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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2024

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel version of Peter's confession of faith. 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.



WE WELCOME ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS

Come share the good news of Jesus Christ, God's gift of love to the world.

We call our style of worship "liturgy", a Greek word that means "the work of the people" and describes a pattern of songs, responses, and scripture readings.

We invite all guests and visitors to participate in voice and song.

- This bulletin includes responses, readings, and prayers for today.
- The service liturgy is printed in the hymnal. Page numbers in the bulletin refer to the front part of the book.
- Hymn numbers are indicated by # and refer to the music found in the back of the book. Please feel free to join in the singing.

Visitors interested in becoming a member, please speak with Pastor today.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in the sharing of this bread and wine are extended His invitation to come forward and receive Holy Communion at this service.

The Service 11:00 AM

Prelude and Silent Meditation

Words of Welcome

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Confession and Forgiveness

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, 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.**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

Hymn

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Greeting

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The Kyrie

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The Hymn of Praise – “Glory to God”

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The Prayer of the Day

☞ The Lord be with you.

☒ And also with you.

☐ Let us pray together:

☒ 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

[sit]

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Psalm: #116:1-9

- ¹ I love the Lord, because ¹ he has heard
my voice and my ¹ supplications.
- ² **Because he inclined his ¹ ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long ¹ as I live.**
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid ¹ hold on me;
I suffered dist- ¹ress and anguish.
- ⁴ **Then I called on the name ¹ of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, ¹ save my life!"**
- ⁵ Gracious is the ¹ Lord, and righteous;
our God is ¹ merciful.
- ⁶ **The Lord pro- ¹ tects the simple;
when I was brought ¹ low, he saved me.**
- ⁷ Return, O my soul, ¹ to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bounti- ¹ f'ly with you.
- ⁸ **For you have delivered my ¹ soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my ¹ feet from stumbling.**
- ⁹ I walk be- ¹ fore the Lord
in the land ¹ of the living.

The Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² 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. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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! ⁶ 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. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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The Alleluia Verse

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The Gospel Responses

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The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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

³¹ 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. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ 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."

³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ For what will it profit

them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ 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."

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The Sermon – **“Whose Side Are You On?”**

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The Hymn of the Day

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The Apostles' Creed

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Installation of the Church Council

The Prayers

A 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.

A We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar.

Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems.

Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity.

Merciful God,

☩ receive our prayer.

A We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve (*especially*). Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love.

Merciful God,

☩ receive our prayer.

A We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning.

Merciful God,

☩ receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We remember our beloved dead (*especially*), who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you.

Merciful God,

☩ receive our prayer.

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

☩ Amen.

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The Peace

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The Offering

Choir Anthem - City of God

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The Offertory – “Let the Vineyards”

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The Offertory Prayer

A 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.

WE CELEBRATE AT CHRIST'S TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

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Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God” pg 39

The Distribution

We offer both wine and grape juice during Communion. If you wish grape juice instead of wine, please express your desire to the Deacon or Worship Assistant when you come forward to receive.

(Little children with hands extended will receive a “fish” cracker reminding them that “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, is their Savior”. The fish was an ancient symbol that the early Christians used to identify one another. Each letter of the Greek word for “fish” is the starting letter for the words, “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior”.)

Hymn During Distribution WOV # 781

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Post Communion Canticle – “Thankful hearts...” pg 40

Post Communion Prayer

Ⓐ Let us pray.

☩ 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.

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE

The Blessing *(sung by all)*

**☩ The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine on you,
and be gracious, gracious.**

**The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord lift his countenance on you,**

**and give peace, give you peace.
Shalom. Shalom. Shalom.**

Hymn

WOV # 750

The Dismissal

- A** People of All Saints, loved by God,
what have you been called to do?
- C** **Live the love of Christ!**
- A** Go in peace to serve in love.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**
Give us courage to follow wherever you lead us.

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ENTER TO WORSHIP – EXIT TO SERVE

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Next week’s lessons: Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54,
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS and Other Volunteers

| | <u>Through Today</u> | <u>Beginning Tomorrow</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Deacon | Barbara Kurasch | Sandi Menz |
| Ushers | Joanne Mauer &
Volunteer | Joanne Mauer &
Volunteer |
| Lay Reader | Martha Muck | Jim Wasmund |
| Crucifer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Count | B Kurasch, B Zier | B Kurasch, B Zier |
| Altar Guild | Martha Muck | Martha Muck |
| Cleaning | Pastor Dave | Bev Blette |
| Mowing | R Lotocki, T Cheney
G Mosier | J Mayer, F Wald
A Goodberry |

THIS WEEK

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| Today | 11:00AM | Worship with Holy Communion
Kid's Church
Corn Roast Picnic after church
October Newsletter deadline |
| Wednesday | 7:30 PM | Choir Practice |
| Thursday | 7:00 PM | Mutual Ministry meeting |
| Friday | 9:30 AM | Prayer Group |
| Sunday | 11:00 AM | Worship with Holy Communion
CPR Class after church |

FREE CPR CLASS - Sunday, Sept 22nd, 12:15 PM. An Erie County/Hamburg Volunteer Fire Dept CPR instructor will give us CPR instructions. The class will last for 1 to 1-1/2 hours with a light lunch provided. You must sign up by TODAY!

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE is collecting monetary donations to send gift cards to our military and college members. Checks (made payable to All Saints) and cash should be given to Marilyn Dorobiala. We hope to have the project completed by the end of October. Thank you for your support.

CHURCH DIRECTORY - We are updating the church directory for 2024-2025. Please complete and return the membership form to the church office with any changes by October 6th. Membership forms are available on the narthex table. Thank you,.

BUDGET - Bless you for your generous financial offerings, which ensure the continuation of the ministries at All Saints, our surrounding communities, the Niagara Frontier Conference, the Upstate New York Synod, our nation, and around the world.

USED INK CARTRIDGES - Please save your used cartridges for the church office. We turn them in to Office Max for credit on office supplies. A box is on the table in the back of the Fellowship Hall to deposit cartridges. Thank you!