

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | September 12, 2021 | 8:00 am

In-Sanctuary & Online at sohsv.org

"...to Reach, Ignite, & Empower people for Jesus."

James 3:1-12 & Mark 8:27-38

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.



Words of Welcome & Announcements**Meditative Moment****Passing of the Peace Greeting****Gathering Hymn*****Lift High The Cross*****ELW 660***Refrain*

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians,
follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

- 2 *All newborn servants of the Crucified*
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Refrain

- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.
Refrain

- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

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Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Most merciful God, **We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

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

Kyrie**ELW s138**

In Peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle of Praise**ELW s140**

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

*whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain***

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,

*And honor, blessing, and glory are his. **Refrain***

*Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain*
*For the lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain*
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Prayer of the Day

Most Gracious God,

All: We pray for this Holy gathering, that it may be pleasing to You and that it may awaken in us Your will for us this week. In You we find what we need to carry on. We ask that You never cease to be our source and driving force to live, work, and love in Your world. Continue to point out places where hate and pain dwell, and give us the tools to step in with Your love. Your name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading James 3:1-12

³Not 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 yield fresh. Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message— The Blessing of the Backpacks

CYF Staff

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Mark 8:27-38

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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Brice Bloxham

Hymn of the Day *Will you Come and Follow Me?* Vs. 1,2,4,5

ELW 798

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

*Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer***

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.

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Offering Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. **And also 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 our thanks and praise.***

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The 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, the power, and the glory

Forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Gracious God, **We have received the elements of bread and wine. We have come to the table, and because we are loved, You in Christ receive us and offer to us healing and hope. Forgive our stubbornness. Heal our brokenness. Challenge us to truly live lives of faithfulness and discipleship. Amen.**

Season of Service Sending and Benediction

Sending Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

A Festive Intrada

Walter Pelz

Shepherd Summer Worship BINGO 2021

Pay attention throughout worship to fill in your spots
for a chance to WIN!

This week you need any straight line to win.

Say "Our Father"	See someone make the sign of the cross	Sing "Alleluia"	Hear the piano or organ	Wednesday Bible Study is mentioned
Hear the word "peace"	Greet someone that you don't know	Read a Prayer	Hear "This is the Gospel of our Lord."	See a Cross
Receive a blessing	Hear "Lord, have Mercy"	GRACE SPACE <i>It's free!</i>	See someone sing	Hear someone laugh
Hear "Lamb of God"	Say "Hear our prayer"	Hear the Scripture Reading being read	Hear the word mercy 3 or more times	Hear the Hymn of the day
Pray for someone you know	Participate in the Meditative Moment	Say "Thanks be to God"	See a backpack	Say "Praise to you, O Christ"

IN-SANCTUARY WORSHIP GUIDELINES

Keeping Safe During the Service

- There will be no nursery but there is an in-sanctuary "Kid's PRAYground." Families are encouraged to bring quiet toys (no busy-bags will be available) and remain together as a family during the service
- Water fountains have been disabled

When You Depart

- Offertory may be left in the basket at the doors or done online on our website
- Take all of your items with you including communion supplies

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch on the Lawn: After Communion-to-Go we will be having our Lunch on the Lawn, Tuesdays, from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, outside door A. Feel free to bring a lunch/blanket/chair as we practice physical distancing in the sun.

Wednesday Bible Study: The afternoon Bible Study at 1 pm will be in-person outside door A (on the front lawn). This week, the evening Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm and will remain on Zoom.

Confirmation Orientation: (link: <https://www.shepherdshoreview.org/kids-confirmation.html>)

September 15th, 6:30-8pm. Shepherd will be hosting our annual Confirmation Orientation. Our Orientation will be for ALL parents, confirmands, and small group leaders and will be held in the Mission Chapel. We are starting masked and using social distancing. All confirmands should bring their Bibles and all new confirmands will receive a Bible! If you have any questions or concerns please, reach out to Sister Tashina.

Pour Theology: The next one is **September 16th**. Shepherd will once again be offering Pour Theology from 6:30-8:00 pm. This is a time when all are welcome to gather for conversation around a beverage of your choice. We will be meeting at Shore96, where we have their patio reserved. Shepherd will be providing appetizers and any non-alcoholic beverages. The pastoral team will always have conversation topic options ready but our hope is to chat around questions or wonderings you may have about the church, God, and the Bible. We don't promise all the answers but we can promise good conversation.

Rally Sunday: September 19th

- Service at 8 (in sanctuary & livestreamed) & 10:00 in the parking lot
- Mission Partners will be here between the services during Donut Time.
- Food trucks after 10:00 service
- Games, crafts, Bouncy House in the yard for kids of all ages.

Coffee & Bagels: September 20th. Come and meet Pastor Brice at the North Oaks Bruegger's on their patio the 1st Thursday of every month and the 3rd Monday of the month at 10-11:30 am. Stop in and grab a coffee and bagel.

Blue Grass Sunday: September 26th is BLUEGRASS SUNDAY here at Shepherd!

Both services will feature our own bluegrass band in leading worship. You'll want to join us for a morning of toe-tapping, hand-clapping, heart-happy music and worship!

Many thanks ahead of time to the Band for preparing and leading us on September 26.

Also, there will be a special music gift from Koreann Frankhouser as she prepares to leave Shepherd for a new life near Brainerd. Get ready to be bluegrass-blessed!

September Mission Partner: Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

Each month Shepherd collects items for one of our mission partners. Simply drop off your items at Shepherd (the grey bin in the hallway by Door G), bring them to worship, or leave with a staff member. We have volunteers that will get the items to the mission partner. For the month of September, we will be partnering with Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. They are requesting the following items: Microwavable meals for kids and seniors (Pastas, chili, stew); Granola Bars - 5 or 6 count boxes (no nuts); Crackers - Fish, Graham, Club, Wheat; Macaroni and Cheese; Mayonnaise; Tuna; Spaghetti Sauce; Size 6 Diapers and Pull ups.

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Donut Time 9:00 - 10:00 am

All are welcome to enjoy donuts outside door A on the front lawn for fellowship. We will provide the donuts, please bring your own beverage of choice. Please join us!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

TODAY:

8 am Service

Reader: Sally Peters

Ushers:

Steve Klietz

Lynn Sheff

10 am Parking Lot Service

Reader: Dave Nord

Parking Lot Attendants:

Dave Nord

Lisa Vannelli

Chriss Latterell

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