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P S A L M 1 1 6 : 2
and I will call on Him
as long as I live

September 13, 2009
RALLY DAY

Proclaiming GRACE
God's Riches At Christ's Expense
Est. January 3, 1956

INTRODUCTION

Welcome Friends in Christ! If you are a guest with us today, please let us know how we may serve you. Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

+ Please stand as you are able for these parts of the service

PRESERVICE MUSIC AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GATHERING SONG BY CHOIR *"All Are Welcome"* Marty
Haugen

+ **AN ACT CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, confessing our sin and trusting in God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of truth,

ALL we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory.

We have turned away from you.

We have not kept your commandments.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have neglected the poor,

and we have not welcomed all people in your name.

You know the fullness of our sin.

Forgive us, and turn us again to you,

so that we may receive the fullness of your mercy. Amen.

P Our great high priest, Jesus Christ, sacrificed himself for us and for our sins. In Christ, you are freed from your sins and given a place in God's household forever.

C Amen.

P Forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord, let us be reconciled with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

(All may greet one another saying: Peace be with you.)

+ **PSALMODY AND CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 89**

L I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

**C ²¹My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.**

L ²⁴My faithfulness and steadfast love are with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name.

**C ²⁵I will set his hand on the sea,
and his right hand on the rivers.**

L ²⁶He will say to me, "You are my father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation."

**C ²⁷I will make him my firstborn
and higher than the kings of the earth.**

L ²⁸I will keep my love for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

**C ²⁹I will establish his line forever
and his throne as the days of heaven.**

L ³⁴I will not break my covenant,
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

**C ³⁵Once for all I have sworn by my holiness:
I will not lie to David.**

L ³⁶His line shall endure forever
and his throne as the sun before me;

**C ³⁷it shall stand fast forevermore like the moon,
the abiding witness in the sky."**

**ALL Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

LBW, p. 81

P/L This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

Power and riches and wisdom and strength
And honor and blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L May we pray.

L O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives.

C Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SELECTED READING FROM SECOND SAMUEL 9

¹ David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

² Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They called him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "Your servant," he replied.

³ The king asked, "Is there no one still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet."

⁴ "Where is he?" the king asked.

⁶ When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "Your servant," he replied.

⁷ "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table."

⁸ Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons.

¹² ... and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. ¹³ And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table, and he was crippled in both feet.

L The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR "Breathe"

words/music by Marie Barnet

+ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P Alleluia. Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

C **Alleluia.**

+ **A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK 8**

Response

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a

strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Jesus Is Lord and That Means Something"
Presented by Leggo and Pastor

O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ, combined in perfect rhyme,
To write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.

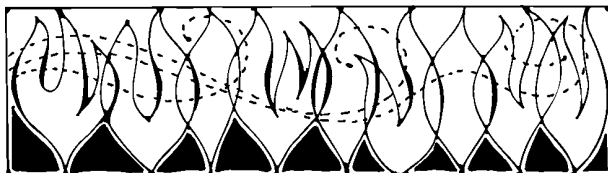
As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
So may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
And help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.

O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
That joined by faith with your great heart become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
That through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.

O Love that made the distant stars, yet mark the sparrow's fall,
Whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
Come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
Whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

MESSAGE “GROWING HEARTS AFTER GOD’S OWN HEART,
Part 9: A Compassionate Heart”

“The Lord has sought out a man after His own heart” (1 Samuel 13: 14). From the life of King David, we learn how God grows compassionate hearts after His own heart.



the Son of Man Must Suffer Sunday

+ APOSTLES' CREED

L Renouncing all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises, let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize:

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

**I 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.**

**I 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.**

+ PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Response:

L Hear us, O God, **C Your mercy is great.**

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED AS THE LORD'S TABLE IS PREPARED

In this simple gesture of thanksgiving, we acknowledge God as the Giver and look forward in joyful anticipation to receiving the great gift of his Son in bread broken and cup shared.

