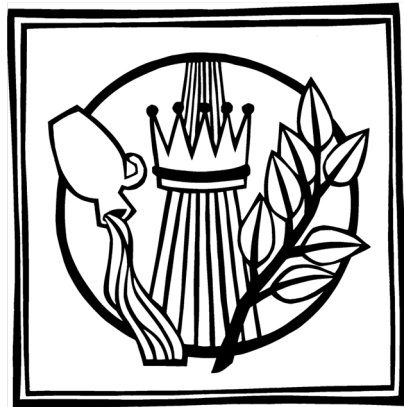




17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024
8:30 am



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.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MEDITATION

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

"Darkest Hour Is Just Before The Dawn" Ralph & Carter Stanley

**The sun is slowly sinking
The day is almost gone
Though darkness falls all around us
Still we must journey on.**

Chorus:

**The darkest hour is just before dawn
The narrow way leads on
Lay down your soul at Jesus's Feet
The Darkest Hour is Just Before Dawn**

**Like a shepherd out on the mountain
Watching his sheep down below,
He's coming back to claim us
Will you be ready to go?**

Chorus

(stand) **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,
C 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 battle 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**

P 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.

C Amen

(stand) **GATHERING HYMN**

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee” ELW #697

**I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**

Refrain

**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.**

Refrain

**When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.**

Refrain

(stand) **GREETING**

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

C **And also with you.**

(stand) **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray...

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.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READINGPsalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

- 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.

A Word of God, word of life.

G Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

(stand) **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating the syllables are spread across the notes.

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(stand) **GOSPEL READING..... Mark 8:27-38**

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

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.

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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit) **SERMON Pastor Julie Ehlers-King**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Take Up Thy Cross” Alfred Ackley (1922)

**I walked one day along a country road
And there a stranger journeyed too
Bent low beneath the burdens of His load
It was the cross, the cross I knew**

Chorus:

**Take up Thy cross and follow Me
I heard the blessed Savior call
How can I make a lesser sacrifice
When Jesus paid it all**

**I cried Lord Jesus and He spoke my name
I saw His hands all bruised and torn;
I stooped to kiss away the marks of shame
The shame for me that He had born**

Chorus

**"Oh, let me bear Thy cross, dear Lord," I cried,
And, lo, a cross for me appeared,
The one, forgotten, I had cast aside,
The one, so long, that I had feared.**

Chorus

**The cross I'll carry till the crown appears
The way our journey soon will end
When God Himself shall wipe away all tears
And friends hold fellowship with friends.**

Chorus

(stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

- P** God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **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.**

(stand)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

Silence for reflection.

Each petition will close with the words: "Hear us, O God."

The response is "Your mercy is great."

- P** We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

PEACE

- P** The peace of our Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

(sit) **THE OFFERING**
“Medicine Bow” Peter Ostroushko

Dynamic Range

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
C 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.

(stand) **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

(sit) **COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Going Down The Valley One By One” Dynamic Range

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray...
Holy God,
You have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with mercy at your table.
Send us now to welcome others, and be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P God all mighty
God most merciful
‡ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“This World Is Not My Home” Albert Brumley

**This World is not my home, I'm Just a passing through
My Treasures are laid up some where beyond the blue
The angels beckoned me from heaven's open door
And I Can't feel at home in this world any more**

Chorus:

**Oh Lord, You know, I have no friend like You
If Heaven's not my home, then Lord what will I do
The Angels beckoned me from Heaven's open door
And I Can't feel at home in this world any more**

**I Have a loving mother just over in Gloryland
And I don't expect to stop until I shake her hand.
She's waiting now for me in heaven's open door
And I Can't feel at home in this World anymore**

Chorus

**Just over in Gloryland, we'll live eternally
The saints on every hand are Shouting victory
Their Songs of sweetest praise drift Back from heaven's Shore
And I Can't feel at home in this World any more**

Chorus

**my Saviour pardoned me, from guilt and shame I Know
I'll Trust his saving grace, while traveling here below
I know he'll welcome me, at heaven's open door,
and I can't feel at home in this world anymore.**

Chorus

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Calling You” Hiram Williams Srs

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