

# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 8:30 AM

## WELCOME



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.

- ✠ Preacher & Officiant – Ps. Brian Griswold
- ✠ Worship Leader – Earl Hem

## WORSHIP

### HYMN: Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior  
Lord, there is none like You  
All of my days, I want to praise  
the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, All that I am,  
Never cease to worship you

#### (CHORUS)

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Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing.  
Power and majesty praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar;  
at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands;  
Forever I'll love You - forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

#### (Repeat)

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### HYMN: Everything is in Your Hands

#### Chorus:

Everything is in your hands  
Everything is in your hands  
Everything is in your hands oh God

My past and my present and things yet to come  
My days are in your hands each and everyone  
I know you can handle any challenge that I face  
You promised you'd be there every step that I take

#### Chorus

There is nothing to big that you aren't bigger  
Remind us again Lord that you are in control  
We know you can handle any challenge that we face  
You promised you'd be there every step that we take.

#### Chorus

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**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.**

## GOD'S HOLY WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**

### Psalm 116:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

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

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

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

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul. For the LORD has dealt well with you.

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

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.



## HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark 8: 27 - 38; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>27</sup>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?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>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."

<sup>34</sup>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.

<sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>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."

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## **SERMON – Pastor Brian Griswold**

### **OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to offer, the fruit of our labor and of the skills you have given us. We ask that you use them and us in the service of you kingdom here in this world to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

### **OFFERING HYMN: Great is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)**

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| 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;<br>there is no shadow of turning with thee;<br>thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;<br>as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. | 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,<br>thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;<br>strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,<br>blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! |
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**Refrain**

**Refrain**

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Refrain**

#### **Refrain**

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

- † We recognize those joining us via FaceBook Live, and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests submitted for our worship.

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. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Grace those from our families and community in greatest need of our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud)*. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

## THE LORDS PRAYER

### **CLOSING HYMN: The Trees of the Field**

You shall go out with Joy, and be lead forth with peace.  
The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the tress of the field  
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
The trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
The trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
As you go out with joy.



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**Dismissal:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

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

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