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GOD
REAL

8:30 ~ September 23, 2018

PRELUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Matthew Corl

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” [LW 451, v. 1-3]

OPENING LITURGY

RESPONSE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” [LW 451, v. 4]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 14 [NIV]

¹The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. ²The LORD looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. ³All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. ⁴Do all these evildoers know nothing? They devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on the LORD. ⁵But there they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous. ⁶You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge. ⁷Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

R: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Thy Strong Word” [LW 328, v. 3]

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37 [NIV]

³¹Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”). ³⁵At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES' CREED

2ND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

HYMN of PRAISE “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” [*LSB 803, v. 1-3*]

SERMON “ATHEISM”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort and Healing: Veryl** (mother of Ellen Kamprath)-diagnosed with cancer;
Kim (coworker of Horace Phillips)-awaiting surgery.

•**Wisdom and Courage: Shut-ins and College Students.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” [*LSB 702, v. 1*]

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“And Can It Be”

arr. Dan Forrest

Women's Quartet

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

arr. Richard Billingham

Organ

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” [*LSB 803, v. 4*]

POSTLUDE “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

arr. Paul Manz

SERMON: *Rev. James Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

CONNECT *Mark your calendars!*

WOMEN

- **Ladies' Game Night | Friday, September 28 | 6pm | Register Online**
 - *Bring an appetizer to share.*
- **Moxie Matters: Jen Hatmaker & Nichole Nordeman | Wednesday, November 7**
 - Additional Tickets available | Register Online
 - Cost: \$35 – **Deadline to Reserve Tickets: October 8**

YOUTH

- **NYG Info Meeting | Sunday, September 30 | Noon | 8th-12th grade | Youth Rec**
- **Cooking for Christ | Saturday, October 6 | 10am-3pm | Briarwood Retreat Center**
 - Tickets available in the Foyer | Sunday, September 23 & 30
 - Benefitting National Youth Gathering
- **Quilt Raffle | Benefitting National Youth Gathering**
 - Tickets may be purchased in the Church Office | M-F | 9am-3pm
 - Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 | Winner announced at Oktoberfest

ADULT

- **Adult Faith Series | Beginning Sunday, September 23 | 9:45-10:45am**
 - *"Everybody Always"* by Bob Goff

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