



**Mark
9:23**

**All things are possible
for one who believes.**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Lasky

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

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Hymn: “What Wondrous Love Is This”

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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:

And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit

O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4–10

Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice
of my | supplication,

because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I | called upon him.

²**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of
the grave took | hold of me;**

I came to | grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”

⁴**Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.**

⁵The LORD watches | over the innocent;

I was brought very low, | and he helped me.

⁶**Turn again to your rest, | O my soul,**

for the LORD has treat- | ed you well.

⁷For you have rescued my | life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.

⁸**I will walk in the presence | of the LORD**

in the land | of the living.

Second Lesson: James 3:1-12

Offering: Scan the QR code to the right to be
taken directly to the giving page on your phone or tablet.
Ushers will also pass the offering plates along each row.



Anthem: “Gift of Love”

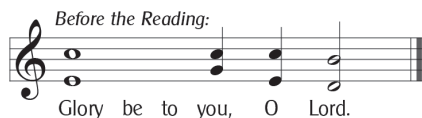
Elizabeth and Andrew Baker

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

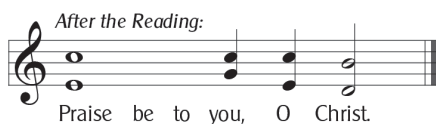
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The Holy Gospel is written in the ninth chapter of Mark.



Gospel: Mark 9:14–29



Confession of Faith

¹I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

²I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

³I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Jesus on the Front Porch"

Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak"

Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it.

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
in the high - est Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Exhortation

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Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Just as you have nourished our bodies, you have met our spiritual needs, forgiving the iniquity of your people, and covering all our sin. Your salvation is near to those who fear you, and you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. We offer thanks that on this Lord's Day, you have again blessed us with the assurance of forgiveness through the blessed body and blood of that same Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittis

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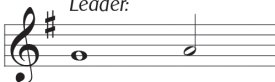
Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader:  *Congregation:* 

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader:  *Congregation:* 

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”

Mason

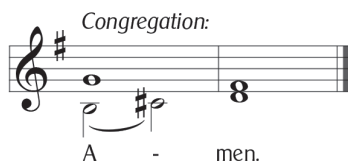
We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



Fish Fry Tickets

Fish Fry tickets are available for purchase **today** on the lawn after service. A minimum donation of **\$12 for adults**, and **\$6 for those under 12** is requested. Under 3 are free.

There will be no drive-thru pickup, but we will have take-out boxes available. Only a very limited number of tickets will sold at the event, so be sure to **get your tickets today**.

The fish fry, sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Men, will be Saturday, **September 21st, at 6:00pm**.

Friendship Club

We will meet September 19th, at 10am to carpool from the church to the Billy Graham Library. Please let me know if you plan to go with us. Helen Gordon (704) 636-5002

Lutheran Women's 2024 Bazaar

The ladies are getting geared up, working on various projects. The doors will be open for the bazaar **September 28th, from 8:00am until 2:00pm.**

The men will be hosting **breakfast** from 8am until 10am, with breakfast biscuits, juice and coffee. The ladies will be serving **lunch** from 11:00am until 1:00pm. They will have hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and drinks.

There will again be some amazing raffles. The circles will be furnishing baskets, Betty Monroe is donating a quilt to be raffled off, and there will also be a Cheerwine Bench. There will be some frozen meals, lots of baked goods, produce and canned goods for sale. In addition to our homemade items, we will have a 'Vintage Corner' with crocheted doilies, nice glass pieces, and some old dolls. So if you have some items you have cleared out, bring them on.

Raffles will be drawn at 1:45pm. We are trying to work out details to be able to take credit and debit cards. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please feel free to call me, Terri Powlas, at 704-202-8666.

King's Kids

King's Kids music program **for K-5th grades** began this morning. This is a time for kids to learn about God and the Christian faith through music. We will meet each Sunday morning at 9am, through October 27th, learning new songs, playing instruments, and preparing to share and participate during morning worship.

