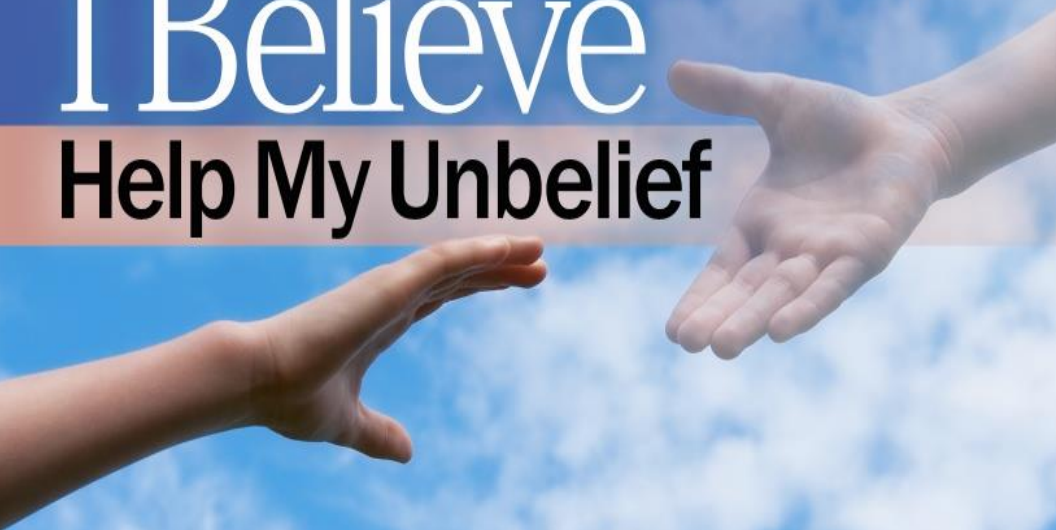


WEDNESDAY SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

I Believe Help My Unbelief



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Making known
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the Healing Presence of God
in Christ Jesus with Us
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Faith

Wednesday Evening Service September 19, 2018 ✠ 5 pm

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!*"



OPENING HYMN

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

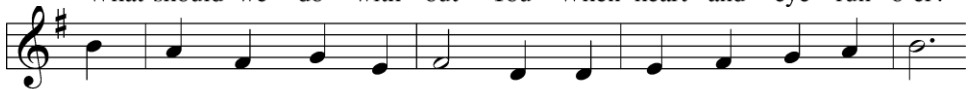
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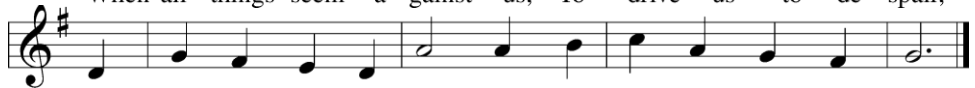
1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- P** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
- P** I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice
- C** **and my pleas for mercy.**
- P** Because He inclined His ear to me,
- C** **therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

Mercy

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- C** **I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**
- P** Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.
- C** **The snares of death encompassed me... I suffered distress and anguish.**
- P** Then I called on the Name of the LORD:
- C** ***“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”***
- Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.**



- P** 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.*

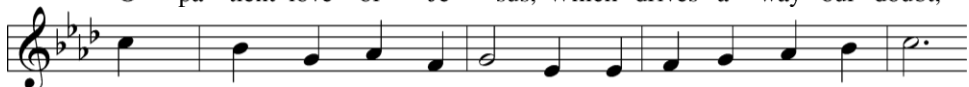
- C** **For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, 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.
- C** **Amen!**



- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
 4 "And who-so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
 O cheer-ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
 The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
 Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
 But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
 But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
 In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, at times we fear that You are far away from us. Forgive us for doubting Your presence, and give us confidence that our redeemer and vindicator is always near; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50:4–10

