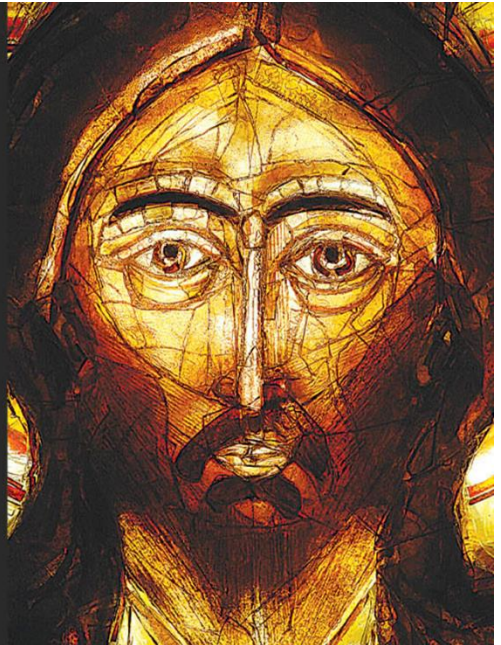




**WHO DO  
YOU SAY  
THAT I AM?**

MARK 8:29



Worship Program  
September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Lectionary 24

## 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.

## Confession & Forgiveness    *\*Please stand if you are able.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*\*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

## 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.**

## Gathering Hymn "God, Whose Almighty Word" Hymn 673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

## 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.**      *\*Please be seated.*

## First 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.)*

WA: 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? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me. Who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody: Psalm 116:1-9

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord. (Ps. 116:9)*

WA: I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication.

**C: For the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

WA: The cords of death entangled me. The anguish of the grave came upon me. I came to grief and sorrow.

**C: Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

WA: Gracious is the LORD and righteous. Our God is full of compassion.

**C: The LORD watches over the innocent. I was brought low, and God saved me.**

WA: Turn again to your rest, O my soul. For the LORD has dealt well with you.

**C: For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**

WA: I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

*(This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.)*

WA: Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

For 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. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

Or 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. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And 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.

For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.

My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**"Alleluia"**(Setting 3, ELW pg.142)

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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.)*

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

P: 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."

The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*Please be seated.*

Sermon – Gary Mickle

# Hymn of the Day "Earth and All Stars!" Hymn 731

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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*Refrain*



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!



## Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.**

**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 Intercession

P: 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. *\*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: 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. **C:Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems.

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: 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. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve (*especially*). Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love.

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: 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. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witness's 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. **C: Your mercy is great.**

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

**C: Amen.**

### Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

### Offertory Song "We Are an Offering" Hymn 692

### Offering Prayer

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

P: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## The Dialogue

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”** (Setting Three, ELW pg.144)

## Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

**C: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

*\*Please be seated.*

**"Lamb of God"** (Setting Three, ELW pg.146)

## Special Music

"People Like Us" Performed by Micah Tyler

## Prayer after Communion

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

## Blessing

P: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending Hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Hymn 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



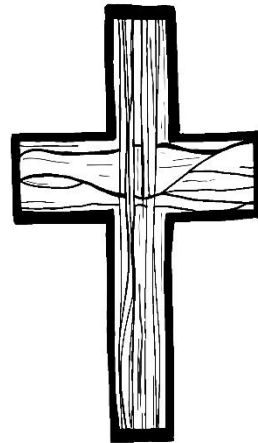
the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



Readers/Communion Assistants

**Sept 14** Corlee Louder

**Sept 15** VR READER

**Sept 21** Jack Weisbrodt

**Sept 22** Carter & Laura Bower

**Sept 28** Anita Brodt

**Sept 29** Ray Leverknight



Ushers

**Sept 14** \*\* Help Wanted\*\*

**Sept 15** David & Missy Raho

**Sept 21** Pat & Linda Barnhart

**Sept 22** \*\*Help Wanted\*\*

**Sept 28** \*\*Help Wanted\*\*

**Sept 29** \*\*Help Wanted\*\*

Altar Guild

September – Gale Swartz, Wendy Mayket, Krista Miller

Altar Flowers – This weekend's altar flowers are commemorating

Stian Trondsen from Ruth Pawlowski

Worship Leader Schedule

**Sept 14/15** Gary Mickle

**Sept 21/22** Pastor Ed DeVore

**Sept 28/29** Missy Brodt



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

WGMC will be collecting donations for **Blanket Sunday on September 28 & 29.**

*You can also donate NEW blankets that are 60 x 80 or standard twin size.*

Envelopes will also be available in the narthex.



## Backyard Ministries Hat/Glove Collection

Mt. Calvary will be collecting hats and gloves for the children of Coopersdale. Please take a labeled bag, fill it, and return it to the bin in the narthex. There is also a donation bin to provide a monetary donation, instead of purchasing items available in the narthex.

Thank you for your continued support!

Clothing



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Our annual clothing and toy sale will be on **Saturday October 5** from **8am-12pm**.

We are now accepting donations during church office hours.



We are currently looking to form an **Emergency Response Team** here at Mt. Calvary. Members of our new Response Team will be trained church volunteers that will help provide protection and assistance to our congregation in case of any emergency. If you can help volunteer, please contact Ray Leverknight, or the church office.



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