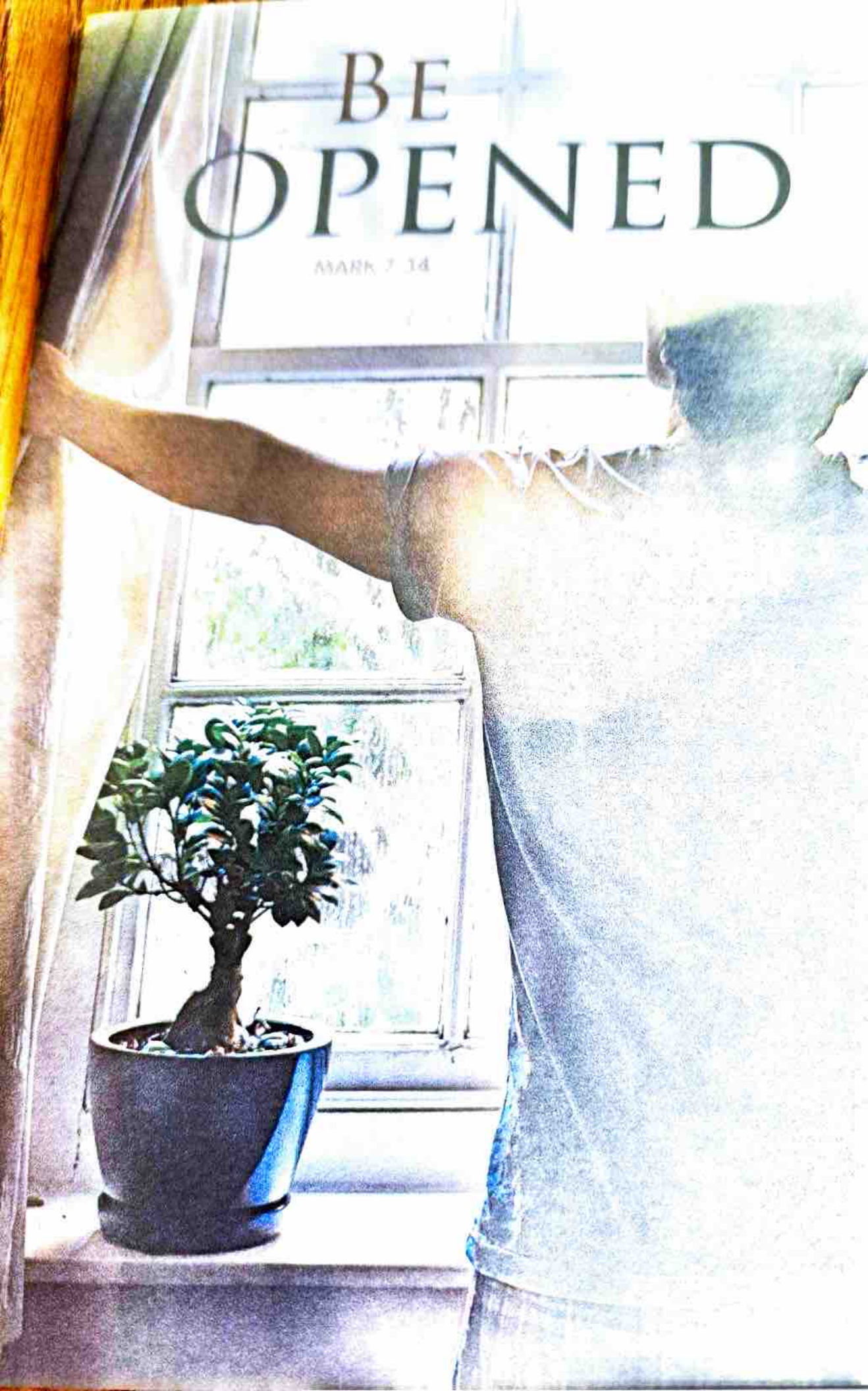


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MARK 7:14



Hope Lutheran Church
September 8, 2024

Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

Alberta Block

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

FOG # 399

Call to Worship

P: We gather here as your children, Lord.

C: We confess anything at all to You before our brothers and sisters here in this church today. Proof that we believe You already know us as we are.

P: That we believe You are able to do something about it and are willing to touch us, forgive us, love us, accept us, and make us new.

**All: If God no longer accuses us, we will stop accusing ourselves. We will celebrate His love and sing His Praises!
Amen -Howard Childers**

Hymn of Praise "Jesus Loves Me" verse 1

FOG # 226

Prayer of the Day (in unison) Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lessons

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1-10, (11-13) 14-17

LBW pg. 287

Alleluia

FOG # 361

Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Amazing Grace"

FOG # 107

The Apostles' Creed

FOG pg. 137

Prayers of the Church-----The Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory-SING We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone. A trust O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn "It Is Well With My Soul"

FOG # 495

In Our Prayers: Myrna Schmid and Carol Speth.

We welcome you to worship with us today. If you are a guest please sign the guest book in the entry.

Wednesday, Sept. 11th: 4:00 Kids for Christ, 6:00 Confirmation, 8:00 Church Council, and Patriot Day.

Thursday, Sept. 12th: 1:30 p.m. Bible Study

Sunday, Sept. 15th: Holy Communion Worship, Comm. asst., Sharon

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"SEPTEMBER IS CULTIVATING NEW _____"

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

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Psalm 146

**SECOND READING: James 2:1-10
[11-13] 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the 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," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God 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? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

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, ¹⁶and 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? ¹⁷So 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 did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He 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." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.

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