

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, September 15, 2024 (9:00 am)

Sunday School/Bible Class (10:20 am)

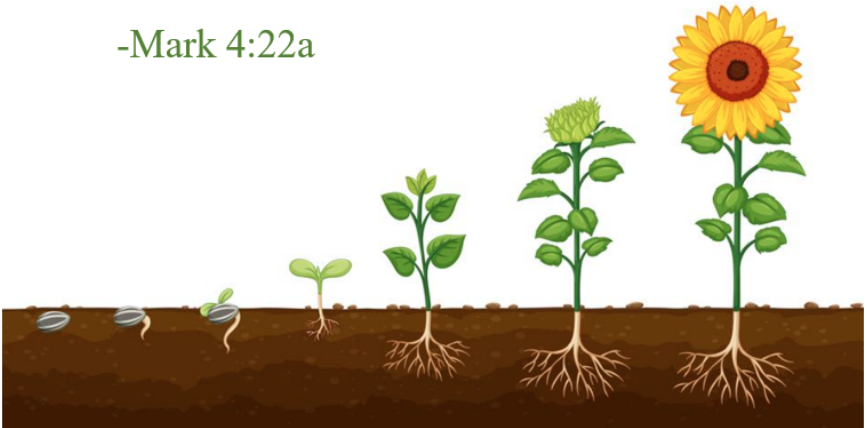
Organist: Helen Kirschstein

Usher: Michael Ude



“...whatever is hidden is meant
to be disclosed...”

-Mark 4:22a



Opening Hymn 646: Church of God, Elect and Glorious (sts. 1-2)

Liturgy Setting Four p 203

Confession and Absolution

Introit

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! **C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy*

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day p 205

Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 119:9-16

9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. 10 With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! 11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. 12 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! 13 With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. 14 In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. 16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 96:1-5, 10a (Responsive)

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord. Praise his name.

Proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Tell about his glory among the nations,
about his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and worthy of great praise.

He is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are “nothings,”
but the Lord made the heavens.

Say among the nations,
“The Lord reigns.”

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:6–12

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Alleluia & Verse

Alleluia. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Alleluia.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:21–29

21He also said to them, “A lamp is not brought out to be put under a basket or under a bed, is it? Isn't it placed on a lampstand? 22For there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, and nothing concealed that will not come to light. 23If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” 24He went on to tell them, “Pay attention to what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you, and more will be given to you. 25Yes, whoever has will be given more. And whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.” 26He said, “The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, 27and while he sleeps and rises, night and day, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come.”

Apostles' Creed p 207

Hymn 500: Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Sermon Text: Mark 4:22a

22For there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed

“Hidden to Be Disclosed”

Hymn 825: Rise, Shine, You People

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Collect

Benediction p 212 (Amen.)

The Closing Hymn 646: Church of God, Elect and Glorious (sts. 3-4)

Silent Prayer and Announcements

WELCOME to all our worshippers!

Thank you, Pastor Schaller, for sharing God's word!

CLC CALL NEWS Pastor Zachary Sippert will be installed at Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN on September 29, 2024. Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity, Spokane, WA received the call to St. Stephen Church and School, Mountain View, CA. Pastor Emeritus Mark Gullerud has been called and has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of St. Stephen Church and School, Mountain View, CA beginning October 15, 2024. Pastor Timothy Wheaton, Prince of Peace, Loveland, CO has announced his retirement from the ministry on September 29, 2024.

DISSOLUTION OF CONGREGATION St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay resolved to dissolve the congregation on 12/31/24. St. Stephen-West (Mountain View) and East Bay (Hayward) are effectively now a combined congregation. Most of the members of East Bay have transferred their membership to St. Stephen-West. Sunday worship services in Hayward will be maintained through the end of Pastor Bernthal's service in October. The hope is that in the near future a preaching station in the East Bay region (Oakland area) will be established, along with our current preaching stations in Stockton and Sacramento.

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