

Advent ✘ Evangelical ✘ Lutheran ✘ Church

Members - Thank you for your continued support of Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, its programs and teachings as we worship the Lord and thank him for his blessings. Please help us welcome today's visitors! *See our communion policy on the back cover.*

Visitors - *Welcome!* Thank you for attending worship service at Advent! Please sign our Visitors' Register in the narthex and join us in recording attendance in the Record of Fellowship book in the pews. *Name tags are available in the Narthex. Please refer to communion policy on the back.*

Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall

Between the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. services, please join us for coffee, pastry, adult Bible Study, and children's Sunday school.

Parents -- If you have an active or crying child, our service is broadcast in the following areas: the *nursery*, the *cry room* and the narthex. Please see usher for locations.

In Our Prayers - *See updated list in the Congregation at Prayer in your mail box.*

Altar Flowers - Thank you to Chris & Diane Colson in honor of Diane's grandmother, and Barb Novak, in honor of her parents' anniversary.

Special Music - Thank you to Carolyn Kopeschka, for playing the violin during communion and Erica Rubis, cello, during the choir anthem.



TODAY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

**Join us for
Rally Day and the Annual Church Picnic
after the late service.**

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

08 September 2019 - 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 29:17-24

Romans 10:9-17

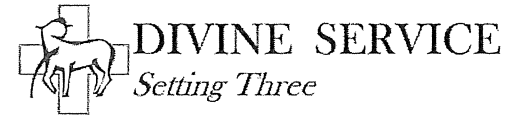
Mark 7:31-37

Faith Comes from Hearing

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, 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*" (Rom. 10:9-17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so 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 Cor. 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing "*Ephphatha*" opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, "*In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book*" (Is. 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

Exploring the Hymn of the Day

James Quinn (b. 1919) is a Jesuit priest from Scotland who spent most of his ministry at institutions of higher learning as a teacher and writer. With John 1:14 as the background, Quinn describes how this "Word made flesh" speaks to our broken world today. Drawing heavily on the image of Jesus as the Word of God (not to be confused with the Bible as the Word of God), "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" is a hymn of prayer for the Word of God to intercede in the lives of God's people, and a hymn of praise to that same Word of God who brings blessings to those for whom He has interceded. The prologue to John's Gospel describes what the incarnation of the Word of God means. Read John 1:14.



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Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8 September 2019 Anno Domini

INTROIT - *Psalm 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: vv. 1-2A*



*Make haste, O God, to de- / liver me!**

O LORD, make haste to / help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*

who | seek my life!

*Let them be / turned back**

and brought to dishonor who de- / sire my hurt!

May all who seek | you rejoice*

and be | glad in you!

*You are my help and my de- / liverer;**

O LORD, do / not delay!

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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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

GRADUAL

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

VERSE

Alleluia. Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Alleluia. Psalm 81:1

Old Testament - Isaiah 29:17-24

"Is it not yet a very little while

until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,

and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?"

"In that day the deaf shall hear

the words of a book,

and out of their gloom and darkness

the eyes of the blind shall see.

"The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,

and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy

One of Israel.

"For the ruthless shall come to nothing

and the scoffer cease,

and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

"who by a word make a man out to be an offender,

and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,

and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

"Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning

the house of Jacob:

"Jacob shall no more be ashamed,

no more shall his face grow pale.

"For when he sees his children,

the work of my hands, in his midst,

they will sanctify my name;

they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob

and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

"And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,

and those who murmur will accept instruction."

Epistle - Romans 10:9-17

"because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. "For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. "For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. "For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

"But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? "And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

"[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. "And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. "And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. "And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." "And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. "And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. "And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

