

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jesse Sutherland, (Sept. 16); Larry Oolman, (Sept. 17); Madeline Fraley, (Sept. 19) and Al Nachtigal, (Sept. 22). Happy Birthday!

CONTINUOUS COMMUNION will be practiced today due to our construction. Instructions will be given.

OUR BUDGET is tight due to the summer slump. Please help us get back on track by catching up on your pledges.

A COFFEE PREPARER is desperately needed. Please contact Cheryl Wilson @ 760-8731 for details.

THE VEDAUWOO TRIP for SHY and JHY is today from 12-4 p.m. Please meet at the church and bring a side item to share. Beverages and meat/buns will be provided. Parents, please be at the church at 4:00 p.m. to pick up your kids after this event.

TLC'S CAMPUS MINISTRY COMMITTEE will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Gruver Room.

OUR NEXT CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE will be on September 30 at the 10:30 a.m. service. A "Liturgy for Earth-Keeping" by Dakota Road will be used. Come and take part with us as we celebrate the stewardship of our earth and the variety of wonderful gifts that God has given us.

ARTICLE DEADLINE for the October Newsletter is **Monday, September 24 at 8:00 a.m.**

THRIVENT PICNIC & UW FOOTBALL Saturday October 13, 2012 from 2-4 p.m. Complimentary picnic (Washington Park); 5:00 p.m. UW vs. Air Force Homecoming game. (Tickets \$20. Each, must be ordered by Oct. 12.) Call 1-800-922-9461 or 307-766-4950 – mention you are with the Thrivent Financial Group to get the special price. Look for a flyer in the bulletin the next couple weeks.

AN UPCOMING SHY/JHY EVENT: Sunday, September 23, 5-7 p.m. BBQ for SHY and their parents at the Kidwell home. Watch for details in the mail this week.

THRIVENT FUNDS: Those members of Thrivent Financial who wish to designate their "Choice Dollars" to a specific fund (i.e. Organ, Capital, General, etc) need to call Thrivent to check what their dollar amount is, write their information and instructions down, sign it and place it in Lori Dockter's box/tray (top) on the file cabinet in the church office. No phone calls expressing your wishes/instructions please!

INTERFAITH is running out of stuff for their food pantry so, if you get a chance, please consider dropping by their office in the Civic Center on 8th and Custer and bringing them some non-perishable food items. They would especially appreciate donations of peanut butter, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce with meat and canned fruits. If you have questions about their needs, please call them directly at 307-742-4240. THANKS.

THE LARAMIE SOUP KITCHEN is in need of gift cards to Safeway to purchase fresh ingredients so that they can provide a salad with each meal. They can also use "to go" containers to provide meals to those in need on the weekends. The Soup Kitchen is open Monday thru Friday, 8 to 2 p.m. and is located at 104 S. 4th Street. For more information, contact them at (307) 721-4723. (If you would like to donate a gift card to the Soup Kitchen, you can drop it off at the church office.

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PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 17th Sunday after Pentecost: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

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Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (9/16)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (9/23)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. David Reif 10:30 a.m. Dan Gibson-Reinemer	8:00 a.m. Steve Boss 10:30 a.m. Larry Hazlett
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. Paul Boss 10:30 a.m. Roz Kidwell	8:00 a.m. Sydney McKim 10:30 a.m. Tavia Zenor
<i>Ushers:</i>	8:00 a.m. Jason & Jolene Roesler 10:30 a.m. Barb Rouse Georgia Mitchell	8:00 a.m. Bob Middleton Doris Eyestone 10:30 a.m. Carol Frost Mike Smith
<i>Greeters:</i>	8:00 a.m. Ed & Laureda Dolan 10:30 a.m. Ed & Lois Hiller	8:00 a.m. David & Mary Brinkman 10:30 a.m. George & Jennifer Zenor
<i>Nursery:</i>	8:00 a.m. Lexi Dockter 10:30 a.m. Tracy Kidwell	8:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson 10:30 a.m. Roz Kidwell
<i>Stewards:</i>	D. Anderson / S. Boss	<i>Altar Guild:</i> T. Rittenburg / G. Crane

