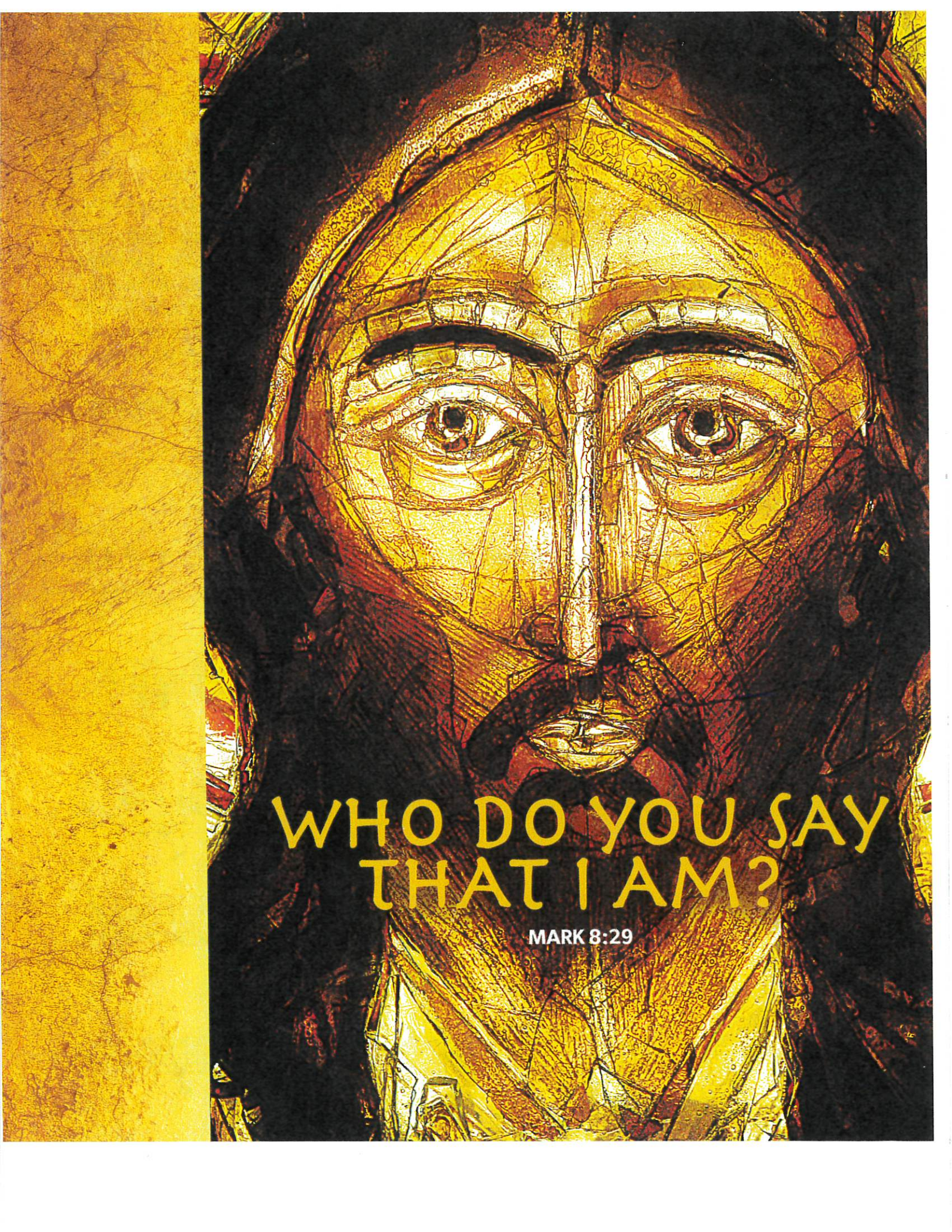




WHO DO YOU SAY
THAT I AM?

MARK 8:29



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, September 14, 2024 ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 15, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But 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.

PRELUDE

"We Are Called"

Jubilation

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Round the Table"

vv. 1 & 2

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

♩ = 86

C F C Am G

Come to-gether 'round the ta-ble. Come and taste the won-der,

C F C Am F G C

a healing touch and a deep connec-tion from the liv-ing cen-ter of it all.

Last time Fine F C Dm7 C/E

Seek-ing mean-ing on the run you try and save the day.
 Bring a friend or en - e - my or one you hold or blame.
 Hear cre - a - tion groan for life. Will hate and hun-ger cease?