Building Accessibility and Improvement Project

At **9:30am Sunday, September 22nd**, there will be a presentation in the fellowship hall on the proposed building project. The same presentation will be in the sanctuary following worship on **September 29th**, for those who missed the first one.

We want everyone to be informed of the proposed plan before we vote on the motion to move forward with the project.

Sunday, September 15

- King's Kids music, K-5th grade, 9am, in the choir room
- Guest Preacher, Perry Bernhardt
- Fish Fry tickets, on the front lawn after worship
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- No Vespers today

Monday, September 16

- Newsletter articles for October Epistle—turn in this week.
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 17

- Bible Study classes at 10am and 6pm
- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 18

- Classical Conversations homeschool, 8:30am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation Class, 7pm

Thursday, September 19

- Friendship Club, trip to Billy Graham Library, 10am

Saturday, September 21

- Lutheran Men's Fish Fry, 6pm

Sunday, September 22

- King's Kids music, K-5th grade, 9am, in the choir room
- Presentation on building project in the fellowship hall, 9:30am
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Recent Prayer Needs

- Tim Deal – upcoming back surgery on the 20th
- Ashley Fink, granddaughter of Larry and Leilani Watson – recovering from surgery
- Doris Hilliard – upcoming surgery
- Tammy Leazer – recovering from surgery
- Brynne Lippard, sister of Kara Burnett – recovering at home
- Lindsay Lowman – upcoming surgery
- Bob McCanless – health concerns
- Griffin Morneau, 13-year-old family friend of Amy Barringer – health concerns
- Teresa Peeler – Hospice care at home
- Franda Raymer – health concerns
- Herman Ritchie – Liberty Commons for rehab
- Dottie Stancil – health concerns
- Wanda Thomas, sister to Dana Bost and Karen Deal – health concerns
- Barbara Upright – recovering at home

The most recent requests are listed here. Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs.

**Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you
and that you may be in good health,
as it goes well with your soul.**

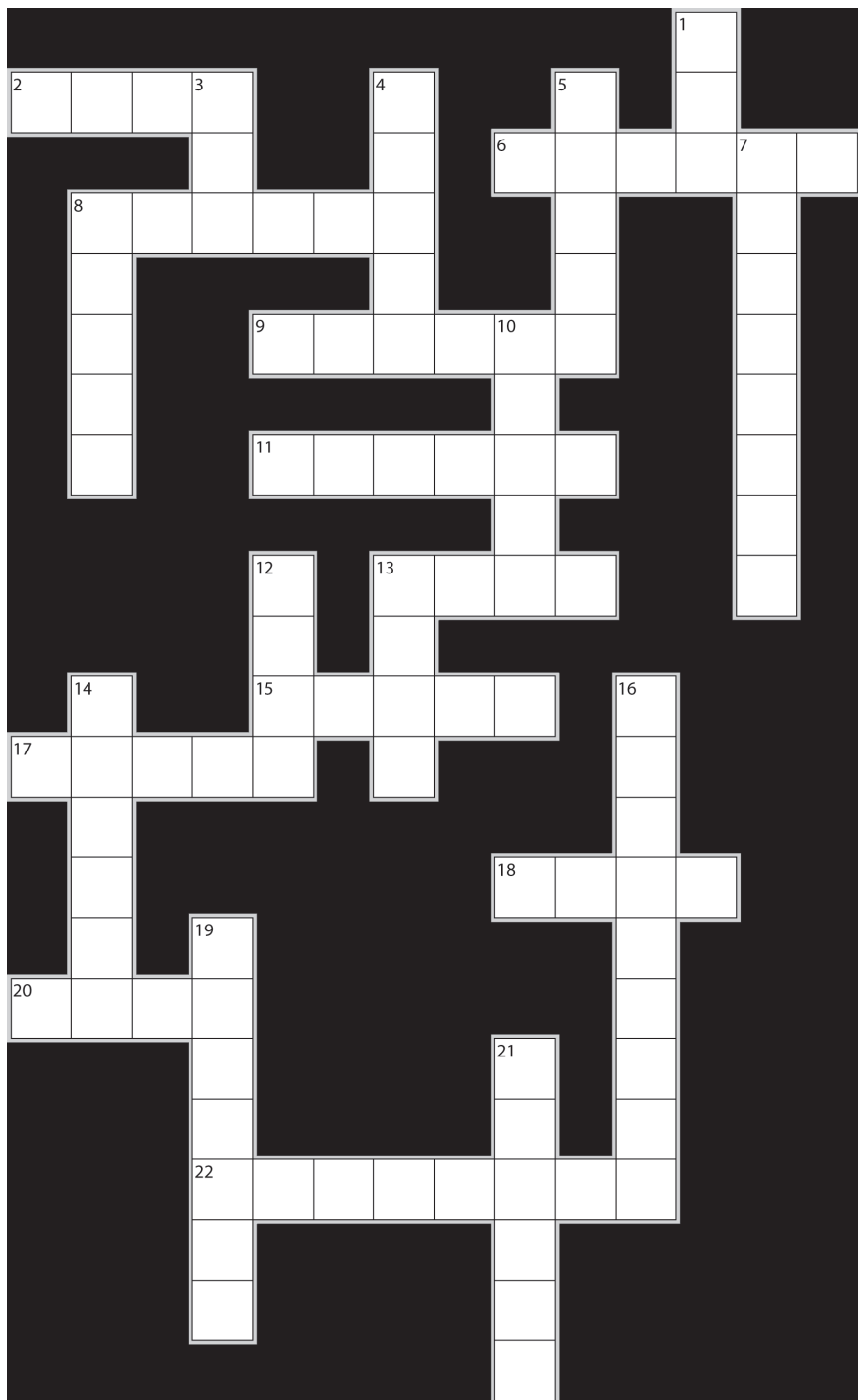
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General Fund Offering (9/8)	\$4,421
Other Offering (9/8)	\$1,616
Sunday School Attendance (9/8)	73
Worship Attendance (9/8)	216

