

I THANK MY GOD EVERY TIME I REMEMBER YOU!

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022

SERIES THEME - GOD'S WORDS POSSESS GOD'S POWER

"Let there be light," God said (Genesis 1:3). God was not speaking a wistful wish into the darkness. He was declaring what would now be. "God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." God speaks and reality results.

When we speak words, they are often meaningless. Sometimes, one's words are meaningless because they are spoken without true knowledge. Other times, one's words are meaningless because they were spoken insincerely. Still other times, one might make a sincere promise, but he lacks the ability to do what he said, making his promise meaningless. Words are often meaningless. But everything God says is meaningful. God speaks with absolute knowledge. God never lies. And God's words possess God's awesome power. Thus, it is God's words that determine our reality. It is God's words that establish our faith, transform our hearts and minds, and direct our lives along meaningful paths.

During the first half of the Church Year, we focused on the life of Christ. As we begin the second half of the Church Year, we turn our attention to the teachings of Christ... to the Son of God's words. We gather each week to let the Holy Spirit do the work Jesus promised he would do in the way Jesus promised he would do it—through his Word.

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Hymn: 744 Rise, Shine, You People

Stand

Opening Sentences

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God.

O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Come, O come, let us worship.

Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

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Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



1 You are a great and a won - drous God,
 2 Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
 kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
 You are the God whom we call our own,



Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
 we are the flock that you shep - herd.

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Prayer

Lord God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to destroy the works of the devil and protect us poor people against such an evil foe. Uphold us in all affliction by your Holy Spirit so that we may have peace from such enemies and remain forever blessed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

The readings appointed for the day may be read.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:8–13

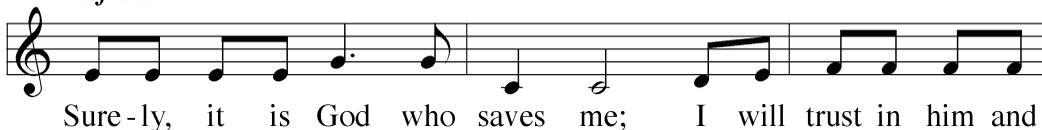
- 8 Bring out the people who are blind, though they have eyes,
and the people who are deaf, though they have ears.
- 9 Let all the nations be gathered together,
and let peoples be assembled.
Who among them has declared this?
Who has made known to us the former things?
Let them produce their witnesses to show that they were right,
so that people can hear and say, "This is truth."
- 10 You are my witnesses, declares the LORD.
You are my servant, whom I have chosen,
so that you may know me and believe in me,
so that you will understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
and after me there will not be another.
- 11 I, yes I, am the LORD,
and apart from me there is no savior.
- 12 I myself declared it.
I brought salvation, and I announced it.
It was not some strange god among you.
You are my witnesses, declares the LORD,
and I am God.
- 13 Indeed, from the first day, I am he.
There is no one who can deliver anyone from my hand.
I act, and who can reverse it?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 73 (CW 93)

Refrain



not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
 sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone

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I am always with / you, O LORD;*
 you hold me by my / right hand.

You guide me with your / counsel,*
 and afterward you will take me into / glory.

Whom have I in heav / en but you?*

And earth has nothing I desire be / sides you.

My flesh and my / heart may fail,*
 but God is the strength of my heart
 and my portion for / ever.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be / ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

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Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:3–10

³ I thank God, whom I serve with a clean conscience as my ancestors did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. ⁴ When I remember your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I remember your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced that it also lives in you.

⁶ For this reason I am reminding you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God did not give us a timid spirit, but a spirit of power and love and sound judgment. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Instead, join with me in suffering for the gospel while relying on the power of God. ⁹ He saved us and called us with a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰ and it has now been revealed through the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Proper

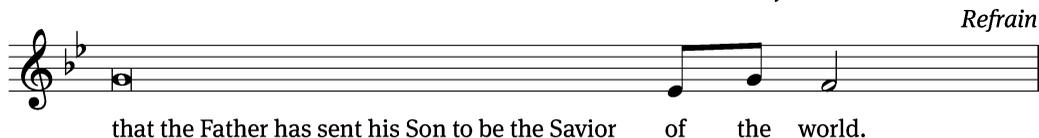
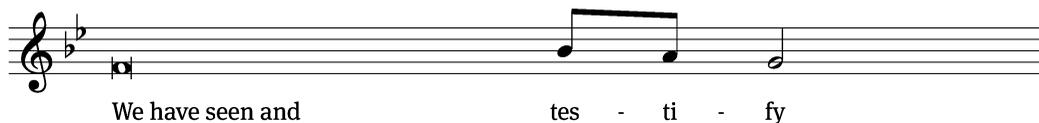
1 John 4:14



Refrain



Tone



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A Demon-Possessed Man and a Herd of Pigs

