

Sunday
September 12, 2021

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love Together



If you are a visitor with us today, we welcome you in the name of Christ.
We encourage our guests to join us in the communion meal because Jesus welcomes all to his table of grace, uniting and filling us for love and service. Christ is our host and our food, bearing to us God's forgiveness and grace through this harvest of field and vineyard.

LECTIONARY 24

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

You may stand.

GATHERING HYMN

Come We That Love the Lord

625 vs. 1-3

1 Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

2 Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly king,
but children of the heav'nly king
may tell their joys abroad,
may tell their joys abroad. *Refrain*

Refrain

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

3 The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets. *Refrain*

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



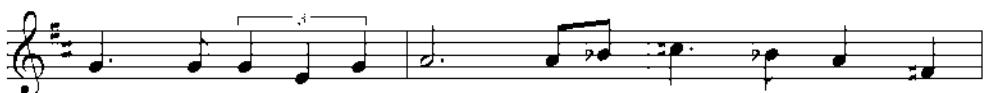
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

◻ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir- it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
 ◻ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God,

All: 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. Amen.

WORD

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S WORD

READING

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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?

Lector: Word of God, word of life. All:

You may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thanks be to God.



A musical score for three voices in G major, common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?"



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GOSPEL

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

Mark 8:27-38

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord. All:
You may be seated.

MESSAGE

You may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take up Your Cross the Savior Said

Pastor Clark Brown

#667 vs. 1, 2, 4

- 1 "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"if you would my disciple be;
forsake the past, and come this day,
and humbly follow after me."
- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
pervade your soul with vain alarm;

his strength shall bear your spirit up,
sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.

- 4 Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for those who humbly bear the cross
one day will wear the glorious crown

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*You may stand, kneel, or sit for the prayers.
After each portion of the prayers:*

Assisting Minister: ...God, in your mercy.

All: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Assisting Minister: ...through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

MEAL

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

You are welcome to share Christ's peace with those near you or using the comment section on YouTube.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

Let us remember to offer ourselves—our time, our abilities, our possessions—for the ongoing ministry of St. Timothy and the wider church. You may continue to send in your offering by postal mail or use our online giving option at www.sttim.org.

You may stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. God of abundance,

All: 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. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are integrated directly below the notes. The first staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The third staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The fourth staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The fifth staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.

G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: Holy God, our Maker...

Pastor: ...in your Holy Church, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

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

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

or

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

Pastor: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

You may be seated. We receive the body and blood of Christ and share in the life of God as we accept the bread and wine or grape juice, and hear the words: “The body of Christ given for you” and “the blood of Christ shed for you.”

COMMUNION SONG

Draw Us In the Spirits Tether

#470

- 1 Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now your garment's hem.
- 2 As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver

break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
so now bind our friendship up.

- 3 All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve with faith anew.

COMMUNION SONG
You may stand

I Received the Living God

Refrain

I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

- 1 Jesus said: I am the bread,
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die. *Refrain*
- 2 Jesus said: I am the way,
and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home

to be one with us anew. *Refrain*

- 3 Jesus said: I am the truth;
come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart,
and my word shall make you free. *Refrain*
- 4 Jesus said: I am the life,
far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread,
and my Spirit you shall know. *Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

SENDING

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Let Us Enter In

- 1 Let us enter in to the song of thanksgiving and freedom.
Let us enter in to the long line of people in need.
Let us enter in to the strong mind that God is still living.
Healing, forgiving—Let us enter in.
- 2 Let us enter in to the place where our God has preceded.
Let us enter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
- 3 Let us enter in to the grace of the love when it's needed.
Death is defeated! Let us enter in.
- 3 Let us enter in to the heart of a world that is broken.
Let us enter in to the start of a hope we can share.
Let us enter in to the part where we call one another sister and brother. Let us enter in.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister— Pastor Clark Brown

Musician— Desma Johnson

Cantor— Jon Gerdes

Assisting Minister— Steve Solomon

Streaming Video— Jody Emerson

Audio— Jim Helgason

September is a Faith Giving Month

What is Faith Giving? In order to close a budget gap, our congregation voted to encourage all members to give one extra weekly offering once per quarter. During the last month of each quarter, we remind ourselves that this is a Faith Giving month. Blessings for your generosity.



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COMMEMORATIONS

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407

Monday, September 13, 2021

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the emperor.

Holy Cross Day

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

Friday, September 17, 2021

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

Saturday, September 18, 2021

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

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GOSPEL MESSAGE

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LECTIONARY 24

Who Are You?

“Who do people say that I am? . . . But who do *you* say that I am?” (Mark 8:27, 29). Jesus’ questions to the disciples highlight a distinction between what society at large recognizes about him, and what those closest to him know. From the outside, Jesus looks to many people like an important prophet or great moral teacher at best; at worst, he is an irrelevant rule-giver.

To those who know him, though, the answer is different. We who have been baptized into his family and nourished with his body and blood, we who hear his voice in the words of absolution and the promises of scripture, we who have felt his healing power through the gift of the Holy Spirit know just a bit more. This Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah. Like Peter, even we who know the story may wish to reject the necessity of Christ’s death. The words of the beloved Holy Week hymn echo deeply, “Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?” (ELW 343).