But all is read - y will you come? Love in - vites the way.
 With each oth - er we are one. here in Je - sus' name.
 In the roar of vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

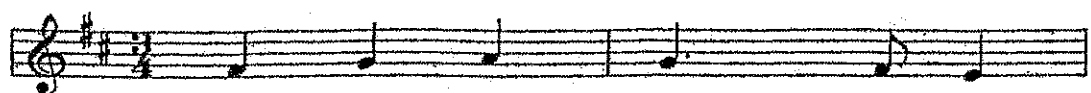
have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

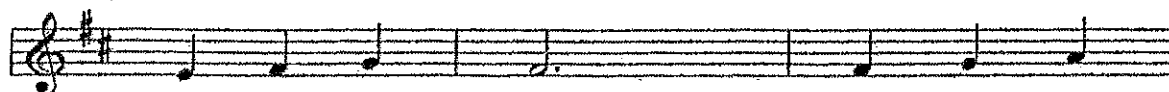
God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

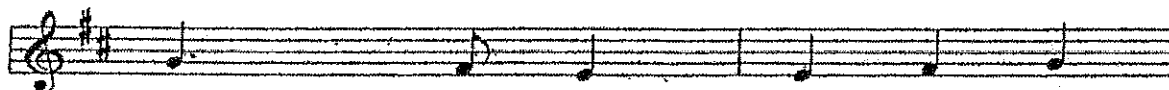
GATHERING SONG "Then I Will Praise You, My Savior, Again"



1. When I feel mis - er - able,
2. You seem so far a - way,
3. Send out Your light and truth,



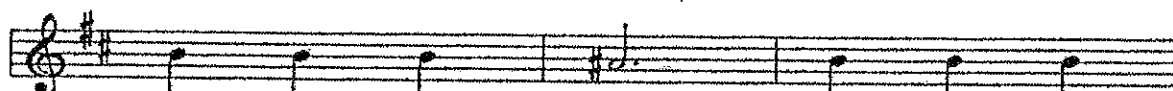
down and de - pressed, worth - less, I
You, and Your light; dark - ness has
they'll be my guide. Where there's Your



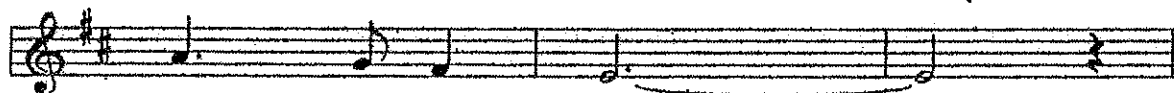
feel cov - ered and I've nev - er been
light and truth, thick as the
trou - bles sub -



blessed, You hold me gent - ly with
night; I've lost di - rec - tion, I
side. Fill me with won - der, sur -

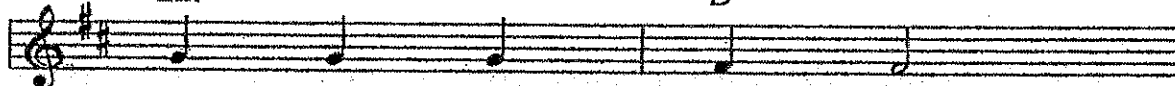


Your un - seen hands; la - ter I'll
can't find my way. God, bring this
prise me with joy. On - ly on



see You, my Friend.
night to an end.
You I de - pend,

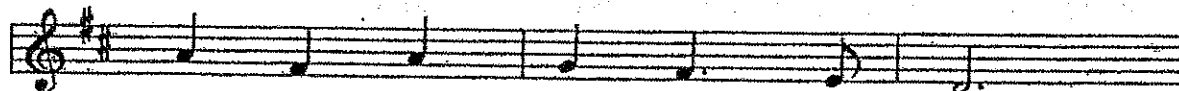
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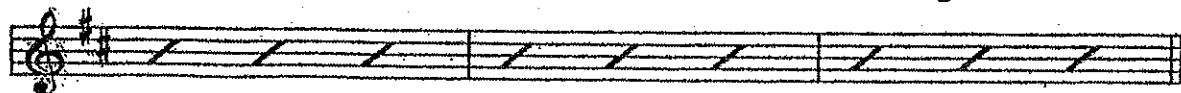
Then I will praise You,



God, I will praise You. Then I will



praise You, my Sav - ior, a - gain.



GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

**²for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**⁸For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

A reading from James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 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. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Help Us O Lord"

Help us O Lord to hear your word. O- pen our hearts to

feel your word. Give us the strength to live your word each day.

