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	
<b>"Rock of Ages, Cleft or Me"</b>	<b>LSB 761</b>

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## **Announcements**

***From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:***

**Mark 9:24 – Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"** Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave

people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith – as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

## *The Pewpoint* THEME OF THE DAY

### ***Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil***

Those who teach the Word of God “*will be judged with greater strictness*” (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue “*boasts of great things,*” whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, “*it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison*” (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who “*does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man*” (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with “*the tongue of those who are taught,*” He is able to sustain the weary “*with a word*” (Is. 50:4–5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6–9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the “*mute and deaf spirit*” from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22–27).

**Attendance:**

Sunday Service: 48 Communed: 40  
Mid-Week Service: 8 Communed: 5

**YES IN CHRIST -- Saying Yes With Our Treasures**

Needed per week to make budget: \$3,462

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Envelopes: \$1,660

Plate: \$154

Automatic Deposit: \$130

General Memorial: Cheryl Berger \$20

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Envelopes: \$1,690

Plate: \$46

Automatic Deposit: \$50

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

Sunday	After Church	Sunday School Starts
Monday	7pm	Mid-Week Service
Wednesday	<b>NO Confirmation Class at Trinity, Reeseville</b>	
Thursday	10am to 2pm	Quilting

It was decided that the Elder's will meet on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and then Council will meet right after at 6:30pm.



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COULD YOU DO ME A HUGE FAVOR? If you have available space would you be willing to copy and paste the paragraph below in your newsletter/bulletin? I would really appreciate it! I don't have a budget, so this is the only way I can get the word out – emailing individual LCMS congregations that I have some connection with. Hopefully I can return the favor sometime!

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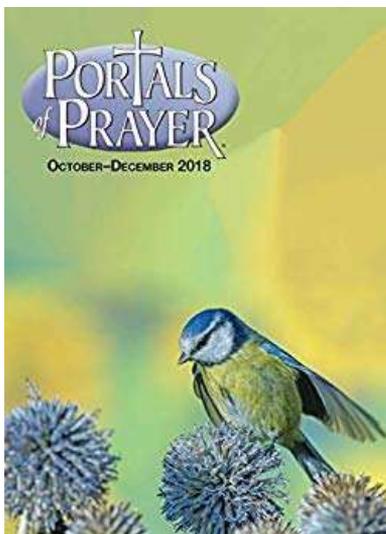
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2018 Portals of Prayer  
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narthex.**