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"All things are possible for one who believes."

Mark 9:23b

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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!

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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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10 (ESV)

The 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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious. I turned not backward.

I 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.

But 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.

He 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.

Behold, 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.

Who 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.

Gradual

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Reading: James 3:1-12 (ESV)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For 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. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look 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. So 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! And 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. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full

of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 9:14-29 (ESV)

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to Him and greeted Him. And He asked them, *"What are you arguing about with them?"* And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And 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." And 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."* And 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. And Jesus asked his father, *"How long has this been happening to him?"* And he said, "From childhood. And 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." And Jesus said to him, *"If you can! All things are possible for one who believes."* Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And 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."* And 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." But Jesus took him by the

hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And He said to them, "*This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.*"

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

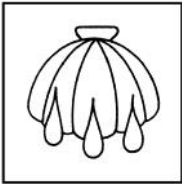
In our thoughts and prayers,

† Jim Black, Carol Buchmann, Darcy Fitch, Kent Larson, & Rev. Dave Suelzle;

† Mack, baptized today.

Welcome to worship in this season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us that this is the season of growth. The theme of Pentecost is living a Christian life. As Christ strengthens us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, we grow more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

At the Font: We rejoice that Mack Herbert Elkins, the son of Stephen & Savannah Elkins, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In obedience to Christ's most gracious promise, Mack is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal life.



“[God] has saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5).

SUNDAY
SCHOOL

All children are welcome to join us for Sunday School this morning at 10:00 am.

Finding Peace in Conflict: Please join us for Bible class this morning, as we search the Scriptures to help us understand what it means to be reconciled to God and how we can work towards reconciliation with other people.

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. Anyone who would like to begin receiving the magazine, please email concordiasecretary@westriv.com or call the Church office by Friday, September 28th. Also if your mailing address has changed, please inform the Church office.

The LWML SW Zone Rally will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mandan on Saturday, September 29th. Registration will be at 9:30 and lunch will be served. We will collect mites and donations for First Choice Clinic. We will also be holding Zone elections.

Donations of personal care products for Women's Action & Resource Center are welcome during the month of September. Items may include bar soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, dish soap, diapers, baby wipes, Kleenex, toothbrushes & toothpaste.

The September calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and children's devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the fellowship hall.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 129 Offerings: \$3,423.50

"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'"

Mark 9:24

Haven't we often felt like this? And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity, He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith—as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