Coffee Fellowship: The Mantons

	<u>This Week at Trinity</u>	
Sunday, Sept. 16	8:00 a.m.	Worship (HC)
	9:15 a.m.	SS / Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Worship (HC)
	12:00 p.m.	SHY /JHY Vedaauwo
Monday, Sept. 17	600 p.m.	TLC Campus Ministry Comm.
Tuesday, Sept. 18	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
Wednesday, Sept. 19	10:00 a.m.	Women's Study
	6-8 p.m.	Weds. Get-Away
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, Sept. 20	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Seekers



**WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME
MUST DENY HIMSELF
MK 8:34**

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon. Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to approach the communion rail and would like to receive communion, please let one of the ushers know and we will come to you. Grape juice (yellow) is available in the center of each tray. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. **Please** recycle the pieces that you do not choose to keep by putting them at either end of the pews at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

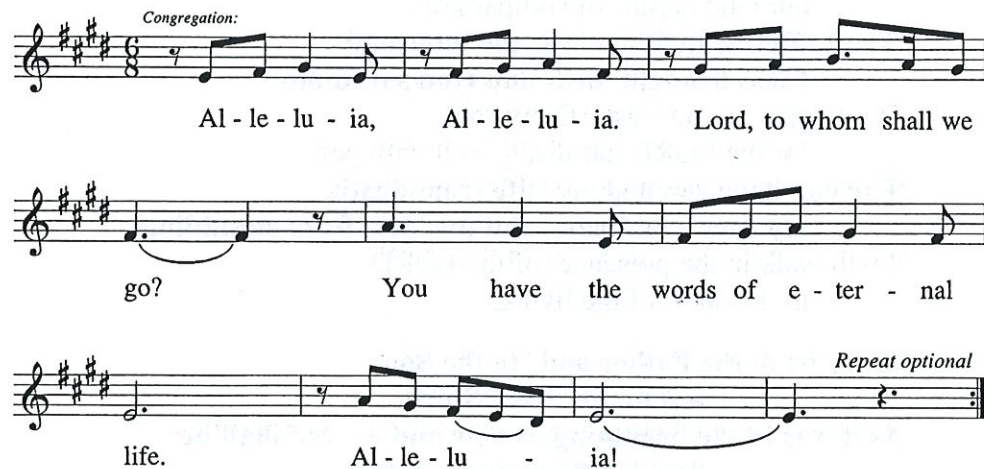
Announcements continue on the inside

"You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

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 figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Congregation:



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

Repeat optional

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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."

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "The Suffering Christ" Mark 8:27-38

Intern Seth Nelson

HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

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***APOSTLE'S CREED:**

**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 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:

As disciples of Christ Jesus called to love and serve all people, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

**A brief silence.*

Lord, you are the Messiah. Grant us the willingness and courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow you for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, the heavens declare your glory. When hurricanes and floods come, keep your people safe from all harm and danger. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, you are gracious and righteous. Hear the voices of all who cry out to you for an end to violence and warfare, hatred and racism, hunger and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you are full of compassion. Bring hope and healing to those who are grieving, lonely, anxious, or sick. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding Spirit, you are the love that binds this assembly into the body of Christ. May our words and deeds be a faithful witness to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Risen Christ, you have rescued our life from death. May we continue to walk in your presence with all the faithful who have gone before us, until that day when you come again in glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we may joyfully love and serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

*PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

PSALM: Psalm 116:1–9

¹I love the LORD, who has ¹heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ¹ear to me
whenever ¹er I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave ¹came upon me;
I came to ¹grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name ¹of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, ¹save my life."**

⁵Gracious is the ¹LORD and righteous;
our God is full ¹of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches o- ¹ver the innocent;
I was brought low, ¹and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, ¹O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt ¹well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my ¹life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my ¹feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence ¹of the LORD
in the land ¹of the living.

**Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son:
and to the ¹Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ver shall be:
world without end. ¹Amen.**

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 is to reflect our faith.

Not 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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.

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.

ANTHEM: "O for a closer walk with God" C. V. Stanford Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME: "Christ With Us" Intern Seth Nelson

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.

