

Pentecost



About the Cover

The beautiful picture of healing in Isaiah was literally fulfilled by Jesus. In His hands, “the deaf hear and the mute speak.” Jesus has fulfilled all the prophecies about Him in the Old Testament. By His grace, He also has opened our ears to hear His Word, to repent, and to believe the Gospel of His forgiveness through His cross and resurrection.

Moreover, He has opened our mouths to speak of how “He has done all things well” (Mark 7:37) for the sake of the world.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading:
Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴ Say 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.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall
be opened,

and the ears of the deaf
unstopped;

⁶ then 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;

⁷ the 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 7:31–37

³¹[Jesus] 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.”

“Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good! And His Mercy Endures Forever”

Immanuel Lutheran Church

September 8, 2024 at 8:00 am and 10:15 am

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: *“Give Him Thanks when the Sun Rises” tune 848 LSB*

Give Him thanks when the sun rises Give Him thanks when the sun sets
Give Him thanks when life’s big burdens Cause you pain which brings regrets
So now seek comfort from His grace In the “Means” found in this place
Through His Word of hope and blessing Bringing joy upon our face!

Give your thanks in days of “darkness” Give your thanks when days are bright!
Give your thanks for things yet promised Showing trust in all that’s “Right”!
So rejoice for all His blessings For His love that’s always new
So rejoice for heavens open By His grace we know it’s true.

With a grateful heart give thanks now Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks to the loving Father For He’s given Christ His Son.
Let the weak say, “I am strong now” Let the poor say, “I am rich”.
For the Lord has given His life So that we may always live.

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: The Father created all things through His Word **C: We thank and praise Him for the beauty and wonder of His creation!**

P: The Son is the creating Word which brought life into being **C: We give our thanks for the life He has given and the life He places before us forever.**

P: The Holy Spirit creates faith in the heart of sinners **C: We thank Him for making us God’s own children through His Means of Baptism!**

P: Our Triune God grants us eyes to see and ears to hear **C: We in faith and thanks, praise Him and share His Gospel message.**

P: His gift of faith has enlightened our minds and hearts **C: We joyfully give Him thanks for the loving kindness and mercy He showers upon all His own.**

P: He in grace has opened our hearts to Him. **C: In order that we can know and express our thanks to Him for all His blessings!**

Confession and Absolution: p. 184 - 185

Psalmody: *Psalm 30 God's many Gifts given to us in our lives! (Selective verses)*

P: I will extol You, O Lord, for You have drawn me up C: *And have not let my foes rejoice over me.*

P: O Lord my God, I cried to You for help, C: *And You have healed me.*

P: O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; C: *You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.*

P: Sing praises to the Lord, O You His saints, C: *And give thanks to His holy name.*

P: By Your favor, O Lord, You made the mountain stand strong; C: *You hid Your face, I was dismayed.*

P: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; C: *You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,*

P: That my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. C: *O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to You forever.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: Holy and gracious Father, Giver of all things and only hope of all mankind; provide us a heart which is thankful each day. Open our eyes to see the multitude of blessings placed into our lives by Your mercy and abundant love. Grant us the gift of recognizing blessings in the lives of others and rejoicing at Your grace to them. Lead us to desire to express our thanks and sincerely offer others our heartfelt appreciation for the kindness they offer. As Your own, may we bring honor to Your name and be used by You to uplift and enlighten others to the joy they have been given the gift to possess; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. C: *Amen.*

Hymn: *"Give Thanks to our Gracious Savior" Tune 548*

Give thanks to our gracious Savior, Give thanks to our glorious Lord
Give thanks to the Holy Father Give thanks for the Spirit's sword.
Offer praise to God each day For the love He brings our way
For all blessings show'ed freely For the mercy given fully!

Give thanks for the joy imparted To our hearts by His own Word
For the blessings Baptism gives us For His Supper's hope assured
Give thanks for the life He gave For His de-feating the grave
For His opening heaven's wonder To all we who were asunder.

Thanks to You O Christ victorious Thanks to You, O Lord of life!
Death has now no power o'er us You have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because you did arise And have opened paradise
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story!

O.T. Lesson: *I Chronicles 16: 7-18 That day David first committed to Asaph and his associates this psalm of thanks to the LORD: Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced, O descendants of Israel His servant, O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones.*

He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. He remembers His covenant forever, the word He commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant He made with Abraham, the oath He swore to Isaac. He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

Epistle Lesson: *Romans 6: 15-19 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 17: 11-19 Now on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As He was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met Him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"*

When He saw them, He said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then He said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed (Back of Hymnal)*

Hymn "Give Thanks and Praise" Tune 891

Give thanks and praise to our Lord Jesus For all His works and blessings giv'n
He grants His grace to bring His goodness The Father whose love never ends.

Give thanks for blessings small and humble Give thanks for blessings large and bold
Give thanks for days when life is awful Give thanks for days when life is good!

Give thanks and honor to the Savior Whose blood has covered all our sins.
Give thanks to God our heav'nly Father. Whose grace brings freedom from all sin.

Children's Sermon "We Say 'Thank You'"

Sermon

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Farneys, Gaylen, Shelly, Savanna, McCormick and Steiger; Faws,
Phillip, Whitney, Alayna and Logan; and Faws, Tarah and Taylynn.

Lord's Prayer: *back of hymnal*

Closing Hymn: *"Praise and Thanksgiving" 789*

Closing Collect of Thanks: *Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life, until with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Benediction

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