**April 19th, 2020**

**Sermon Title: *The Tongue: The Test of Spiritual Maturity***

**Passage: *James 3:1-12***

**Sermon Author: *Brad Julihn***

1. Read James 3:1-12 aloud.
2. Discuss your initial observations of the text.
3. Brad mentioned in his message that sometimes we as Christians can assume a prideful spirit that leads us to believe that we “subtly know it all.” *How have you sought to safeguard against developing a form of spiritual superiority in your Christian walk?*
4. In his New Testament letter, James presents the use of the tongue as a test or measure of Christian spiritual maturity. Considering the stress, fear, and discomfort that the pandemic has brought into our lives, *how would you characterize your speech (oral or written) of late?*
5. Brad stated in his sermon that our speech reveals to us the condition of our hearts. Based on your response to the previous question, *how would you describe the condition of your heart?*
6. In **Galatians 2:20** we read, “***I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.***” *Pray for the Triune Lord to cleanse and transform the hearts and speech of every individual in your group to be reflective of Jesus’ heart and speech.*