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“I believe; help my unbelief!” Mark 9:24

AS WE GATHER

Imagine if you were the father in today's Gospel. Since childhood, his son has been plagued by an unclean spirit that makes him mute and throws him down, doing bodily harm. The dad brings his son to Jesus' disciples, and they are of no help. The father comes before Jesus and asks him to help . . . if He can. Jesus responds, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." To which the father cries out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:23–24). This father, who is at the end of his rope, cries out with faith mixed with desperation. Thankfully, his worthiness, and our worthiness, does not depend on the greatness or smallness of faith. Instead, it depends on Jesus, the object of our faith. When we face desperate times, we, too, cry out in prayer and faith, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure" #533

Please Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 116:1–2*

Pastor: I love the Lord, because He has heard

People: **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Pastor: Because He inclined His ear to me,

People: **therefore, I will call on Him as long as I live.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

People: Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!” Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to our Lord Jesus Christ to hear his Word, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ WORD ☩

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ Lord have mercy

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ Lord have mercy

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ Lord have mercy

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ **Lord have mercy**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

People: ♪ **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast”

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

1. Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**
2. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**
3. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**
5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia. **Final Refrain**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, at times we fear that You are far away from us.

People: Forgive us for doubting Your presence, and give us confidence that our redeemer and vindicator is always near;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen**

Please be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 50:4-10
(“He who vindicates me is near.”)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE James 3:1-12
(“From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.”)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE

♪ **Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:14-29
(Jesus casts out a spirit.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth
chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

Please be Seated

SERMON HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” #849

SERMON Pastor Matt Priem

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Please Stand and Sing

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” #781 v1-2

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: We come before our Lord in prayer, saying along with the psalmist, “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!” Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.”

Pastor: Father in heaven, as we hear of the suffering and humiliation described by Isaiah, we remember Jesus’ great sacrifice on our behalf. In times of persecution for the sake of bearing Christ’s name, remind us that You are with us and Your grace sustains us.
O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!

People: **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, James reminds us that the tongue is a powerful part of our body, and our words can do great harm or good. Give us Your Spirit that we would not lie, betray, slander, or hurt with our words, but instead use them to defend our neighbor and praise Your name.
O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!

People: **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, Your Son cast out demons and bestowed healing with just His Word. According to Your will, restore and give wholeness to those who are suffering, especially Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, Mike Albano and Alice Vogt.
O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!

People: **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, You care for all of Your sheep.
Work through us to reach out in love to those among
us who are straying from Your fold. Restore them so
that together we might be fed by Your Word and
Sacrament in the holy flock of Your Church.
O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!

**People: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is
merciful.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom
we pray, trusting in Your mercy.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every
need,

**People: continue to preserve Your Church in safety,
govern her by Your goodness, and bless her
with Your peace;**

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you
peace.

People: Amen

HYMN "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" #611

POSTLUDE

THE MESSENGER

September 16, 2018

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, Mike Albano and Alice Vogt.

LAST SUNDAY OFFERINGS: \$1,146

SEPTEMBER PASTORS: 9/23: Pr. Ed Trost; 9/30 Pr. Ron Flentgen

WELCOME: A special welcome to everyone here attending the Immanuel School reunion. All are welcome to stay for the luncheon immediately following the service.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, September 23rd is "**Come, Lord Jesus**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer In a classic message from 1998, Dr. Dale Meyer explains how a common table prayer reminds us of our dependence upon God and His gifts. (Exodus 16) Hear *The Lutheran Hour* on stations KCMO (AM 710) at 8:00am, KCCV (FM 92.3) at 8:00am, KCCV (AM 760) at 8:30am, and KCCV (FM 101.5) at 8:30am.