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SEVENTEETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, September 14th 5:00pm~Sunday, September 15th 9:00am

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The mission of St. Mary's Lutheran Church is to be a fellowship of believers, called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to bear witness to Jesus Christ in the community and in the world. We equip ourselves for our mission by: Prayer, Worship, Education. Enabling us to witness through: Evangelism, Service, Stewardship.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!
WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE!

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Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. This weekend we commune by intinction, and if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you. ***New Members Welcome—Do You feel like you're ready to join us?*** *If you are interested in more information about membership or joining St. Mary's, please call the church office and Beth will set up an appointment with a pastor.*

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The Altar Flowers this weekend given in loving memory of Matthew Porras, brother, son, uncle, friend by Kristi Tysdal. His funeral is here at St. Mary's on Monday, 9/16 beginning at 11:00am. May he rest in peace with Our Lord.

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THANK YOU FOR SERVING DURING WORSHIP!
Pastor Debbie Hartfield—Preach/Preside
Art Kotenko—Sound & Video Technician
Pat Gallo/Lisa Zanin—Sacristy Help
Saturday is ***Holden Evening Prayer*** by Marty Haugen.
Willy Mueller—piano
Julie Schmit—Assisting Minister/Cantor
Bob VanBendegom—Reader
Lisa & Mark Zanin—Communion Assistants
Sunday Morning is a Contemporary Worship.
Worship Team:
Bjorn Hanson—guitar, vocals
Kendra Richter & Youth, Jennifer Zillmer,
Kip Cushing—vocals
Harold Frush—Assisting Minister
Julie Schmit—Reader
Anne Winkle—Greeter
St. Mary's Youth—Communion Assistants
—Hospitality Servers

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Sunday's order of worship:
GATHERING SONG ***"Greater"***
ANNOUNCEMENTS
SHARING THE PEACE
WORSHIP SONG ***"Jesus Messiah"***
SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

4 The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know
how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as
those who are taught.
5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I
did not turn backward.
6 I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to
those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from
insult and spitting.
7 The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like 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 in court together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
9 It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and
sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter
judgment. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who
makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the
whole body in check with a bridle. 3 If we put bits into the
mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole
bodies. 4 Or look at ships: though they are so large and are
driven by strong winds, yet 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 exploits.
How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire! 6 And
the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members
as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the
cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 For every species
of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed
and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can
tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it
we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people,
made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth comes a
blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to
be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both
fresh and brackish water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and
sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water
yield fresh.
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea
Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people
say that I am?" 28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and
others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 He asked
them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You
are the Messiah." 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell
anyone about him. 31 Then he began to teach them that the Son
of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the
elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after
three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter
took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and
looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind
me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but
on human things." 34 He called the crowd with his disciples and
said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those
who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life
for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For
what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their
life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those
who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and
sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed
when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

KIDS CONNECTION

SERMON

Hymn of the Day ***…….."Lord I Need You"***

Prayers of the Day

Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Offering ***"I Will Follow"***

Words of Institution

Communion Song ***"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"***

Benediction and Closing Prayer

Sending Song ***"Praise"***

Dismissal Go in Peace, Share the good news

Thanks be to God!

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Worship Attendance: Rally Weekend: 26+94=120

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150TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST—SAT. 9/28
5:30p Doors Open
ORGAN RECITAL—SUN. 9/29 at 4:00pm— Dr. Brian Schoettler, organist

150TH 1.5 Mile WALK RUN —SUN. 10/6 , 11am—2pm @ PETS

150TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT—SUN. 11/3 at 2:00pm in the sanctuary!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH DAY OF CELEBRATION— WORSHIP & LUNCHEON

150TH COORDINATOR NEEDS HELP WITH WRITING PRESS RELEASES & TEE SHIRTS! Can be more than one person for each need! Please contact Beth in the office!

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