Who are you? You are a sinner in need of redemption, the one for whom Christ has died, a beloved child of God, and a sibling of your Messiah. Jesus rebukes Peter not for Peter’s compassion or desire for Jesus to avoid suffering, but because the compassion and desire are misplaced. We need a Messiah—and we have one—precisely because we don’t need any more prophets, moral teachers, or irrelevant rule-givers. We are sinners who need forgiveness. We are broken people in need of healing. And we have found what we need in Jesus, the Messiah. The world will always set its mind on human things; may the Holy Spirit set your mind on divine things and continue to confirm in you the truth of Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died, and raised on the third day for you.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Diane Bakhit who is recovering for neck surgery.

Josh Bakhit who has a brain tumor.

Phyllis Cook who has a lung condition.

Ed Olson, undergoing cancer treatment .

Sandy Hoskin, undergoing cancer treatment again.

For the friends and family of **David Holland**.

Colbie Schueneman, grandniece of Adrian, with a neurodegenerative disease.

Dawn Stallings, daughter of Dolores, who has suffered a stroke.

Healthcare workers and essential workers on the front line of the pandemic.

All service members, fire fighters, and police officers (and their families).

For those living in war-torn regions and all refugees.

For the mission of this congregation, the Monterey Bay Conference, and the entire Sierra Pacific Synod, and for our leaders and for the leaders throughout the world.

Please continue to pray for the ongoing concerns of these listed here.

Torie Hamilton

Rodger Marty

Bonnie Bennett

Jim McMullins

Bill Reynolds

Mary Lee Slater

Marjonie Gabriel

Tom Brown

Aaron Grieg

Byron Heppert

Jacqueline Graham

Gloria Llenaresas

Riley Ann Holland

Ronnie Lyons

Irene McCloud

Thomas Ansley

Linda Henderson

Beverly Schneideman

Justice Gaudoin

Peter Kracht

Isabella Silva

Mark Northcutt

Helen Leikam

Please enjoy the artwork of Susan Smith in our Narthex

God's Work Our Hands Feet

Fundraiser and Service Project Launch

TODAY, Noon in the Social Hall

- Enjoy some ice cream as we raise some money to support our outreach.
- Featuring *These-Boots-Were-Made-for-Walkin'* MC Bobby J (Bob Johannsen)
- Prizes for all sorts of silly shoe stuff



Here's the fundraiser part: count up your shoes and donate \$1/pair (or \$10/pair or... ?!)

Checks to St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Memo: Shoe fund raiser

Here's the service part: clean out your closet and donate those shoes you don't wear anymore. They'll go to micro-entrepreneurs in Haiti and other developing nations where they will be refurbished and sold to support their families. *If you have a truckload, we can also pick them up. Call Susan at 831-869-7488 or the church office at 831-375-2042.*



Can't make it? You can still be a part of the event by making a donation of either money or shoes or both on your own schedule. The drive will continue for several months.

We will use COVID caution with pre-packaged ice cream, wearing masks indoors, and we have lots of outdoor space in the lower parking lot and garden area.

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NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Re-Opening Progress:** You are welcome to worship in person in the sanctuary and you do not need to RSVP. We are still wearing masks during worship. We are welcome to socialize outside following worship.
- **Assisting Minister and Live Streaming Volunteers Needed:** Training is available for both of these tasks that are so important to our worship life. Please contact Pastor Clark if you would be able to serve at (831) 375-2042 or email pastorclark@sttim.org.
- **Study, pray, and discuss during the week:** Join Pastors Clark and Tony: Wednesday 2 PM **Bible Study** and the **Pastors' Forum** on Sunday at 11:15 AM, all on Zoom and/or in person. Email pastorclark@sttim.org for more information.
- **Online Worship and Social Hour:** All Sunday services including bulletins are online on sttim.org. Information for worship and the social hour will be emailed each week. **If you want to be on our email list or have questions**, email/call/text Pastor Clark at pastorclark@sttim.org or 831-521-1818.
- **Preparing for communion:** Our online Sunday worship will include communion. As you feel called, prepare to share in communion by setting aside some bread or crackers, and some wine or juice, as you have them available. If you need any of these items, please contact Ida Barber.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Please call Dorothy Kirk with any new or changed prayer concerns at 375-1043.
- **Offering:** Please remember your offerings to St. Timothy. Offering can be mailed to the church office, sent automatically using your bank, or online by visiting our website www.sttim.org.
- **Volunteer to help Thomas Carman Food Pantry** and provide food for needy households and individuals. YOU CAN HELP! Sign up to volunteer on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 3-6 pm, loading and passing out bags at the Epiphany Lutheran and Episcopal Church at the corner of Carmel and California Avenues in the City of Marina. Address: 425 Carmel Ave, Marina CA. Contact Debby Love-Sudduth at 408-499-4984 or email Rd-sudd@comcast.net.