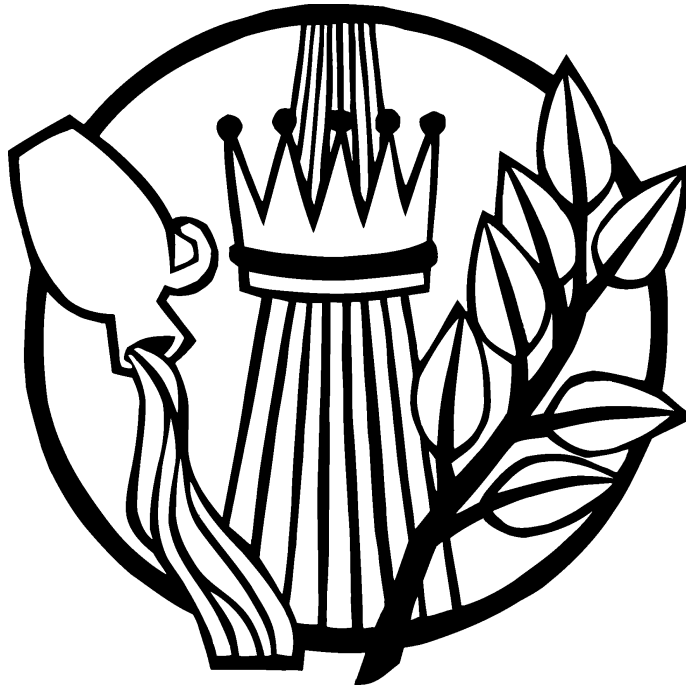

Worship
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 15, 2024 9:30 a.m.



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.

In God's Service

Worship Leader:	Diana Black
Message	Mike Knipp
Ministers:	All Baptized People of God
Music:	Joe Chodur
Reader:	Lori Angell
Ushers	Lori Angell & Mike Rasmusen

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have special prayer requests, you would like included in the Prayers of the Church, please write them on a purple slip from the table by the offering plate in the Narthex. The prayers will be brought forward during the Offertory.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

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.

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.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING HYMN

Saviour, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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.



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

The assembly is seated.

RING HIS PRAISES BELL CHOIR

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant is vindicated by God the LORD.

Psalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of

James 3:1-12

Dangers of the unbridled tongue

Mark 8:27-38

Peter's confession of faith

A reading from Isaiah:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: (Please read responsively)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,

and listened to my supplication,

²for the LORD has given ear to me

whenever I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;

I was brought low, and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.

for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸For you have rescued my life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD

in the land of the living.

A reading from James:

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 figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

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

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

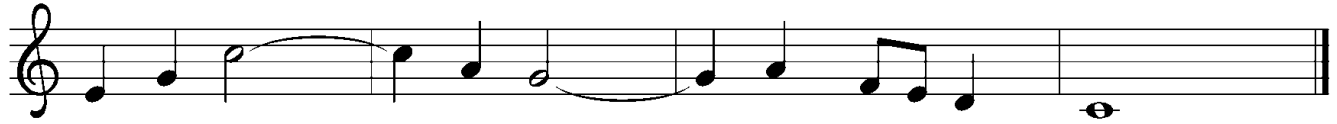
The assembly is seated.

MESSAGE

Mike Knipp with LSI



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!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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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 (*PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY*)

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.

A brief silence.

P: We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace.

C: **Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar.**

P: We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests.

C: **Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems.**

P: We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need.

C: **Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity.**

P: We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve.

C: **Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love.**

P: We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people.

C: **Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning.**

P: We remember our beloved dead (*especially*), who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace.

C: **Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you.**

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

Amen.

OFFERING

The assembly stands

OFFERTORY

Take My Life, That I May Be

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*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.**

Amen.

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.

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Calendar

This Week:

Sunday, Sept. 15

9:30 am Worship @ SP

10:30 am Fellowship

Monday, Sept. 16

9:00 am Quilting OS

9:30 am Quilting SP

Wednesday, Sept. 18

9:30 am M & M's SP

5:00 pm Ring His Praises Bell Choir

Practice SP

Thursday, Sept 19

4:00 pm Community Kitchen SP

Next Week:

Sunday, Sept. 22

9:30 am Worship/Communion @ OS

10:30 am Fellowship

2:00 pm 2/4 Stitches SP

Monday, Sept. 23

9:00 am Quilters OS

9:30 am Quilters SP

Tuesday, Sept. 24

10:00 am Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, Sept. 25

9:30 am M&M's SP

5:00 pm Ring His Praises Bell Choir

Practice SP

6:30 pm Bible Study SP

Announcements

Today we welcome Michael Knipp, Director of Philanthropy, Philanthropy & Church Relations at Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) in Waverly. Michael works with the Immigrant and Refugee program and will be providing us with current information on the many ways that LSI is helping and supporting refugees coming to Iowa, and a message about how we can be a part of that. Thank you, Michael!

