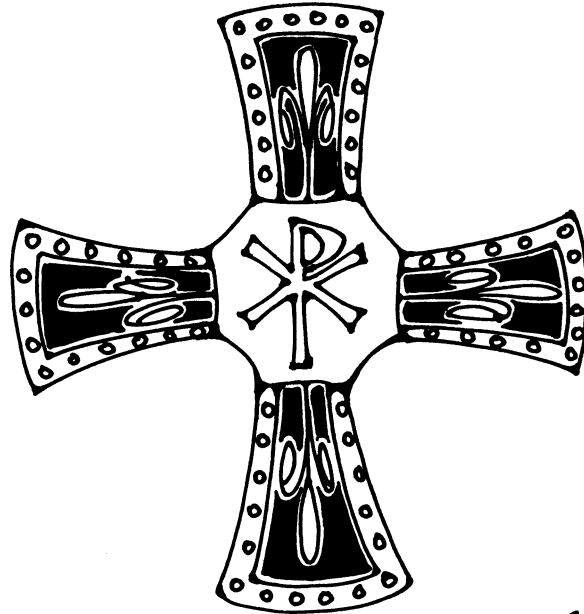


IF ANY
WOULD COME
AFTER ME.
LET THEM



DENY THEMSELVES
AND TAKE UP
THEIR CROSS
AND FOLLOW ME.

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Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Trumbauersville, PA
September 12, 2021
9:00am



Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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*Indicates when all who are able may stand

Introduction

*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.

Where have you found joy this week?

Prelude

Communion

Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one
who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our comforter:

**C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus,
God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

***Apostolic 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.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: 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 Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

L: 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

L: 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 yield figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: 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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Sue Lang

*Reflection Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW #834v. 1 & 4

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

*Apostles' Creed

P: Living together in trust and hope, let us profess our faith....

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**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

L: Made children and heirs of God's promise,
we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: Revealing God, you have made yourself known
through bread and wine, water and word.
Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place
where your presence is experienced and shared.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good.
Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes,
hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters,
especially those affected by Hurricane Ida,
both nationally and locally.

Restore forests and curb overflowing waters.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Protecting God,
you desire all people to live in peace and safety.
Provide for all who are in danger.

Strengthen first responders to help meet
the complex needs of others.

Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Transforming God, you announce release
to the captives and freedom to the oppressed.
Break chains of discrimination and injustice.
Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us
to advocate for the those who are overlooked.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Forming God, you gather this community together.
Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise,

and worship, we honor you and encourage one another.
Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy
in working together.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Healing God, strengthen those who serve in all medical
and helping professions who minister to those sick with Covid.
Renew their hope and their spirits as they serve
especially as they see numbers surging once again in hospitals.
Protect those who cannot be vaccinated
due to health conditions or age.

Reassure them of your compassionate love
so they might find their strength in you during uncertain times.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Accompanying God,
you walk with all who cry out to you in their affliction.
For exiles, refugees, and others who face long
and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future.

For all who mourn the death of a loved one.

For all who are sick (especially those on our Prayer List).

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Redeeming God,
you accompany your people through every stage of life.
We give you thanks for the saints who now rest
in your embrace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers, O God,
and those in our hearts known only to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
Please share a distanced greeting of peace with one another.

Offering

*There are a variety of ways to give
to the church's ministry during this pandemic:
Mail or hand deliver your envelopes during office hours
or use the Paypal link at <http://www.christslutheran.com/worship.html>
Also give through your purchases at Amazon Smile by designating
Christ's Trumbauersville as your charity.*

*Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*The 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.

*Words of Institution

P: 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.*

*Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Sharing of the Body & Blood of Christ

*Post Communion Prayer

P: Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Blessing

P: People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace.
The living Word dwells in you.
C: Thanks be to God.

***Closing Hymn** **Lift High the Cross** ELW#660 v.1&4

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain*

Postlude

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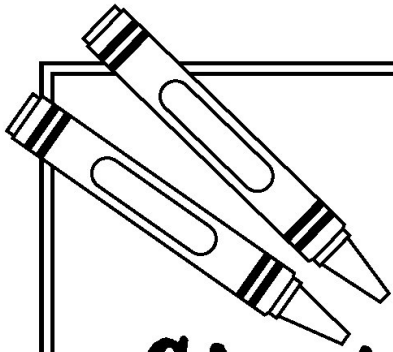
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Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

★ WORD BANK ★

with food him who should with man share do the should
two tunics has the who none and one the same has



Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)