

He asked them,

**"But
who
do you
say
that I
am?"**

Mark 8:29, NRSV



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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and turn to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God, **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.**

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me!”

#595

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”

#651 vs. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**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?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever 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 over 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

¹ 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

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Gospel Acclamation

“Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”

#651 vs. 4 & 5

Gospel

Mark 8:27 - 38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁷ 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

"Lift High the Cross"

#660

Sunday School Blessing

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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Offering

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory "Oh, Praise the Gracious Power"

#651 vs. 6 & 7

Offering Prayer

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.

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.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

"This Little Light of Mine"

#677

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

#290

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

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 our neighbors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

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

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

"GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS"



Welcome: How wonderful to be together as we celebrate the beginning of a new year of Christian education! Old friends and new, we're happy to see you!

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Milton VonHolten, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Vern Dean Bohling, Marcy Cash, Jean Healan, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Judy Smith, Renee Weller and Kyle Luetjen.



Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Dieckman), Pastor Linda Daniels-Block, Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Dustin Woods, Liz Smart, Don Gibbs, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Averi Kroenke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Connie Bauer, Phillip Haluptzk Sr. (father of Phil Haluptzk) and Bill Barrick.



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

Christian Education: Join us for a new year of Sunday School which began **today!**



Adult Bible Classes: The Adult Sunday School class resumed classes **today** at 9:00am in the Chapel. This Fall we will begin a study of Psalms. While we won't study each Psalm individually, we will take a look at some favorites. Hopefully this study will increase our understanding of this important book. Join us for some great discussion and new insights. We would love to see you! All you need is a Bible!"

Acolyte Training: The term "Acolyte" comes from an ancient word that means *helper*. Youth in the 4th through 8th grades here at St. Paul's serve as acolytes, helpers, in our Sunday worship services. They light the candles, assist the ushers with the offering plates, and serve in other ways as needed. We are grateful for these youth (and their families) for their help each and every week. Pastor Stephen will be hosting an Acolyte Training session right after worship **today**, for anyone who would like to become an acolyte, especially our current 4th graders. We will hold another training session a few weeks later for anyone who cannot make it.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **September 16th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space.

Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **September 16th** at 7:00pm at the home of Rhonda Schlesselman. Sharel Wienberg will be the Bible Study leader.



Worship Team

Planning: Worship & Music will meet on Wednesday, **September 18th** at 3:30pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **September 19th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Saturday Worship: There will be no worship service on Saturday, **September 21st.**



Senior Sunday: On Sunday, **September 22nd** we will be celebrating Senior Sunday. This is in recognition of all our members who have at least reached their 75th birthday. We will be celebrating during service and then immediately afterwards there will be a carry in lunch. The meat, potatoes and drinks will be provided. We are asking everyone (**except the honored guests**) to bring a couple of side dishes such as salads, vegetables and/or deserts. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

Personal Care Kits: The annual Personal Care Kit Collection will begin on Sunday, **September 22nd** through Sunday, **October 6th.** Items for the kits include: bath-sized towel **CARE KITS** (dark color), two or three 8-9 oz. bars of soaps, toothbrush, sturdy/wide-toothed comb, and nail clipper. Our quilts and kits will be delivered to Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Jefferson City) on Saturday, October 19th for the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering. These items do much to improve the health and well-being of people living in life's most challenging situations.



Newsletter: The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 25th** at 3:00pm.

Meeting: The Evangelism Committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 25th** at 7:00pm.



Ask The Pastor: Join us for the next "Ask the Pastor" night, an opportunity to have casual conversation around just about anything. Instead of a predetermined Bible Study, you bring the topic and the questions and we'll do our best to answer them together, or at least have some interesting conversation about it! Join us on Thursday, **September 26th**, at 6:00 pm, meeting at Missouri Made Shop & Comfort Café (105 E Main St.) Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Trunk-or-Treat: The Evangelism Committee is considering the possibility of offering a Trunk-or-Treat in front of the church on Halloween during the town's trick-or-treat night. We envision multiple vehicles parked out front, each decorated how you like, with people at each vehicle handing out candy. This is a great opportunity for anyone who lives outside town to hand out candy. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board starting next week to see if there is enough interest to move forward. Please speak to anyone on Evangelism with any questions.



Fish Fry

Don't Forget: Our World Hunger Fish Fry will be Sunday, **October 13th**. As always, we welcome all donations of crappie fillets. If you have fillets to share please contact Krista Poe, Debbie Eckhoff or Joyce Schlesselmann. Volunteers are always needed, so please indicate your availability on the Offering Cards or to a committee member.

~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~

Fish Fry: It's that time of year again! Mt. Hulda Lutheran Church Annual Fish Fry, **September 29th** serving from 4:30 till food is gone. (approx. 7:30) Location is 22303 Mt. Hulda Ave, free will donation with part of proceeds going to the LSA High School program and part to Lakeview Heights Volunteer Fire Department. Everyone is invited!



Fish Fry



~ * ~ **Coming Events** ~ * ~

September 22..... Senior Sunday
 September 26..... Ask the Pastor
 October 13..... World Hunger Fish Fry

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers Melinda Strathman, Assistant Head Usher
..... Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 15, 2024

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Tiffinay Nash
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Tristan Fox & Lexi Goyette
Flowers Debbie Vaughan



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 22, 2024

Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Greg Bredehoeft & Hannah Schweitzer
Reader Brian Randall
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Logan Jackson & Hudson Kullman
Flowers Kathy Gerken