Thank you to Diana Black for leading worship today in Pastor Jane's absence. Pastor Jane is on vacation from September 15– September 21. Any pastoral needs or concerns may be directed to either church office.

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of the members of the Altar Guild who set up communion each Sunday, put out the flowers, and keep our altar area clean.

All are invited to attend the movie "The Forge" at Cinema West on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the lobby at 3:45 p.m. The movie is 2 hours and 7 minutes. You can purchase your tickets on-line or at the door.

St. John's Episcopal Church will hold a live Jazz Ensemble event free to the public on Friday, September 20, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Entrance is off of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m., for the start of our Adult Bible Study. We will be watching and discussing season three of "The Chosen." We will meet at St. Paul, in the church lounge/meeting area.

Mark your calendars for our drive thru **Spaghetti Supper**, Tuesday, October 1st, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. We encourage you to make something for the **bake sale** table, see Liz with questions. We have chances for the **gift baskets** for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Gift baskets are: \$50.00 gift certificate for Pastor Bella , \$50.00 gift certificate for Rib Crib, basket from Quilts of Valor Ladies, Christmas wall hanging, Halloween/Fall basket, Pillows Plus basket, and Pastor Jane's basket.. If you would like to help there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

For the members of St Paul – if you would like to donate flowers for worship like the person that bought flowers in honor of the Atar Guild it is really very easy. All you need to do is call our Church Secretary Valerie (641-423-7749) and let her know which **month** you would like to place flowers. She will take care of the details of ordering and delivery. The cost is \$40 which covers an entire month. Checks should be made payable to St Paul Lutheran Church and put a note in the memo line “flowers”. If you would like to donate in memory or honor of a specific occasion or person let Valerie know and it will be printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your consideration to provide flowers for Sunday worship!

The following message is for all members of both churches. We often post pictures of our events on each church's Facebook page. If you prefer your picture, not be posted please let Pastor Jane, Marilyn Martell or Diane Murphy know. We understand that not everyone wants their picture posted and we would like to be respectful of your preferences. Thank you.

You are invited to **“Leaf-ing into the Divine”** Saturday, October 5. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Westminster Presbyterian, Waterloo. Would you like to grow - in love, joy and peace? In patience, kindness, and generosity? In

gentleness, faithfulness, and even self-control? In your capacity for compassion with justice for others? “Leaf-ing into the Divine” may connect to your desire to grow, with opportunities for Quiet Prayer in the Presence; Walking in the natural world or in the sanctuary; Yoga with Journaling, and/or Tai Chi; Quiet Reading of Scripture; and other options. Register by email to cone Iowa@gmail.com, with name and phone, on or before Monday, October 1.

Northeast Iowa Synodical Women’s Organization Fall Field Trip

Who: All women are invited, but you must RSVP to Chris VanDeventer at cdvandeven@gmail.com or phone 515-320-2877 by October 14th.

What: The Fall Field Trip includes tours of the Grotto of the Redemption at West Bend, lunch at the Wagon Wheel in West Bend, and tours of the P.O.W. Museum in Algona and the Algona P.O.W. Nativity Scene.

Cost: \$5.00 for the POW Museum; the other two are fee-will donations; lunch on your own.

When: Saturday, October 19, all day.

Where: Car pools will meet at ‘hubs’ and travel to West Bend for the first tour at 10:00 am, lunch at 11:15, and the Algona tours in the afternoon. Our hub is at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church parking lot; we’ll leave there by 8:15 a.m.

Why: Have fun and fellowship with other Christian women! It’s a celebration!

Contact information for Pastor Jane: phone number is 641-242-0337 and her email address is janeharris2010@gmail.com if anyone in our church family wanted to contact her.

The **deadline** for the October/November newsletter is Tuesday, September 24th by 10 a.m.

Please be sure to sign **friendship registers** located at end of pews.

Reminder: the deadline for turning in announcements for the bulletin is Wednesday by 10 a.m.

If you feel drawn to kneel during the service, please feel free to lower the kneelers and use them.

There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for serving coffee hour and the Community Kitchen. **Please help where you can.**

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