MUSICAL OFFERING

+ OFFERING PRAYER

L God of majesty, in your might you have created all things,
and you entrust to our care what you have made.

**C Receive our offerings, and make them a sign of our
dedication to provide for the needs of all people and
creatures, in the name of the one who sustains all things by
his word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks for his glory.

C We give thanks, we rejoice in his presence.

P I will go to your altar and praise you, O God, my exceeding
joy, singing a song of thanksgiving and telling of your
wondrous deeds. Now with all the faithful who ever were,
are, and will be, with all creation in all time, with joy we
sing: *“Holy, Holy, Holy” Tune WOV 801)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

+ WORDS OF OUR LORD

+ LORD'S PRAYER

+ **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Receive the Lord and live.

C **Amen.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

What is this Bread? What is this Wine? At Messiah Lutheran Church, the Holy Supper of our Lord is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that we receive “the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.” Our Lord welcomes to His table those who have faith in these words, “given for you” and “shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin.” Please extend hand out to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or from individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Pastor follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup in the rack on the communion rail. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing “that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.”

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Join in singing the following selections from various resources:

BOB # 202

SPIRIT SONG

John Wimber

O let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you,
And His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,

And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

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BOB # 210

THE LAMB

Gerald Patrick Coleman

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

REFRAIN

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heaven His praise to sing. *REFRAIN*

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. *REFRAIN*

He sighs, He dies He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *REFRAIN*

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong 'Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *REFRAIN*

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+ **RESPONSE AFTER COMMUNION**

L Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken. May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

+ PROCESSION TO DEDICATE A FACILITY (PINETREE HOUSE) FOR CHURCH USE

P Let us go forth in peace

C in the name of the Lord.

All may follow the procession to the Pinetree House

P Sisters and brothers in Christ: Today we seek God's blessing as with thankfulness we have come together to dedicate this facility for church use, the Pinetree House. All your works praise you, O Lord.

C and your faithful servants bless you.

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. Your gifts are many, and in wisdom you have made all things to give you glory. Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate this facility, the Pinetree House, to your praise and honor. Give us joy in all your works and grant that this house and property may always be a place where your will is done and your name is glorified; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ SENDING SONG

WOV # 748

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; Bind us together in love.

There is only one God. There is only on King.
There is only one Body; that .. is why we can sing:
Bind us together....

You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire,
You are the glorious new wine. Bind us together....

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **C Amen.**

+ **DISMISS**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

All may "tour" through the Pinetree House. All are invited to return to the fellowship hall where the Rally Day luncheon is served.

MESSIAH MESSENGER

Messiah Lutheran Church, 500 Baytree Road, Valdosta, GA.

Announcements and news for the week of Sept 06 - Sept 13, 2009

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY	Sunday Classes	9:15	am
	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30	am
	Dedication of the Pine Tree House		
	Rally Day BarBQ Luncheon		
MONDAY	JOYFUL NOISE LUNCH AT Masatos	11:45	am
	Church Council	7:00	pm
	(Monday and Tuesday, the Pinetree House is reserved for a FL-GA District Pastor's group)		
WEDNESDAY	Choir Practice	7:30	pm
THURSDAY	Thursday Craft & Lunch Group	9:00	am
	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
SATURDAY	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Sunday Classes	9:15	am
	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30	am

WE ARE DEVOTED TO OFFERING ... "God's Love, Our Response"

2009 Budget Goal	\$ 134,486.00
Goal per week	\$ 2,586.00
2009 Goal to Date	\$ 93,106.00

Offerings for 2009 Budget – as of 09/06	\$ 96,257.00
Offering on 09/06	\$ 5,315.00
Weekly average for 36 week	\$ 2,674.00

Designated Offerings:

Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Pine Tree House Debt Reduction Fund	\$ 425.00*

