

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 15th, 2024

17th Sunday after Pentecost,

Lectionary 24, Year B



Please welcome Kathy Robinson as she leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

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.

Please stand if able.

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.

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.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

O God, My Faithful God

#806

Greeting: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14).

C: And also, with you.

Kyrie

Have Mercy On Us Lord

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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.

Amen.

Please be seated.

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 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?

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-9

R: Please read responsively to Psalm 116

¹I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,

and listened to my | supplication,

²**for the Lord has given | ear to me**

whenev- | er I called.

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

I came to | grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then 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.

⁶**The Lord watches o- | ver 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.

⁸**For 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.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

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 yield figs? No more can saltwater yield fresh.

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to 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 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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Kathy Robinson

Hymn of the Day

Lift High the Cross

#660

Please stand if able.

Apostles' Creed
of your hymnal.

See the yellow sheet in the back

Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share the Peace however you feel comfortable.

Please be seated for the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by our Lector today:

Sue Schwede

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.

After "Hear us, O God", please respond with "Your Mercy is Great".

A brief silence.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn

Blessed Assurance

#638

The usher will bring up the offering plate.

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

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.
Amen.

Benediction

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

#774

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 09/8/2024: 40

**Prayer Concerns: We pray for healing and comfort for Dan Gibbons,
brother of Jane Riley-Smith. (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)**

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Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Serving us Today September 15th

Leader: Kathy Robinson

Organist/Pianist: Delores Kessel

Reader: Sue Schwede

Usher: Mike Schwede

Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, Pattie Bricko and Holly Westaby

Welcome to Immanuel! We've been waiting for you! If you are interested in becoming a member here, please stop and pick up one of our Welcome packets on the table in the Narthex. We are eager to know you and we're excited to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church.

Food Pantry Donations

The Neighbors' Place welcomes donations for their food pantry. They are especially in need of toilet paper, shampoo, lotion, laundry soap, dish soap, juice, beef stew, mayo, cookies, canned fruit, and sugar. If you would like to donate non-perishable foods or basic supplies, you may place them on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

Thursday September 26th Open from 4:30 to 6:30pm @ St Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon City, WI. This event is open to all who have had a loss and would like a quiet time and space for reflection and a place of peaceful acceptance. The grounds will have a lit path for walking and there will be a candle lit indoor path as well in the event of inclement weather. This is sponsored by Aspirus Health any questions you can call Amy at 715-847-2703

Highland Community Church Women's Fall Conference is October 19th from 9AM to 4 PM. Registration opens on September 1st, contact Sue at 715-842-5683 or go to HCC-Register.com

The Men's Discussion Group meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.