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.

***OFFERING PRAYER:**

Let us pray.

Stir us up to offer thee, O Lord, our bodies, our souls, our spirits, in all we love and all we learn, in all we plan and all we do, to offer our labors, our pleasures, our sorrows to thee; to work through them for thy kingdom, to live as those who are not our own, but bought with thy blood, fed with thy body; thine from our birth-hour, thine now, and thine forever and ever.

Amen.

OFFERING:

OFFERTORY:

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: "As the Grains of Wheat ..."**

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in-to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,——
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

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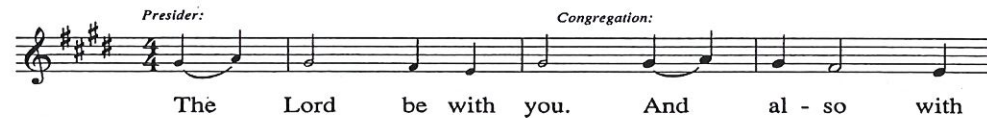
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

***PRAYER:**

Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION:

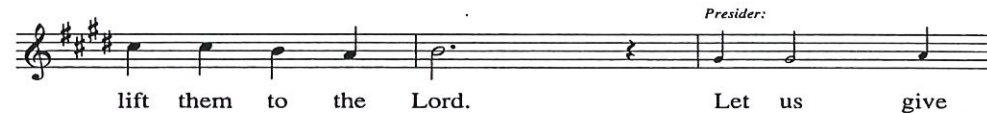
***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with



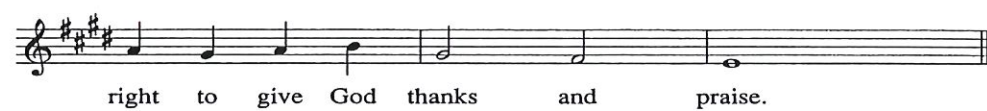
you. Lift up your hearts. We



lift them to the Lord. Let us give



thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

***NOW THE FEAST:**



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new.

***KYRIE:**

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda ⊕

For the reign of God, and for
For your peo - ple here who have

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

cy. A - men.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

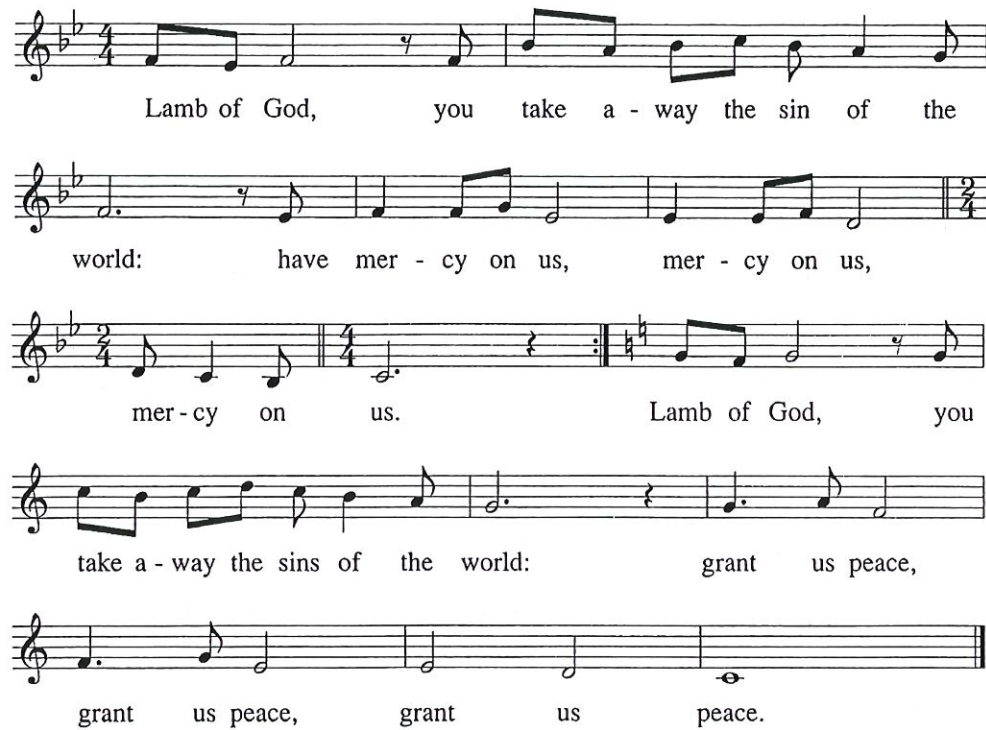
***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

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.

