

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar flowers provided by Carl and Nicki Ryker

Vestry Meeting - Today following the 10:15 service

THE SERVICE LEADER

Rev. Stephanie Jenkins

LECTORS

8:00 Lessons – Nan Mazza

10:15 Lessons – Lane Hooton

10:15 Prayers & Psalm –

David Gabriele

USHERS

Lane Hooton

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Tracey Pollard

Verger

TBA

MUSICIANS

David Gabriele – Pianist

COUNTERS

Paul James

Lane Hooton

ALTAR GUILD

Lisa Hooton

Vicki Campbell

Linda Marsh

TECHNOLOGY

Richard Ward

PLEDGE PAYMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

Between September 1st – 7th \$ 3,590

THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 8TH 2024 – 8:00AM & 10:15AM

**OPENING HYMN: O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING •
BLUE HYMNAL 493, VERSES 1, 2, 4, & 6**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:4-7A

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompence. He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

PSALM 146 • PAGE 803 IN RED BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

SECOND READING: JAMES 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, so do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, if you take notice of the one wearing 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”, have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters, Has God not 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? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was evoked over you? You do well if you

really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”. But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery”, also said, “You shall not murder”. But if you do not commit adultery but you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So, speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. 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, and 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? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL: MARK 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and didn't want anyone to know he was there, yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little girl had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He 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”. But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs”. Then he said to her, “For saying that ,you may go. The demon has left your daughter”. So, she went home and found the child lying on the bed and the demon was gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hands on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha”, that is, “Be opened”. And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no

one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak”.

COMMUNION HYMN: SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD • BLUE HYMNAL PAGE 711

CLOSING HYMN: GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY • BLUE HYMNAL 594, VERSES 1,3, AND 4

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Holland Hall School in Tulsa, Casady School in Oklahoma City, and Oak Hall School in Ardmore

Abbey, Bonnie, Butch, Cody, Colleen, The Cox Family, Craig, Dave, David, David M., Debbie L, Ellen, Elissa, Emelia, Emily, Everett, Glen B., Helen, Jean, Jeremy, June, Leo, Leslie, Lucile, Martha, Noor, Rita, RL, Ryker, Scott, Sherry, Terry; and all military, and first responders.

Birthdays for Ann Friedl, Steven Kardaleff, Tracey Pollard, and Jean Rabb
Souls Departed: June Harris, and Kay Love

