

MINISTRY
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
YEAR B - PROPER 18
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit today in memory of those who have died.

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**"Be opened."
And immediately his
ears were opened,
his tongue was released ...**

Mark 7:34-35, NRSV



MORNING PRAYER, RITE II
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| Opening Prayer | |
| Daily Morning Prayer, Rite II | BCP 75 |
| Confession of Sin (<i>kneeling</i>) | BCP 79 |
| The Invitatory (<i>standing</i>) | BCP 80 |
| Jubilate (<i>standing</i>) | BCP 82 |
| Psalm 146 (<i>said in unison with Gloria Patri</i>) | BCP 803/insert |
| The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a <i>Response: Thanks be to God.</i> | (Insert) |
| (<i>silence</i>) | |
| Canticle 10 (<i>said in unison</i>) | BCP 86 |
| The Second Lesson: James 2:1-17 <i>Response: Thanks be to God.</i> | (Insert) |
| (<i>silence</i>) | |
| Canticle 19 (<i>said in unison</i>) | BCP 94 |
| The Third Lesson: Mark 7:24-37 <i>Response: Thanks be to God.</i> | (Insert) |
| The Homily | The Rev. Ernestein C. Flemister |
| The Apostles' Creed (<i>standing</i>) | BCP 96 |
| The Prayers | BCP 97 |
| Suffrage A | BCP 97 |
| The Collect of the Day (<i>read aloud in unison</i>) | BCP 233/Insert |
| The General Thanksgiving (<i>said in unison</i>) | BCP 101 |
| A Prayer of St. Chrysostom | BCP 102 |
| Announcements | |
| The Blessing | |
| The Dismissal | |

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 Morning Prayer, Rite II

MONDAY, September 6

Labor Day – office closed

9:00 Needle & Thread

WEDNESDAY, September 8

No 12:15 Holy Eucharist

SATURDAY, September 11

Patriot Day

SUNDAY, September 12

National Grandparents Day

9:00 Morning Prayer, Rite II



Note: At present, there is no in-person 9:00 a.m. Sunday service as a precaution due to the increase of COVID-19 cases. The 12:15 p.m. Wednesday service is also on hiatus.

A recorded Sunday service will be live-streamed and available on the church website and on Facebook.



Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus^{ca} ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
 "Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
 He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
 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 the lame shall leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall 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;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,^{la}
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
³ Do not put your trust in princes,
 in mortals, in whom there is no help.
⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
 on that very day their plans perish.
⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
 whose hope is in the LORD their God,
⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
9 The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
10 The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

Second Reading James: 2:1-17

2 My brothers and sisters,^(a) do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?^(b) 2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, 3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"^(c) 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.^(d) Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? 8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor

as yourself." 9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. 11 For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. 14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters,^(e) if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Mark 7:24-37

24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.^(a) He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, 25 but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 28 But she answered him, "Sir,^(b) even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29 Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." 30 So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. 31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!

*We are delighted to have you worship with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us for refreshments following the service. We have coloring and activity books, pencils and crayons in a basket in the narthex. Yellow Information Cards are available in the narthex. If you wish to get involved with a ministry or activity, or are interested in becoming a member, please fill one out and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection plate. Thank you.

*Please note that at present the Sunday service is offered online only.

A Note on Pastoral Care

When a need for pastoral care arises, please contact one of the following team members below, and they will share your request with those on their team:

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* No team head at this time. If interested, please let the rector know.

Ft. Vannoy Elementary School

There are two barrels for Ft. Vannoy School in the Parish Hall. One is for gently-used clothing and one is for new clothing children. Please contribute clothing suitable for elementary-age children. Your donation is appreciated and will be distributed when the barrels are full.

For contact numbers below, please call the Parish Office at 541-476-2493 or email at stlukesgrantspass@gmail.com.

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