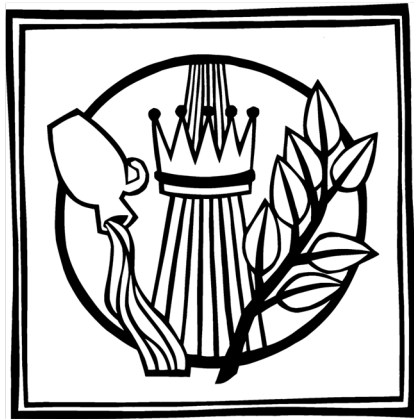




17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024
11:00 am



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.

Order of Worship

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or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

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

"I Stand in Awe"Mark Altrogge

**You are beautiful beyond description
Too marvelous for words
Too wonderful for comprehension
Like nothing ever seen or heard
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom
Who can fathom the depth of Your love
You are beautiful beyond description
Majesty enthroned above**

**And I stand I stand in awe of You
I stand I stand in awe of You
Holy God to whom all praise is due
I stand in awe of You**

**You are beautiful beyond description
Yet God crushed You for my sin
In agony and deep affliction
Cut off that I might enter in
Who can grasp such tender compassion
Who can fathom this mercy so free
You are beautiful beyond description
Lamb of God who died for me**

**And I stand I stand in awe of You
I stand I stand in awe of You
Holy God to whom all praise is due
I stand in awe of You**

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(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 God, our provider,

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 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

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) **OPENING SONG**

“Raise a Hallelujah”Jake Stevens | Jonathan David Helser | Melissa Helser | Molly Skaggs

**I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me**

**I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you’re gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive**

**I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me**

**Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)**

**Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me
Sing a little louder**

**I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you’re gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive**

I raise a hallelujah

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(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.

G **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.

G **Amen.**

(sit) **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 TALK

(stand) **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“I Love You Lord”Laurie Klein

**I love You Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King
In what You hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound
In Your ear**

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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) **SERMONPastor Julie Ehlers-King**

SONG OF THE DAY

“Revelation Song” Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain

Holy holy is He

Sing a new song to Him Who sits on

Heaven's mercy seat

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain

Holy holy is He

Sing a new song to Him Who sits on

Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy

Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing

Praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything

And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color

Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor strength and glory

And power be to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder

At the mention of Your name

Jesus Your name is power breath and living water

Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

Holy holy holy

Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing

Praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything

And I will adore You

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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 AND OFFERTORY

“Seed Scattered and Sown” Dan Felten

Seed scattered and sown
Wheat gathered and grown
Bread broken and shared as one
The Living Bread of God
Vine fruit of the land
Wine work of our hands
One cup that is shared by all
The Living Cup
The Living Bread of God

Is not the bread we break
A sharing in our Lord
Is not the cup we bless
The Blood of Christ outpoured

Seed scattered and sown
Wheat gathered and grown
Bread broken and shared as one
The Living Bread of God
Vine fruit of the land
Wine work of our hands
One cup that is shared by all
The Living Cup
The Living Bread of God

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OFFERING PRAYER

- ☐ Let us pray. 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.

(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

“Goodness of God”... Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Jenn Johnson

**I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God**

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

**I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God**

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

**Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me**

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

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- 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

“Mission’s Flame”Matt Redman

**Let worship be the fuel for mission's flame
We're going with a passion for Your name
We're going for we care about Your praise
Send us out**

**Let worship be the heart of mission's aim
To see the nations recognize Your fame
'Til every tribe and tongue voices Your praise
Send us out**

**You should be the praise of ev'ry tongue
You should be the joy of ev'ry heart
But until the fullness
Of Your kingdom comes
Until that final revelation dawns
Send us out**



**Ev'ry tribe ev'ry tongue
Ev'ry creature in the heavens and the earth
Ev'ry heart every soul
Will sing Your praise
Will sing Your praise
Ev'ry note ev'ry strain
Ev'ry melody will be for You alone
Ev'ry harmony that flows from ev'ry tongue
We'll sing Your praise
We'll sing Your praise
We'll sing Your praise
We'll sing Your praise**

Send us out (7X)

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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