

JESUS HEALS A DEAF & MUTE MAN

Mark 7:31-37



Jesus helps this man speak and hear

September 8, 2024

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

²The mountains surround Jerusalem; so you surround your people,

O LORD, from this time forth forevermore.

³The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just,

so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

⁴Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

⁵As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

Second Reading

-James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor

of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Alleluia

“Alleluia, Lord to whom...”

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*The Holy Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

—Mark 7:24-37

Glory to you O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered

them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

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*Apostles’ Creed

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*Prayers of the People

*Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Exchange of Peace

*The Offertory

“Let the vineyards...”

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*Offertory Prayer:

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Blessing and Sending God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

*Closing Hymn *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* LBW #559

*Postlude

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THE OFFERING TODAY and next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

WELCOME TO ALL OF *Pastor John's family and friends who are joining us this morning to celebrate his 25th ordination anniversary! Today we celebrate Holy Communion. All who seek to meet Jesus, who is present body and blood in the bread and wine, are welcome to come to the table. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available. Just let those serving communion know you need it.*

CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR JOHN on the 25th Anniversary of your Ordination! We are so happy for you and **we are very thankful** for all that you and Pastor Laura do for our churches!

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Today	6:00 p.m.	Youth Night @ Good Hope
Tues., Sept. 10	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wed., Sept. 11	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation @ GH for students and a parent or grandparent
Thurs., Sept. 12	9:15 a.m.	Morning Circle
Sun., Sept. 15	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Rally Day
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

THE TWO MUMS beside the entryway doors are given in loving memory of Bill & Janet Madsen. They are given by their family.

THE WOMEN OF the ELCA are serving a brunch of scrambled eggs (gluten free available), breakfast ham, frozen fruit cups, muffins (gluten free available), orange juice and coffee on Sunday, September 29th, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from the **free will donation** will be given to the Titonka Care Center Hail Mary Fund. Everyone is invited to join us!

THERE ARE sign-up sheets in the back of the church for food donations and workers for the WELCA Brunch that is being held September 29th. Please be generous with the food donations and donating your time! Thank you!



YOUTH NIGHT is open to all youth 6th grade and up will be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. We will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Good Hope! **Parents and interested adults are strongly encouraged to attend!** Let's get off to a great start this year!

HERE'S A SWEET opportunity for you to help out the care Center! The Friends of the Care Center are looking for volunteers to donate 3 dozen cookies a week. You will be contacted as to which week you will be asked to donate. Please place your name and telephone number on the sheet in the narthex to sign-up for cookies. Or you may contact Carole Tuecke at (515) 341-0131 to sign up. All volunteers will be contacted as needed. Thank you.

THE GOOD HOPE Senior Choir will begin practice on September 15th. We will once again meet in the Chapel at 9:30 am each Sunday morning. I'm looking forward to beginning. See you then!

-Carole

ANNUAL CHOIR PICNIC for Immanuel, St. John's and Good Hope will be held on September 15 at Carole's home in Titonka. The picnic will begin at 6:00 p.m. This is a family picnic so bring that husband or wife and plan to enjoy the evening with us. The hamburgers and brats, paper products and bottled water will be furnished. Please bring a dish to pass. It will be a fun night. Pray for good weather!

PARISH THREE CALENDAR

9/08/2024	6:00 PM	Youth Night @ Good Hope
9/09/2024	7:00 PM	Parish Three council meeting @ Immanuel
9/11/2024	6:30 PM	Confirmation @ Good Hope
9/15/2024	9:00 AM	Worship @ St John's
9/15/2024	6:30 PM	Family Night @ St John's

**Volunteers
needed**

We are looking for volunteers
for our Sunday School Program

Shepherd: We need a volunteer(s) to be a Shepherd for the
Nursery - Kindergarten OR 1st - 2nd grade students

Shepherds do not have any lesson prep. They greet students in their home room and accompany them to opening and their workshop each week.

Workshop Leaders: We need volunteers to lead Cooking, Video, Art and
Bible Skills and Games Workshops

Workshop leaders use the Leader's Guides to prepare the lesson. Lesson prep is easy and does not take a lot of time. Workshop leaders volunteer two weeks at a time. They lead the younger group (Nursery - 2nd Grade) one week and then lead the older group (3rd - 6th Grade) the other week.

**"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart"**
Elizabeth Andrew

**Please reach out to me, I would love to visit
with you about our Sunday School Program.
Vicky Nelson - 515-928-7152**