²⁶ They sailed down to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, a man from the town met him. He was possessed by demons and for a long time had not worn any clothes. He did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What do I have to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torment me!" ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. In fact, the unclean spirit had seized him many times. He was kept under guard, and although he was bound with chains and shackles, he would break the restraints and was driven by the demon into deserted places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Legion," because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ They were begging Jesus that he would not order them to go into the abyss. ³² A herd of many pigs was feeding there on the mountain. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ The demons went out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

³⁴ When those who were feeding the pigs saw what happened, they ran away and reported it in the town and in the countryside. ³⁵ People went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet. He was clothed and in his right mind, and the people were afraid. ³⁶ Those who saw it told them how the demon-possessed man was saved. ³⁷ The whole crowd of people from the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were gripped with great fear.

As Jesus got into the boat and started back, ³⁸ the man from whom the demons had gone out begged to be with him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home and tell how much God has done for you." Then he went through the whole town proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: 731 Oh, How Good It Is

Sermon

Reading

Philippians 1:2-7

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, ⁵ because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am convinced of this very thing: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ I am equally convinced that it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, for both in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all share in this grace with me.

Stand

Offering

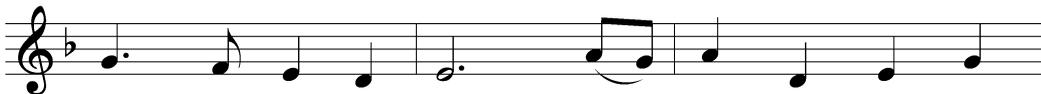
Song of Zechariah



1 Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, who comes in
2 Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God res - cues
3 In ten - der mer - cy God will send the Day - spring



love and pow'r, who rais - es from the roy - al house de -
us from fear, that we might serve in ho - li - ness and
from on high, our ris - ing sun, the light of life for



liv - 'rance in this hour. Through ho - ly proph - ets
peace from year to year; and you, my child, shall
those who sit and sigh. God comes to guide our



God has sworn to free us from a - larm, to save us
go be - fore to preach, to proph - e - sy, that all may
way to peace that death shall reign no more. Sing prais - es



from the heav - y hand of all who wish us harm.
know the ten - der love, the grace of God Most High.
to the Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!

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Be seated

Lord, Have Mercy



In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be



mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn: 746 I Love to Tell the Story

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Prayer

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Benedicamus



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

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Blessing



The Lord bless and keep you.



A - men.



The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



A - men.



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



A - men.

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Hymn: 640 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Choir: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

NELHS SUMMER WORKDAYS

Calling all Volunteers!

We need volunteers to help us get some areas organized, deep cleaned, and repaired.

To make sure we can get everything that needs to be done we have come up with three different workdays. If you can't make one, then maybe you can make another date.

The dates are the following:

- June 28th, Tuesday 8 to 4
- July 11th, Monday 8 to 4
- July 23rd, Saturday 9 to noon (or longer if needed)

If none of these work for you, but you still would like to help, please contact Cameron Handy at chandy@nelhs.org or call him at 608-397-9828 and set up a date that works for you.

Here are just some of the items we need help with:

In the boy's dorm, all the casement covers need to be removed from the mattresses, washed, dry, and put back onto the mattresses. The more the merrier on this job. The boys' dryer vents are not your normal dryer vents. This is why we keep having issues with them not staying connected. God bless whoever ordered a dryer vent lock and sent it to the school, but it will not work on this setup. We need an "Out of the box" thinker on the dryer vent issue. Dorm windows need to be checked and caulked where needed. The South gym bleachers are getting in terrible shape. If anyone knows of a company or someone that works on solid wood bleachers, please contact Cameron Handy.

Not all our needs are inside. We could really use some landscaping help for water runoff. The East side of the building has some drainage issues, and the South side of the main school building has drainage issues. Some areas need to have black edging either replaced or repaired, and river rock or mulch added to some areas. The football staff would love some help at the football field.

We have plenty more items that need to be addressed.

Please contact Cameron Handy if you would like to come out on any of the workdays that we have scheduled or schedule a day that does work for you. Help us get everything done and ready for the return of students in August!



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 8:00 AM Bible Study, 8:45 AM Worship, 9:45 AM Fellowship

Monday: 9 AM to about Noon – Help Haefner’s load the truck 638 N. 7th St., Seward

Sunday: 8:45 AM Worship, 9:45 AM Fellowship

Trinity Association Meeting June 26 at 7 pm at Trinity.

Pastor Haefner and Jane’s new address is 1311 N. Minnesota St, New Ulm, NE 56073. Phones and emails will remain the same. If you are in the New Ulm area you are always welcome to stop in to see us.

Pastor Wilkens and Becky are planning to arrive late on Tuesday, June 28th. The plans are to help unload the truck around 9:00 AM on Wednesday, June 29th.

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