



+ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Order for Worship

In Mark's Gospel, we hear Peter's confession of faith when he says to Jesus: "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block to people seeking to follow Jesus was the 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. 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 are we anointed in Baptism to follow Jesus in the way of selfless love. Today is also God's Work; Our Hands Sunday, when St. Andrew and congregations across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America engage in service to our neighbors.

A few notes on precautions and protocols, which apply to everyone regardless of vaccination status, as St. Andrew returns to worship in the sanctuary:

- Face masks that fully cover both your mouth and nose are required at all times for everyone over the age of two (2) – the only exception being the brief moment of moving mask aside to partake in Holy Communion.
- Outside food and drink are thus not permissible during worship.
- Physical distancing of at least six (6) feet will be observed at all times for people not from your household.
- We invite the congregation to voice responses and prayers during worship. A cantor will sing the hymns with a mask on, and the rest of the congregation is encouraged to follow along silently.
- We ask that everyone use hand sanitizer, either your own or from the bottles throughout the sanctuary, especially prior to Holy Communion.

Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms.
By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.

Welcome

Prelude

Gathering

Please rise as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

We ask that those present in the church sanctuary refrain from singing the hymns aloud.

The assembly gathered from afar is encouraged to sing!

Refrain

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

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*

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading – Isaiah 50: 4-9a

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 God 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;

⁸The 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?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – James 3: 1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my kindred, 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 siblings, 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 kindred, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation (*Spoken*)

P: Alleluia. Christ suffered for sins, once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. Alleluia.

Gospel – Mark 8: 27-38

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: 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 Humanity 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 Humanity will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please rise as you are able.

- 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.**

Presentation and Blessing of Bibles

Children entering third and fourth grade, along with those beginning Confirmation class, are invited to come forward to the baptismal font.

P: Julian, Giovanni, Lucia, Oliver, Bennett, Lily, and Nicholas, who is joining us online: At your Baptism, your parents, godparents, pastor, and the whole congregation surround you with love and prayers as God's promises were poured out on you in water and the Word. Your parents promised to place in your hands the holy Scriptures, what we call the Bible. As you receive your Bible today, we pray that God's living Word will continue to speak to you and lead you in God's ways of new life.

As each person receives a Bible from their parents, the pastor says:

P: Name, receive this Bible. May God's life-giving word inspire you and make you wise.

The congregation responds with affirmation:

C: Amen.

When all have received their Bible, the presiding minister speaks briefly about the gift of God's Word. The people of the congregation are then invited to lift up their own Bibles for the blessing.

P: Hear God's Word together.

Learn and tell its stories.

Discover its mysteries.

Honor its commandments.

Rejoice in its good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of the People

P: As children of God and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and for all who are in need.

After each petition

P: God of mercy,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those of our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated while the table is being prepared.
We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.*

*An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary
for those who would like to offer gifts as you leave worship today.*

Meal

Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.
God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...
... and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord ...
... be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

Fraction and Invitation

Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

C: 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.

Please be seated.

Holy Communion

- *For Holy Communion, we will not be kneeling at the altar rail due to the need for physical distancing.*
- *At the invitation of the usher, worshipers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.*
- *The Communion bread/wafer is in small cups on the left side of the altar table as you come forward. Cups of wine (lighter liquid) and grape juice (darker liquid) are on your right.*
- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament, following physical distancing guidelines.*

- *Everyone is asked to wait until you return to your place to consume the wafer and wine/grape juice, and then promptly replace your mask.*
- *Worshippers can place the paper cups in the receptacle by the door at the back of the sanctuary as they leave through the Centre and Morewood Ave. vestibule.*

Hymn during Holy Communion

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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- 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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When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer

P: Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast,

the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

God's Work; Our Hands Sunday – Affirmation of Christian Vocation

The presiding minister shares the context of God's Work; Our Hands Sunday, St. Andrew's service project for this year, and our call to serve God and neighbor in our daily vocations.

P: Siblings in Christ, both our work and our rest are in God.
Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
in gratitude to God and in service to others, in the morning and the evening,
at work and at play, all the days of your life?

C: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit us your servants
into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Look with favor upon us in our commitment to serve in Christ's name.
Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation
of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: People of God, you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

God's Work, Our Hands

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**1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**

**4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Everyone is invited to stay after worship to pack travel bags for asylum seekers on the Overground Railroad (<https://www.granniesrespond.org/>) as part of St. Andrew's God's Work; Our Hands service. There are a few other items to pack that may be completed at home for those who cannot stay or who do not feel comfortable inside the building. Please speak with Sue Gaugler for a take-home God's Work; Our Hands bag.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

Those serving in worship today

Prelude and Hymnody

Cantor

Lector

Audiovisual Minister

Director of Faith Formation

Presiding Minister

Lily Cai, Piano

Kristen Asplin

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