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HELP OUR UNBELIEF

AS WE GATHER

In today's Readings, Jesus encounters another person possessed by an unclean spirit. The young man's father is distraught and desperate. The father utters these words: "I believe; help my unbelief!" Jesus does help the man's unbelief by healing his son. Jesus helps our unbelief as well in all that He does. In His miracles and teaching, suffering and death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus calls us to faith. And He calls us to be His witnesses.

507 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

sts. 1-4



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** I called on the name of the LORD:
- C** O LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!

P The LORD has dealt bountifully with us.

C **The LORD has opened our ears.**

P The LORD has delivered us from death.

C **He wipes away tears from all faces.**

P He rescues our feet from stumbling

C **and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We are renewed and restored. Amen.**

WORD

INTROIT

Psalms 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

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!

KYRIE

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 170

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
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.
C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The 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.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
⁶I 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.

⁷But 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.

⁸He 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.

⁹Behold, 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.

¹⁰Who 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For 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. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look 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. ⁵So 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! ⁶And 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. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Mark 9:23b

Alleluia. All things are possible for one who believes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And 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.” ¹⁹And 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.” ²⁰And 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. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And 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.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And 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.” ²⁶And 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.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

849 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

 Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

 storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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SERMON – “Self Contradictions”

APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For pastors, missionaries, teachers, and all who proclaim Your Word, O Lord, that the sinfulness of their tongues may not hinder Your message of grace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who celebrate the good news of births and birthdays, weddings and anniversaries, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those who grieve, that they find hope in the resurrection, which brings us eternal life and defeats the enemy of death, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that their tongues would be kept from lying and slander, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those who struggle with spiritual oppression, that God would deliver them from evil and restore them body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those who have wandered from the Church, that the Holy Spirit would call them by the Gospel and gather them back to Your flock, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially Hedy, Kathleen, Alicia, Sheila, Sallyann, Kathie, Lou, Jean, Dana, Kaylee, Leah, Terri, Jean, Ray, Rod, Fran, Wally, Janna. Maria, Andrew, John, and Jen,* that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord, we offer all these prayers, knowing that You hear us and bless us with what we need.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

P Gracious God, You are the source of every lasting security. We bless You for the continuance of stability in a time of great national trial and ask that our nation be spared from any such act of terrorism and destruction in times to come. We remember those innocent victims of terrorism whose earthly lives ended on September 11th, 2001. Grant that their memories among us remain and their lives not be forgotten. We also remember the rescue workers who gave their lives that day seeking to assist the victims of the tragedy. Grant that their examples of bravery and sacrificial concern for others serve to inspire each of us as we live out our lives in these times.

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil

course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

783 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

sts. 1, 3, 5-6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no long - er mine;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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Weekly Announcements

Wednesday Evening Pastor-Led Bible Studies

Pastor-led Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm online.

ACTS: A study of Growth in the Church. This means growth in Christian attitudes, insights, and skills for Christian living. The focus of this course will be the church and the world of our day. The guiding question will be this: *What does the Lord teach us for life today through the book of Acts?* Join us online on Wednesday evenings, 12 pm at <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com/Acts> (or visit there for the recorded sessions).

WORSHIP UPDATES – INPUT NEEDED

We have made a few changes in the formatting of the Sunday worship bulletin these past few weeks. We are trying to return to using the hymnals for most of the liturgy, not just for singing. For the next several weeks, we will use Divine Service Setting One for most of services. Only information not contained in the hymnal will be printed in the bulletin.

Pastor and the Elders would appreciate your comments or suggestions, positive or negative, regarding these changes. Please email or speak directly to either **Pastor Jim** at: pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org or phone: (224) 795-1055; or **Jim Burmeister** at: elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org or phone (847) 343-3798.

Prayer Request Information:

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone: (847)934-5963 or via email: elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org.

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****SAVE THE DATE****

What is the Vision for the future of Our Redeemer? Come to worship on Sunday, September 26, 2021 and stay for the discussion led by Rev. Kris Whitby, Assistant to the President of the Northern Illinois District, about where we are headed for the future. We need to develop this vision prior to submitting our application for seminary candidate. We need everyone to participate. Rev. Whitby will also be preaching that day.

Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Apricots, Chili, Corned Beef Hash, Paper Towels and Red Kidney Beans. Items need to be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

Home Delivered Meals (previously named Meals on Wheels)

The October calendar for Meals on Wheels is now posted on the "Ongoing Collections" bulletin board. We are looking for volunteers to help with the meal delivery. For questions and sign up information, please contact Laurie in the office at 847/537-4430.

Sonshine Preschool News

After a very successful year during Covid last year, we are excited to open again this year to our families and ask for your prayers as we start our new school year. To help us start, we are looking for some donations. Items wished for are on the "What's Happening" board. If interested, please remove a "ray of Sonshine" from the large sun. Please feel free to drop the items in the containers beneath the bulletin board. As always, thanks for all of your support of Sonshine.

- Sonshine Staff

Coffee-And...

We will continue holding "Coffee-And..." on a weekly basis.

Feel free to bring treats. Coffee will be provided for you.

September Happenings

- September 12 9:00 pm – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
No Communion
- September 15 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online
- September 19 9:00 am – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
With
Communion
- September 22 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online
- September 26 9:00 am – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
No Communion
Guest Preacher – Rev. Kris Whitby
"Vision" discussion following
Worship
- September 29 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online