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GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

"Come, Christians, Unite"

Jubilation

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 THE PEOPLE

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Each prayer petition will conclude, "Lord, in your mercy,"
The congregation responds, "hear our prayer."*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Help Us Oh Lord"

vv. 1 & 3

$\text{♩} = 108$ Em C D Em

Help us, oh Lord, to do what is right and wise.
 Teach us to live your king - dom come here on earth.
 of - fer in joy what you first to us gave:

Am C D

Help us to see our bro - thers' needs that are in dis - guise.
 O - pen our lives to treat each per - son with e - qual worth.
 Our - selves, our time, the ver - y things that our hands have made.

Em B7

Re - mind us we're fam - i - ly; we're
 Re - ceive them all now, this is our

C D Em B (last time end on Em)

pain in our sis - ters' eyes.
 bound by bap - tis - mal birth.
 prayer in Je - sus' name. We

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

$\text{♩} = 100$ E^b (D) (guitar: capo 1) $\text{B}^b\text{m}/\text{G}$ (Am/F $\sharp$) A^b (G)

Lamb of God,
Bread of Life,
Prince of Peace,
Lamb of God,

E^b/G (D/F $\sharp$) $\text{A}^b\text{Maj}7$ (GMaj7) $\text{Gm}7$ (F $\sharp\text{m}7$)

you take away the sin of the

1, 2, 3 $\text{C}7$ (B7) E^b (D) F (E) F7 (E7) B^b7 (A7)

world: have mer - cy on us.

4 $\text{C}7$ (B7) E^b (D) F (E) F7 (E7) B^b7 (A7) E^b (D)

world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion may come forward for a blessing. Those who are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.

The ushers will direct you to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread from the pastors. Gluten-free wafers are available in the small gold dish on the paten. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. There are baskets at the end of the front pews where you can deposit your cups as you return to your seat. Those who are worshipping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" Jubilation
"Commune With Me"

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Cry of My Heart"

1 D G A G
It is the cry of my heart to fol - low You.

3 D G A G
It is the cry of my heart to be close__ to You.

5 D G A F#sus F#
It is the cry of my heart to fol - low

7 G A D Fine G A
all of the days__ of my life.__

9 VERSE Bm G/B A D
1. Teach me Your ho - ly ways,__ oh Lord.__
2. O - pen my eyes so I__ can see__ The

11 Bm E7/G# A
So I can walk__ in Your truth.__
won - der - ful things__ that You do.__

13 Bm G/B A D
Teach me Your ho - ly ways,__ oh, Lord.__ And make me
O - pen my heart up more__ and more,__ And make me

15 G A D D.C. al Fine
whol - ly de - vot - ed to You.__
whol - ly de - vot - ed to You.__

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	Gary Mueller
Reader	Carolyn Hulsén
Communion Assistant	Carolyn Hulsén
Counters	David & Betty Griffin

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Val & Kathryn Zelinko
Reader	David McCammant
Communion Assistant	Joni Kuehl-Schneider
Counters	Kenny & Sue Oetzmann

Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organist	Teri Wittkowsi and Susan Becker
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker
Online Streaming Crew	Lucas Golvinghorst, Scott LaPlante, & Kevin Zidarich



Falling in Line

It is never easy to think about bad things happening to the people we love. When unpleasant topics like illness or death come up, we're likely to say things like, "Oh, let's just not talk about it," or "It would never come to that!" So it is understandable that Peter scoffs when Jesus talks about his own suffering. Peter cannot fathom it. We, too, have a difficult time understanding God's ways, and like Peter, we sometimes resist when confronted with a hard truth.

However, Jesus is unfazed. There are many ways to interpret what he says in reply: Maybe it is a rebuke, calling Peter out when he got it wrong. It could be a protective statement, like a parent calling out to their small child who has run too far ahead on the street; it may sound harsh, but it is love. Or perhaps it could be Jesus calling his followers to fall in line—a call to action. "We have places to go," Jesus may be saying, "and you cannot follow from the front."

Whatever the case, Jesus points to the cross and warns of its costs. For his disciples, it will mean taking a stand against the powers of the world, perhaps even against their own families. In our baptism, we are marked with that same cross, and Jesus calls us to the same mission: to pick up our cross and follow him.

We live in a complicated world, and sometimes the path of discipleship is unclear. Sometimes we get it wrong, or get a little too far ahead, or lose our way entirely. But we trust in Jesus, our wise teacher, to lovingly correct us and set us on our way again. Through the cross, God gives us life and gives us freedom to go out, confront unpleasant truths, and do whatever we need to do for others. Nothing stands in our way.

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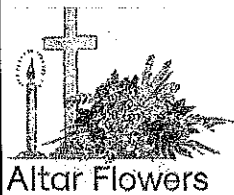
GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED
CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



The Flowers on the altar are given by Kenny & Sue Oetzmann in celebration of their 58th Anniversary (September 10) and Kenny's 81st Birthday (September 12).

