

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 12th Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, September 8 through Saturday, September 14

“Faith Comes from Hearing”

Isaiah 29:17-24; Romans 10:9-17; Mark 7:31-37

A man who was deaf, and therefore also had an impediment to his speech, was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31–37). Similarly, all are by nature deaf toward God, and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For **“faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ”** (Romans 10:9–17). Jesus put His fingers into the man’s ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. In Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus’ mouth is applied to us, and the finger of God, that is, the Life–Giving Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:4–11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the Gospel. Jesus’ sighing **“Ephphatha”** opened the man’s ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly. Isaiah had prophesied of the Messiah: **“In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book”** (Isaiah 29:18–24). So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us, has given us ears to hear and faith to believe in Him, and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

INVOCATION (*make the sign of the holy cross and say*)

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ✠ life everlasting. Amen.

PSALM Psalm 146

THE SMALCALD ARTICLES *The 2nd Part: Article 1—The Chief Article*

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, p. 262-263

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, September 8: 2 Kings 5:9-27
Philippians 1:1-20

Monday, September 9: 2 Kings 6:1-23-8:29
Philippians 1:21-2:11

Tuesday, September 10: 2 Kings 9:1-12:21 [2 Kings 13:1-18:8]
Philippians 2:12-30

Wednesday, September 11: 2 Chronicles 29:1-30:27
Philippians 3:1-21

Thursday, September 12: 2 Chronicles 31:1-21

Philippians 4:1-23

Friday, September 13: 2 Chronicles 32:1-22 [*Hosea 1:1-14:9*]

Colossians 1:1-23

Saturday, September 14: 2 Chronicles 33:1-25 [*Jonah 1:1-4:11*]

Colossians 1:24-2:7

HYMN

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB 545:1, 3

Word of God, come down on earth,	Word that caused blind eyes to see,
Living rain from Heav'n descending;	Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth	Deaf we are: our Healer be;
Faith and hope and love unending.	Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Word Almighty, we revere You;	Be our Word in pity spoken;
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.	Heal the world by sin now broken.

PRAYERS

Almighty and Merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your Heavenly Glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

Morning

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with us all. Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: The 13th Sunday after Trinity (Trinity 13)

2 Chronicles 8:8-15 Psalm 32 Galatians 3:15-22 Luke 10:23-37

Hymn of the Day *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* LSB 683