* inc \$25 gift in memory of Kathy Lane's father, Edward Condon

"Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" Matthew 5: 16

Pinetree House Property

Non-designated contributions for the Pinetree House are used toward monthly payment of interest and principle. Thank you for your gifts.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are a gift and a warm reminder of God’s love to bloom where you are planted by Dick and Dena Rockey in honor of Dena’s birthday (9/16) and grandson Trevor’s birthday (9/18). *Thanks for the gift of flowers to enhance our worship, and to glorify the Lord our God. To order flowers, please use the registry located on the stand in the hallway toward the fellowship hall.*

WE ARE DEVOTED TO PRAYER Acts 2: 42

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Dr. Bradley Meyer, Mike Lagioia, Betty Albritton (9/14); Dena Rockey, Joe Mitchell (9/16); Kristina Sparks (9/17). Missed *on this list?* **Please leave a note in the church office with name and birth date.**

ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES The deployed from MAFB (several squadrons) Cheston Morgan, Afghanistan, Verla George’s grandson in the Army. Keith Missildine, (Navy, New Jersey), Brian Sparks (Navy, Connecticut), Kevin Sparks (AF, Florida)

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING PATIENTS/SHUT-INS

Mike Laigoia, Fellowship Home
 Charles Kluball, Fellowship Home
 Vi & Clarence Heidemann, homebound
 Mildred Evans undergoing rehab at home
 Margaret Rupp convalescing after gall bladder surgery

NEW JOYS & ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Mary Kinchen, gall bladder; Chuck Kluball, kidney stone; Jack Hostetler, skin cancers
 Jacquie Condon, Kathy Lane’s mother,
 Robert Hubbard reports that his friend, Ray Moorman, seriously burned, is doing well and can be removed from our prayer list.
 Teri Williams requests prayer for Nancy Golden, suffering from liver failure.
 For Jolleen Christians and family upon the death of her father in Minnesota, Paul Thiner who joined the Saints Triumphant on Wednesday.
 Linda Klement requests prayer for her friend, Gerri in S. Dak. with liver disease and also Gerri’s daughter in Oregon with cancer

LIST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Name	Concern/joy	Requested by	Relationship
June Orrison	cancer	Gloria Cook	cousin
Belinda Judy	brain tumor	Dorothy Hauge	friend
Virginia Anderson	Alzheimer’s	Betty Zipperer	sister
Roy McDanielle	lung disease	Duane Hauge	friend
Ricky Harrell	needs kidney transplant	Erin Jansen	uncle
Elizabeth Rabon	cancer	Erin Jansen	grandmother
Linda Brightwell	cancer	Tina Wright	friend/co-worker
Diane McNamara	breast cancer	Pat Simpson	niece
Maebeth Gerisch	nursing home care	Ed Gerisch	wife
Melanie McDonald	brain seizures	Mary Kinchen	cousin
Vickie Johnson	health issues	Dana Black	mother
Bobby Joe Johnson	health issues	Dana Black	step-father
Alyssia Ventura	MS	Silke/PatrickDeeley	daughter
Jake Tillman’s grandson (12) leukemia		Don Sullins	friend
John Harris	multiple health concerns	Jan Bristow	friend
Christopher Stone	pt recovery	Pat Simpson	grandson
Sally Carson	tests	Jack/Joanne Hostetler	daughter
Ella Derr		John Mitchell	friend
Mike Ellis	diagnosed with leukemia	Bo Miller	friend

Joan Adams	post surgery complications	Ellen /John Mitchell	friend
Steven Bridges	leukemia	Lisa Tinney/Dana Black	friend
Edgar Vizcarondo	cancer	Rae Hubbard	friend
Jeff Griffin	colon cancer	Don Sullins	friend
Robert	health issues	Duane Hauge	brother
Gloria DeMillo	blood clot in lung	Dorothy Hauge	friend
Billy Langdale	circulation problems	Pernell Jones	neighbor
Ira & Louise Whatley	cancer	Nancy Stewart	parents of a friend
David	cancer in throat	Nancy Stewart	son
Marilyn	kidney disease	Linda/Gary Klement	friend
Charli Butler (6mth)	chemo treatments	Wendy Tweeter	friend of parents Aaron & Jamie