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheranelldridge.com



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Jim Schneider	Shawn
Ann Kuehl	Gary Oerman	Tim
Kathy Stoltz	Ed Stoltz	Joyce
Steve Mixdorf	Kim Pierce	James
Henry Storjohann	Barb Conklen	
Dan Anderson	Marilyn	
Maisie Knutsen	Kelly	

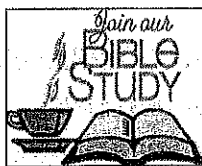


The Sunday School teachers would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of crafting supplies for the upcoming school year. Everyone's generous support is greatly appreciated. Thanks so very much.



Ushers and those interested in becoming Ushers...

Ushers have a important role in the safety and security of our church. Part of our adopted security plan requires quarterly training for the Ushers. The 2nd Training will be held on **Sunday, September 15th @10:15 am** in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend! **Contact Tom**



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

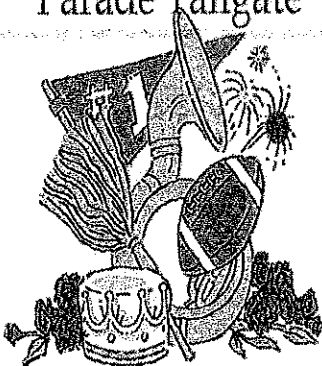
Join us this Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 pm, as we read and discuss the scriptures for the week ahead.



CHURCHES UNITED MEAL—Is food your love language? Help serve those in need. Faith is partnering with Churches United to serve a meal on **Tuesday, September 17th** at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. The Worship and Music Team will be leading the meal, and will need your help. Sign up on

the bulletin board for ingredients and supplies, or to help prepare and serve the food. We hope to see you at this meaningful food ministry. Thanks for your support!

Homecoming Parade Tailgate



North Scott Homecoming Parade Thursday, September 19th @ 5:15 pm

The North Scott Clergy Group will be hosting a Tailgate Party at Faith Lutheran Church beginning at 5:15 pm on Thursday, September 19, before the North Scott Homecoming Parade. Everyone in the community is invited to come and join us for free hot dogs, chips, water, and other treats, so please come and invite your friends to come for some food and to enjoy the parade from our lawn. We look forward to celebrating the Lancers together!



Feed Our Children Ministry is asking for donations year-round to stock up for next summer. This month we are asking for creamy peanut butter and strawberry or grape jam.

New Members Class



Join us **October 6 at 11:15 am** for a simple meal and conversations to help us get to know each other. If you plan on attending, please email or call the office to let us know. New Member Welcome will be during the worship services on the

Friday



Fun Club

Join with others as our church welcomes children kindergarten through 6th grade to "Friday Fun Club" the **last early dismissal Friday** of each month.

Volunteers are needed in Arts & Crafts, Storytime, Music, Game time and Snack time. Donations of supplies and snack items are also needed.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at church or call Mary Moore at 285-7223 to volunteer.



We are looking for Ushers, Readers and Communion Assistants to serve during September. Please sign up using the sheet on the bulletin board or on our website to sign up. ***Thank you for serving during our worship services!***



Do you love to bake? Bread bakers for the communion loaves are needed for the balance of this year. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church.



Are you interested in making sure Faith is available for all people looking to connect with Jesus? Join our online streaming team by sign up online

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EABA62CAAF85-video>



September 7 & 8: 5:00 pm: 35, 9:00 am: 94, Online: 36, Total: 165.

Saturday, September 14	5:00 pm	Jubilation Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, September 15	9:00 am	Jubilation Worship In Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Usher Training
Monday, September 16	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6:00 pm	Lions Club Exec Meeting
Tuesday, September 17	9:00 am	Quilting
	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
	5:30 pm	Churches United Meal
Wednesday, September 18	10:00 am	Grand Haven Worship
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Dinner
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Conversations
	6:00 pm	People of Praise
	7:00 pm	Youth Group
	7:00 pm	Resounding Joy
Thursday, September 19	5:15 pm	North Scott Clergy Tailgate Party
	6:00 pm	North Scott Homecoming Parade
Friday, September 20	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, September 21	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, September 22	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
<i>Afternoon—Pastors Leave for Synod Fall Gathering</i>		



Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Please contact us at the church office **Tuesday thru Friday, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at (563) 285-4501.** For after-hour emergencies, please contact **Pastor Carrie at (641) 275-1326 or Pastor Heather at (563) 639-9606.**