This quarter, the children's change collections will go to Lutherans for Life.

Last Sunday: \$159 Total so far this quarter: \$1,647



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.

ACROSS

2. James describes the tongue as this.
6. The Lord God has given this to the servant so he would be like one who is taught or educated.
8. It is set ablaze by a small fire.
9. They thought the boy was dead because he looked like a...
11. Certain demonic spirits can only be driven out by...
13. Can this kind of pond produce fresh water?
15. The one who walks in darkness should do this.
17. The Lord has delivered the psalmist's soul from...
18. The servant gave this to them who struck him.
20. Return, O my soul, to your...
22. All things are possible for one who...

DOWN

1. Can this tree bear olives?
3. Morning by morning, the Lord awakens this.
4. The spirit cast the boy into fire and...
5. The psalmist loves the Lord because he has heard his...
7. I believe; help my...
8. The Servant has set his face like this.
10. What pangs laid hold of the psalmist?
12. The servant's adversary will be like a garment eaten up by this insect.
13. The psalmist prayed the Lord would deliver his...
14. With the same tongue we bless the Father and curse them.
16. They wondered why they couldn't cast out the evil spirit.
19. What do we all do in many ways?
21. The psalmist will walk before the Lord in this land.

Help My Unbelief

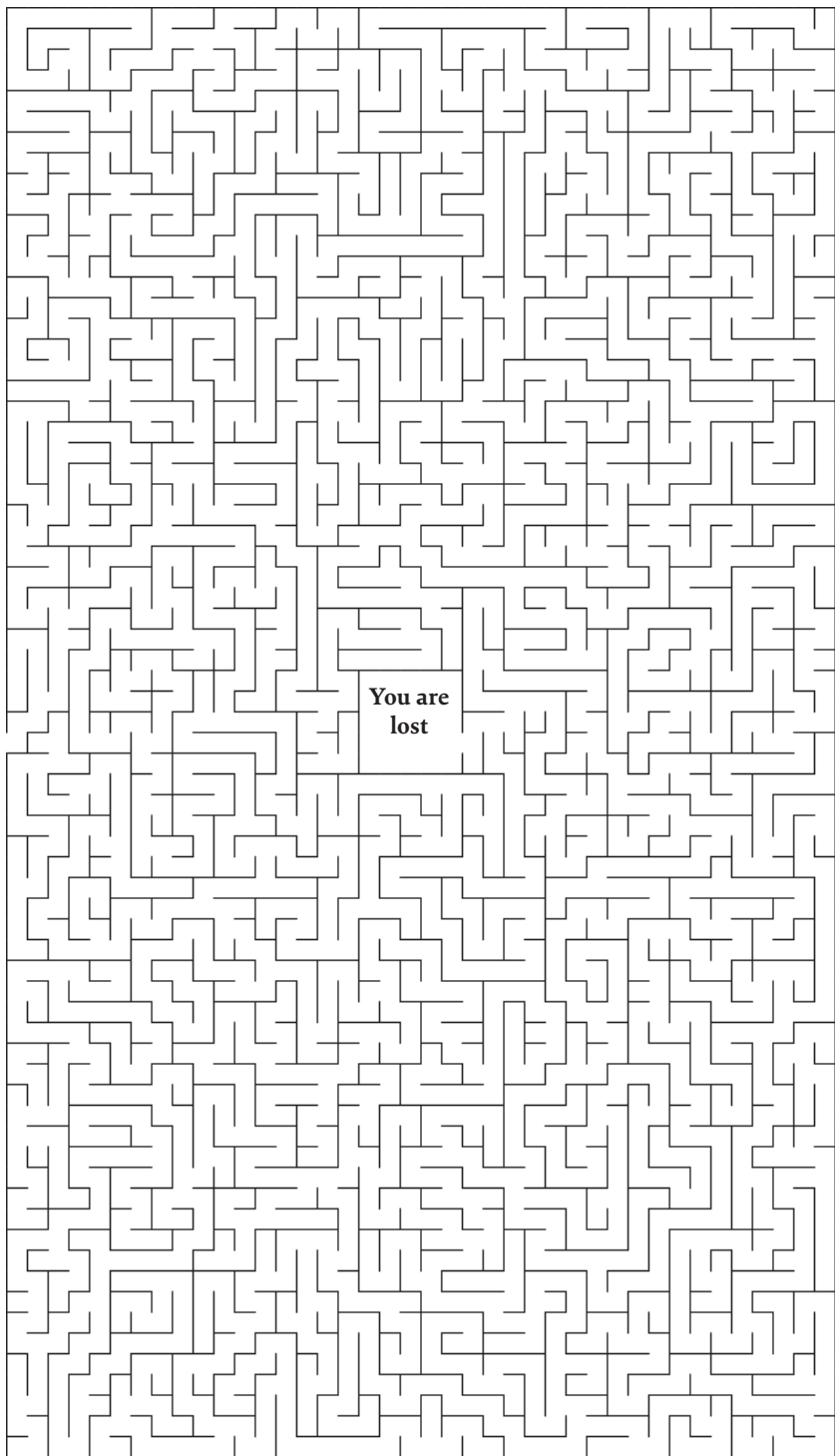
*Find the 26 **bold** words from Mark 9:24–29 KJV.*

T K K S L Y Z B L F N C B E C
D A E D E B E N W R U K E S A
I K M Z W L E E I S P S E O S
Z O U T I H K Q L D U M B R T
G O K E L C Y G U F D G A A R
D N V H T R O F O Z U E T H R
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F A S T I N G W U L T C S L U

And straightway the **father** of the **child** **cried out**, and said with **tears**, **Lord**, I **believe**; help thou mine **unbelief**. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he **rebuked** the **foul spirit**, saying unto him, “Thou **dumb** and **deaf** spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.” And the spirit cried, and **rent** him **sore**, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, “He is **dead**.” But Jesus took him by the hand, and **lifted** him up; and he **arose**. And when he was come into the house, his **disciples** asked him privately, “**Why** could not we **cast** him out?” And he said unto them, “This kind can **come forth** by **nothing**, but by **prayer** and **fasting**.”

**Jesus
Calls
You**

**You are
lost**





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Next weeks lessons: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37