

Pentecost 17

September 15, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19 (Year B)

God has promised to hear our prayers and respond. He speaks to us and desires that we would hear him. Some hear the Word of God and respond in faith while some fail to hear anything. The Lord, however, hears all of our cries for mercy. He responds by bringing healing and wholeness to his people in ways we don't even realize we need. Through faith we call on the name of the Lord.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-10 **The Suffering Servant's Song**
God spoke to the exiles about their banishment saying it was only temporary. Through the prophet Isaiah the people heard the song of the Suffering Servant. This one is fully obedient to God, unlike Israel who ignored his will and wandered far from him. Vindication is near and soon the exiles will be freed to return home.

Psalm 116:1-9 **The Lord Hears and Responds**
The psalmist sang of God lending his ear to him as he cried for help. Though he suffered mightily, the Lord was listening and came to the psalmist's aid. For this reason, he vowed to call on the name of the Lord forever.

Second Lesson: James 3:1-12 **The Responsibility of Teaching**
James warned those he wrote to that not many of them ought to become teachers, for teachers have a greater responsibility than others do. He asserted that they will be judged stringently for their behavior and the words that come off their tongues.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:14-29 **All Things are Possible for Believers**
Jesus came upon a crowd surrounding the disciples, the scribes, and a man with a son who was in need of healing from a demon that made him unable to speak. Jesus inquired about the presenting problem. The father answered that Jesus' own disciples could not cast out the spirit that was keeping the boy mute. Jesus scolded those gathered for their unbelief. The man begged for healing for the boy and asked for faith to believe, "I believe, Lord, help my unbelief."

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise in Ordinary Time.
- Use the Apostles' Creed in Ordinary Time.
- Gaining a strong faith isn't like lifting more and more weight to build muscles. Faith has its origin in the Holy Spirit, and it is also through the power of the Spirit that greater faith is given. Isn't it amazing how God supplies all we need – even the faith to believe in him?
- As St. James said, it is a huge responsibility to teach the Good News of Christ. Pray for all those who give of themselves so that we might learn more and more about God.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Built on the Rock	365	---	645	652	91	---
Lift High the Cross	377	---	837	660	269	---
Give to God Our Immortal Praise	520	---	---	848	12	12
Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak	403	---	---	676	267	267
Give Me Jesus	---	777	---	770	214	214
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	---	780	---	774	208	208
What Wondrous Love is This	385	---	543	666	254	254
Be Thou My Vision	---	776	---	793	230	230
Sent Forth By God's Blessing	221	---	643	547	58	58
Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup	---	706	638	492	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

- Praise Song Titles:**
- Healing is in Your Hands (CCLI# 5677423)
 - Echo (In Jesus' Name) (CCLI# 7116872)
 - All Things Are Possible (CCLI# 2245140)
 - Help My Unbelief (CCLI# 5384462)
 - Teach Us to Bless You (CCLI# 1135966)

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