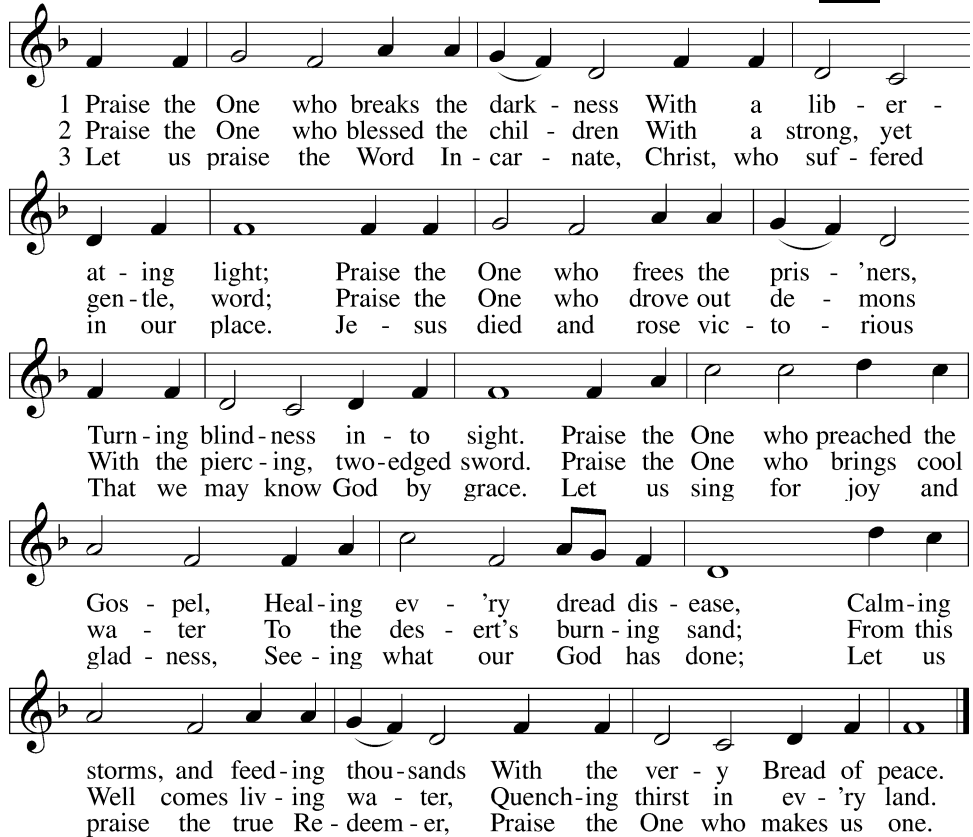
EPISTLE

James 3:1–12

GOSPEL

st Mark 9:14–29

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"* **LSB 849**



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered
 at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious
 Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
 Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us
 storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

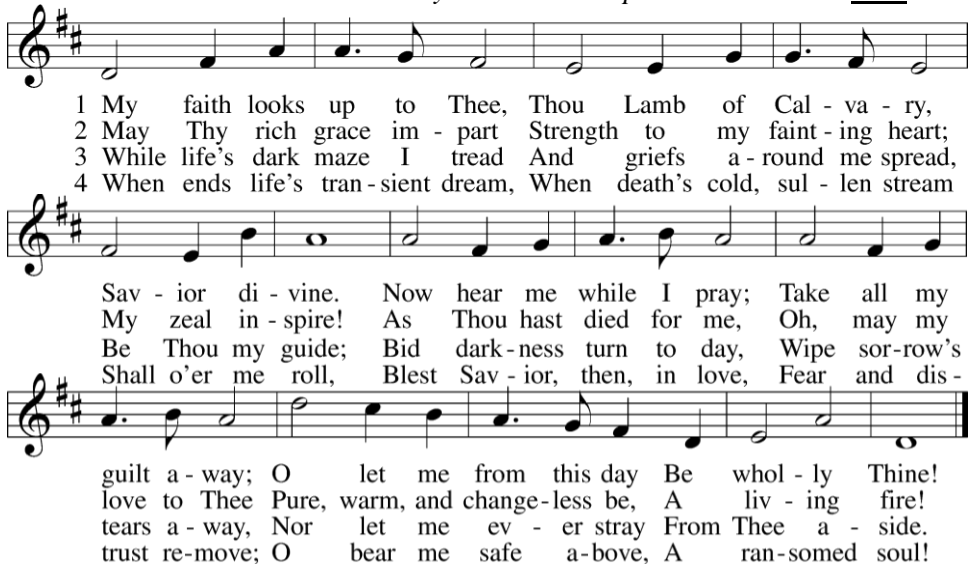
SERMON

"A Life of Prayer!"

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream
 Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -
 guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

DAILY PRAYER – EARLY EVENING

- P** Let my prayers rise before You as incense,
C the lifting up of my hands
as the evening sacrifice.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

{each petition ends “*Lord, in Your mercy:*”

response: “*hear our prayer!*”}

LORD’S PRAYER

EVENING PRAYERS

- P** Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way; kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your Name’s sake. **Amen.**
- C** 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.**
- P** Let us bless the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** **Amen.**



SONGS BY REQUEST ...



LORD, I BELIEVE;
help my unbelief!



MARK 9:24

