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He asked them,

**“But
who
do you
say
that I
am?”**



17th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 15, 2024
10:30 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons or take along a copy of this week’s children’s bulletin.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

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

Gathering

Deep River
Glenn Hinderliter, trombone

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Confession

We all make mistakes, many of them. We hurt ourselves, we hurt others,
we hurt God with our words and actions, with our silence and inaction.
Let us confess our sins to God, trusting in the One who blesses us with mercy.

**Spring of Wisdom,
we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed.
We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace,
and stumble into the arms of the world.
We speak nasty gossip about others,
rather than tell of their glory as your child.
We fire off words that find no rest until they pierce another's heart.**

**Forgive us.
Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit;
give us silence with which to witness your wonders;
give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ,
our Lord and our Savior, the One who leader us to life.**

With gentleness, God speaks to us; with graciousness, God forgives us;
with Joy, God embraces us.

**With our lips, we praise God;
with our words, we thank God;
with our silence, we find God in our hearts.
Thanks be to God. Amen**



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



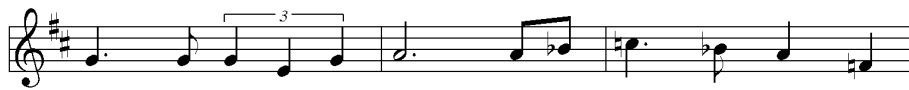
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - susChrist, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I
II For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Incline your ear to us, O Lord.

Your grace has saved us.

As we pray, as we sing, as we worship,

may you hear the call of our hearts reaching out toward you with gratitude.

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

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

1st Reading - Isaiah 50:4-9a

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, 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? Let us stand in court together. Who are my
adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

2nd Reading – James 3:1-12

Translation: NIV

A reading from James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that
we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who
is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

WOV 5

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

The Good News from Mark, the 8th chapter.

Open our hearts, 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 wish to come after me, 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.”

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

We rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

God Bless the Hands

ACS 1022



1 God, bless the hands stretched out in love through floods be - low and
 2 Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left bro - ken, emp - tied
 3 O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our hope while storms of



storms a - bove; they search and res - cue, com - fort, calm, give
 by the storm. Give hope to those in deep - est grief; em -
 life en - dure: teach us to live in har - mo - ny with



shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm. Oh, guard them by your
 pow - er us to bring re - lief. To you, O God, we
 earth and riv - er, sky and sea, pre - serv - ing wa - ters,



stead - fast hand; reach out in love to help us stand.
 raise our hands. Save us, we pray, from sink - ing sands.
 air, and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

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.

After each petition:

God of wisdom and grace,
receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

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

Peace

God has given us mouths to praise God and tongues to bless God's people.
Let us turn and share God's grace and peace with one another.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Musical Offering

Lord, Here Am I
Adult Choir

Crosby/Barlow

During the Offering Hymn, the gifts will be brought forward.

Offering Hymn

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

The musical score is written on six staves of music in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. It includes lyrics and musical notations such as triplets and rests.

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

For your holy word, O God, we give you thanks.

For your enduring wisdom, O God, we give you praise.

For your call to speak truth, O God, we give you glory.

Grant us the courage to share your gifts, this day and all days.

Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

May the God of glory be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the One who whispers hope and grace to you.

Our hearts rejoice in the wonder of God.

Sing glad songs of praise to God.

We join all creation in proclaiming God's gifts.

Now, with wayward and the foolish,
with the wise and the faithful of every time,
we lift our voices to you:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

WOV 5

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff includes a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and ties. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

As we give thanks for Jesus' life and death,
as we celebrate his ministry and resurrection,
we speak of that mystery we call faith:
Christ died, losing his life for our sake;
Christ arose, taming death's hold;
Christ will come, that we may proclaim his name.

Here in these moments, and in this place,
pour out your Spirit of life and hope
upon the wayward and the foolish,
on the wise and the faithful,
who are gathered around your table,
and upon the gifts of the bread and cup.
As the healing touch of the bread of life rests upon our tongues and hearts,
may we use them as a blessing,
speaking words of hope and grace,
becoming the voice of those ignored by the powerful of our world.
As the taste of the cup of salvation tingles deep within our souls,
may we go to take up our crosses,
following Jesus into service and sacrifice to all made in your beloved likeness.

Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in One,
in this time together, may we hear you in the silence and the songs,
and discover you in the people around us,
even as we pray as Jesus teaches us, saying:

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**

Invitation to the table

At this table there is grace and peace.
At this table there is plenty for all.
Through this life-giving meal,
we follow Jesus into a world of abundance and hope.
Come, be fed.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.



☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



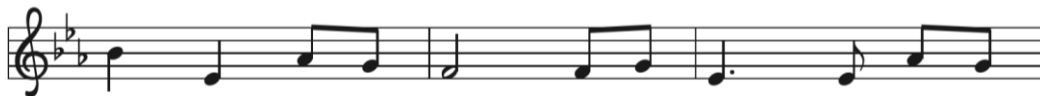
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
 as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
 veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.
 Holy God,
 you have welcomed us to this meal
 and fed us with dignity at your table.
 Send us now to welcome others
 and to be at peace with one another,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

God of all might, God most merciful

✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen

Sending Hymn *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

People of God, go into the world and speak God's blessing
and God's grace in word and action.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Lift High the Cross

Paul Manz



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

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- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
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