WE ARE DEVOTED TO WORSHIP Acts 2: 42

Organ/Piano
Choir Director
Worship Assistant
Reader/Communion Assistants
Children's Message

Acolyte
Greeters
Nursery
Ushers

Altar preparation/Chancel care
Sound tech
Custodians
Altar linen
Flower service
Flower beds
Grass cutting
Floor Maintenance Smith's Janitorials

Church Council.....
Kay Vincent, president
Gary Klement, co- financial secretary
Kathy Lane, treasurer
Cindy Mitchell, Christian E
Jolleen Christians, evangelism

Kay Vincent
Marjorie Fix
John Mitchell
Kim Wright, Stephanie Wright
Cindy Sweeney, Tage France

& others
Matthew Gannon
Dick & Dena Rockey
Joanne Hostetler
Dick Rockey, Jeff Willis
volunteers
Janie Jansen
Volunteer
Bob & Valerie Behnke
Fran Sparks
Helen Whitten
Whitten family
Fred Daniels 245-0483
Laverne Smith 229 387-6060

Sandy Adams, v- pres/secretary
Lisa Tinney, co-financial secretary
Jeff Moxley, stewardship
Bo Miller, property
John Mitchell, worship
Dana Black, youth

WE ARE DEVOTED TO SERVICE

	<u>Sept 20</u>	<u>Sept 27</u>	<u>Oct 4</u> LWML Sun
Reader:	H Hodge	C Pieplow	C Pieplow
Com Assist:	G Vincent	J Sparks	N Atkins
Acolyte:	A Sweeney	N Meyer	Z Moxley
Chancel:	L Grall	L Tinney	K Sheeley

Nursery:	D Willis	M Foutz	
Greeters:	G Klement V Benavides	C Sweeney A Sweeney	P Jones P Simpson
Ushers:	L Tinney G Klement G Vincent L Vincent	J Hostetler J Hostetler R Behnke V Behnke	M Foutz K Boles J Jansen S Adams

Greeters: It is best for choir members to greet only during the summer when they don't need to rehearse before the service. **We need smiling faces** to fill in for them the rest of the year. Please contact Cyndy Pieplow if you are willing.

GRACE & PEACE FROM PASTOR RICHARD

“THANK YOU...Calvary Greetings in the dear name of our resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...On the behalf my ministry I am writing to acknowledge the receipt of the books that through your financial contribution were sent to us by Dr. Jacqueline Faulhaber some three months ago, and also to say “Thank You” for that generous effort. We sincerely appreciate this. We do not also forget the support you all gave to sister Jolleen (Christians) when she accompanied Dr. Jacqueline to visit Cameroon in January. She was such a blessing to us in Cameroon.”

- Dirankap BenVictor, Coordinator, Zaraphath Foundation.

LWML NEWS

We will continue with craft nights Sept. 22 and Oct. 20 to add to bazaar goodies. Mark your calendars for Sept. 26, Yard Sale for Second Harvest & Kids Cafe...see Helen Whitten for more info. Thanks for all you support....God bless our craft leaders!!!! Your sister in Christ...Sandy

VALDOSTA CHORAL GUILD

As we begin the 2009-10 season we take this opportunity to invite those of you who are interested in membership in the Guild to join us at our first rehearsal at 7:30, Monday, September 14, in the choir rehearsal room of First Baptist Church. Expense other than concert clothing costs is \$20 per concert membership fee. The guild is blessed with the direction Dr. Lynn Corbin. Have questions, contact membership chairperson, Dick Uhler 292-3770. Also, Kay Vincent, Robert and Rae Hubbard who sing with the guild can probably assist you too.



JAMES 3

⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.