

*The*  
“SON *of* MAN

*is to be betrayed ...*

they will kill him, and  
three days after being  
killed, he will rise again.”



*Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*Trumbauersville, PA*

*September 19, 2021*

*9:00am*



## *Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost*

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\*Indicates when all who are able may stand

Introduction

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition,  
while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest.  
Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve.*

*Then, to make it concrete,  
he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child.  
We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us,  
to make room for them in daily interaction,  
and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

***Where have you found joy this week?***

Prelude

My Heart Ever Faithful

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, our teacher and guide,  
you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.  
Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition,  
that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding  
as servants of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

L: <sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

L: <sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

P: <sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”

<sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

<sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Sue Lang

\*Reflection Hymn

Have No Fear, Little Flock

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*Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!*

*Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!*

\*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: God of community, we pray for the church around the world.  
Unite us in our love for you.  
Help us overcome our divisions,  
that we are encouraged to work together for your sake.  
Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth.  
Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world  
and empower us to support agencies, organizations,  
and individual efforts to heal our environment.  
Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: God of cooperation,  
we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict.  
Inspire leaders to listen to each other  
and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements.  
Protect the vulnerable, especially children,  
who cannot find safety in their home or country.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of comfort,  
we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness.  
Help them find appropriate care.  
Bring healing and wholeness  
when the path forward seems bleak.  
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 are sick (especially those on our Prayer List).  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of compassion,  
we pray for the young people of this congregation.  
Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst.  
As they grow, strengthen their faith  
and our commitment to them.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of restoration,  
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.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: God of consolation,  
we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died  
and pray for all who grieve today.  
Shine your grace on all your saints.

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

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*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

On Our Way Rejoicing



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Have no fear, little flock

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Lift high the cross

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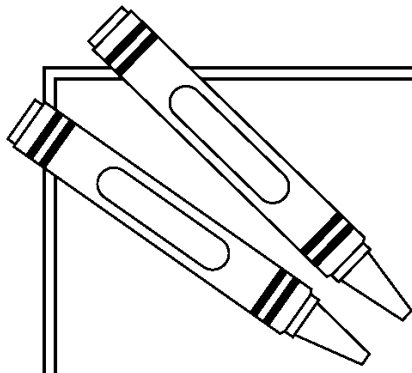
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On Our Way Rejoicing

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Answer: know, insight, goodness, always, lesson, learning, foundation, grace, powers, knowledge



# Just for **KIDS**

## *What Am I?*

We work on gaining this all our lives. It's especially important when we're in school! Use a Bible (NIV) to look up the verses listed below. Find a word in each verse that fits in the boxes. The heavy boxes spell the answer.

1 Corinthians 8:1		<b>N</b>							
Philippians 1:9							<b>H</b>		
2 Peter 1:5									<b>S</b>
			<b>A</b>					2 Timothy 3:7	
Matthew 24:32						<b>S</b>			
John 7:15				<b>R</b>					
							<b>I</b>		Isaiah 33:6
2 Peter 3:18								<b>E</b>	
		<b>W</b>							Proverbs 24:5

“By wisdom a house is built, ... through \_\_\_\_\_  
its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.”