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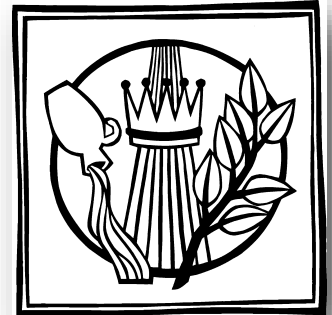
Welcome all people into relationship with Jesus Christ
Equip people with a vital, living faith, and
Send us into the world to serve in Jesus' name

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Sixteenth Week After Pentecost +++ Wednesday, September 15, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Day

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.



PRE-SERVICE SONGS

"If We Are the Body"

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"We Believe"

Praise Pg. 14

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know - the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed - but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest tonight in peace.

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest tonight in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.
Amen.

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.

Welcome to Worship at Trinity Lutheran

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we want you to know how glad we are that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship is an act of surrender. It is an acknowledgement that we are creatures, not the creator. It is an admission that all we have is a gift given, not because we deserve it but because we are beloved. It is a time of praise – thanking God for being our God.

If you would like to grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus through Trinity Lutheran let us know – we would love to accompany you on your faith journey.

READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

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

The 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;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-38

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.

The holy gospel according to Mark, chapter 8.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then 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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But 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."

He 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. For 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those 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."

CHILDREN'S TIME/PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

SONG

“Come Alive”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please pray for Adam, Barb, Bob, Bonnie, Brenda, Bruce, Cheryl, Don, Donna, Fran, Gary, Jon, Karen, Kim, Mary Ann, Mike, Rachel, Renae, Sylvia, Tom, Wayne, Mike and Cheryl.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

OFFERING MUSIC

“Let It Rain”

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OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -- our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

SENDING

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night,

so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord almighty bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in his peace.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

“What a Friend”

Praise Pg. 14

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY to the families of:
Rev. Justin Johnson, brother to Gracia and son of Rev. Erik and Kathryn.
Toni Smith, wife of Rev. Dick Smith.
Buddy Mohler, father of Kathleen Schmidt.
Vernon Peterson, father of Eric Peterson.
Mary Frank.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Carol Houser, given by Scott, Jeremy & Samantha, and Kyle Houser.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of T.S. Grimsrud, long-time Sunday school superintendent, given by his children Phyllis Narveson, David & George Grimsrud. Good luck in the new school year. May the social distance keep getting closer.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED - Our nursery will be opening during worship services starting in mid-September. We need Nursery Workers to work Sundays or Wednesdays. **This is a paid position.** Must be 18 years old to apply. For more information, see Gracia.

FALL CLEAN UP DAY - We will be holding our annual Fall Clean Up Day at the Church on Saturday, October 2nd @ 9 a.m. We will move it to Saturday, the 9th if there is inclement weather. Gloves, rakes and pruning sheers are helpful items to bring. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Please join us!

LYO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING - October 21-22 for youth in grades 9-12. It's a fun overnight event that starts Thursday afternoon and is done by noon on Friday! Join high schoolers from across Western ND as we learn more about our faith through speakers, music, meeting new friends, fun games and more. This takes place at the Ramada Hotel here in Bismarck. We have the option of staying at the hotel or going home for the night. See Gracia for more information. **Registration deadline is September 29.**

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP - Starts Wednesday, September 22. We'll meet Wednesdays at 6:40 p.m. in the youth room at Trinity for fun & faith. For grades 9-12. For more information, see Gracia.

CONNECT GROUPS - Faith and Fellowship

Sundays

Fellowship, coffee, and scripture, Sundays following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Scripture study begins promptly at 9:45 a.m. in the Community Center.

Mondays

Ladies' Study, 1st & 3rd Mondays, 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. (No study September 20.)

Lutherans in Leather, Final ride for this season will be September 20th, 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot.

Beer & Hymns, happens one Monday a month. This month will be Monday, September 20th at the Bismarck Amvets @ 7-9 p.m.

Tuesdays

GIFTS Bible Study, the next study will be on the 4th Tuesday of September (9/28/21) at 6:30 p.m. Email Pastor Mark for the zoom link.

Thursdays

Thursday Morning Circle, is starting up again the 3rd Thursday of each month. (9/16/21 will be the first meeting back.) Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room for study and fellowship.

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