

# *St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*Holstein, IA      September 15, 2024      9:00 A.M.*

*The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*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.*

## **GATHER**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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.**

Prayer of the Day

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 turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Service of Holy Baptism for Artemis Kay Dreeszen

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**WORD**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The 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. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I 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. <sup>7</sup>The 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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or 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. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

<sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can 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.

### Children's Message

### Gospel Acclamation

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus 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?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then 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. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But 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."

<sup>34</sup>He 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. <sup>35</sup>For 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. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those 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.**

Message Pastor Del Olivier

Hymn of the Day

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

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Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*MEAL*

Children's Offering / Offering

Offering Prayer

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.**

The 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion**

Jesus welcomes you to this table.  
Come, here is your God.

**Distribution**

*In the Singing* #466

***Jesus, Messiah***

(Leader will sing verses; congregation please join in the refrains.)

He became sin, who knew no sin; that we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

**Refrain: Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

His body the bread, His blood the wine broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

**Refrain**

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You; All the glory to You, God,  
the Light of the world.

**Refrain**

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*(music for Refrain on page 7)*

**Prayer After Communion**

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***SENDING***

**Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

**Closing Song**

***Go, My Children, with My Blessing***

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

# Jesus, Messiah

## Refrain:

CHORUS

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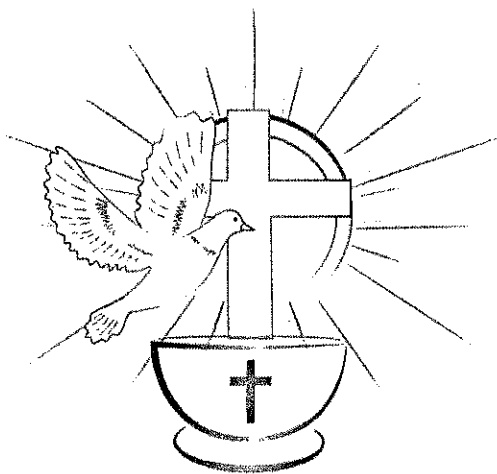
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the Ran - som from heav - en; Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

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*Today we celebrate the baptism of  
Artemis Kay Dreeszen  
daughter of Adam & Alyssa Dreeszen*

*Sponsors:*

*Jeremy & Alison Swanson  
Jamison & Madeline Voss*

**Worship Participants**

<b>Ministers:</b>	All the members
<b>Guest Pastor:</b>	Pastor Del Olivier
<b>DYME:</b>	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
<b>Organist:</b>	Sharen Borchers
<b>Pianist:</b>	Kris Kistenmacher
<b>Lector:</b>	Vickie Heck
<b>Deacons:</b>	Braden Else and Susan Endrulat
<b>Greeter:</b>	Norm Buenger
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Brock Bisenius and Laney Georg
<b>Sound &amp; Video:</b>	Kyle Krager and Doug Wessling
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Lori & Lane Volkert Karen & Jim Breyfogle

**St. Paul Church Calendar**

**SUNDAY, September 15 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**!RALLY SUNDAY!**

- 9:00 AM   Worship with Holy Communion  
              Dreeszen Baptism
- 10:00 AM   Rally Day Activities begin!!
- 10:00 AM   Coffee & Fellowship

**TUESDAY, September 17**

- 9:00 AM   Sewing Day
- 7:00 PM   Trustees Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, September 18**

- 9:00 AM   Worship at Good Samaritan Society - Loving Care unit

**THURSDAY, September 19**

- 7:00 PM   Task Forces meet
- 8:00 PM   Congregation Council meeting

**SUNDAY, September 22 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:00 AM   Worship
- 10:00 AM   Sunday School
- 10:00 AM   Coffee & Fellowship