LAMB OF GOD:

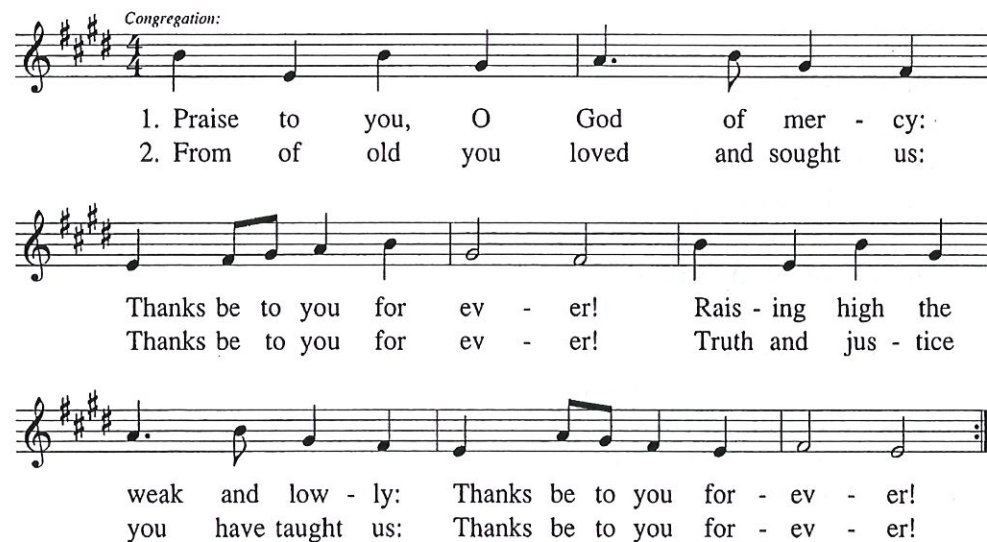


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION:

*POST COMMUNION HYMN:

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for reflection)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things we have done
and things we have failed to do.**
**Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,**
**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace we have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
our sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
Amen.

*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.

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God's Work...
... Our Hands

Sunday, September 16, 2012—16th Sunday after Pentecost

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. 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.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME:

*HYMN: "Let the Whole Creation Cry" #876

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

*BLESSING:

Presider: May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.



— give us peace. A - men.

PARISH SHARING TIME:

*HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" #856

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES . . . HYMN CHIME:

*SENDING:

*POSTLUDE:

Becoming Good News

As humans, we all have needs and expectations for which we seek fulfillment. It's been said that the most urgent and consistent desire we have in us is to have our basic and other needs met. And in our fast-paced society, we usually don't want that to take too long!

We have needs and expectations concerning physical things, but also spiritual things, things that we can't touch but can still talk about. That seems to be the nature of the discussion Jesus was having with his disciples in Caesarea Philippi. Underneath his question to his disciples concerning public speculation about him (Mark 8:27) could have been a desire to know more about the real needs of the people. Jesus' question, "Who do people say that I am?" could also have been asking, "What do the people really need from me?"

The question is important, because in the midst of all the public and private speculation about who and what Jesus is that has happened over the past two thousand years, we can't forget that Jesus is also good news. Jesus came to be and to bring good news (Mark 1:15). He opens up his good news wherever people open up their bad news. His talk and his touch are good news. His death and resurrection are good news. Both are the kind of good news that people need to see and hear. The best good news you can be is a living, breathing testimony of God's love.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 16, 2012

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

Monday, September 17 - Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reprovved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Tuesday, September 18 - Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

Thursday, September 20 - Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Friday, September 21 - Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

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