

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 awakens—
 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.
⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

Psalms 116:1-9

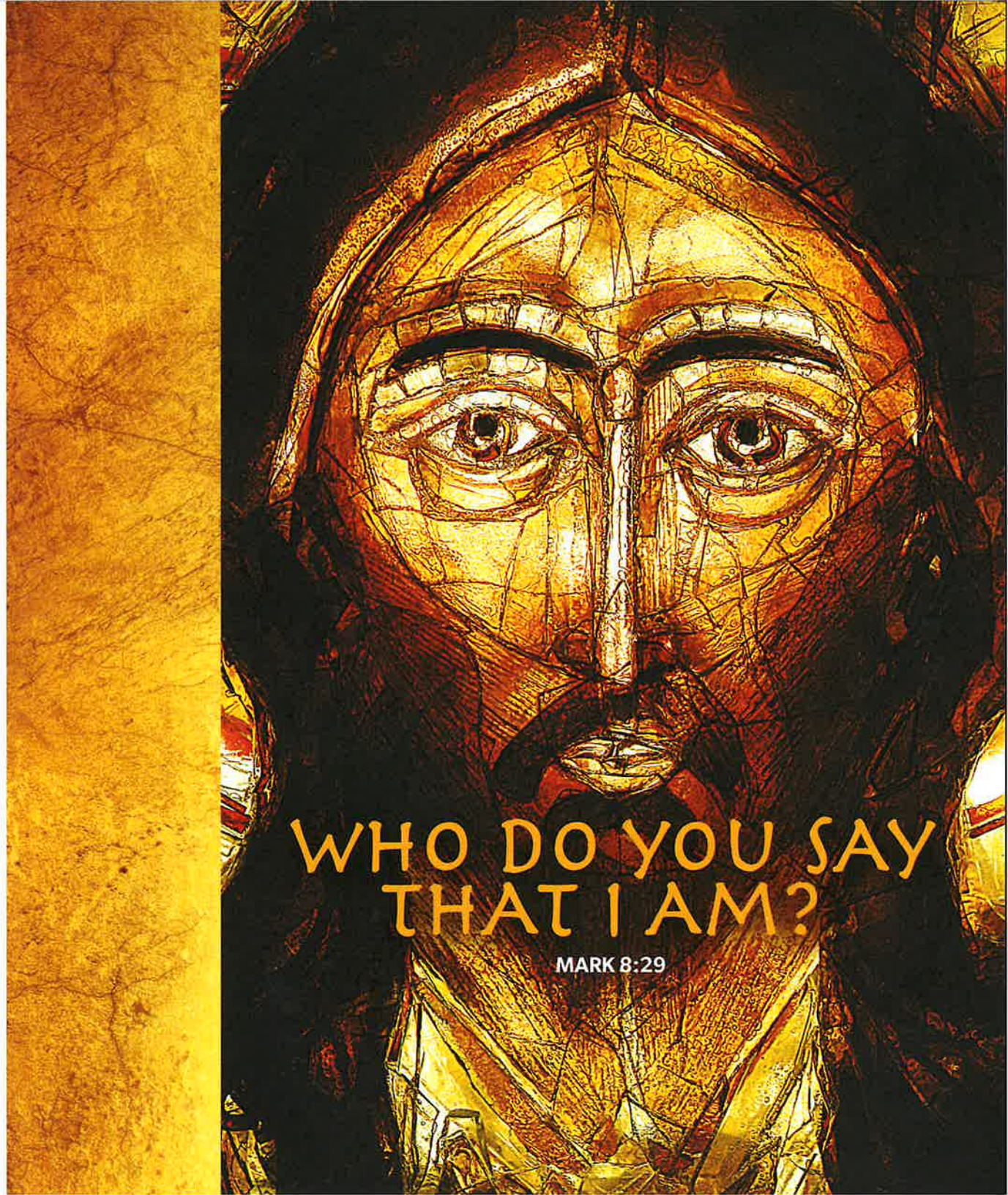
SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

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

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?” 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 and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”
³⁴He 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. ³⁵For 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. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those 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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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel as we worship together in the name of the Father our Creator, the Son our Savior, and the Holy Ghost.

Prayer before Worship: Heavenly Father, listen to our hearts, for the words spoken and those left unsaid, that you may know our needs and have us understand the needs of those around us. Amen.

Pastor Ed is working in the church office on Friday mornings from 10:30-ish – 12:00 am. Please call in advance if you would like to reserve time to talk or visit with him.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, (offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. All are welcome to receive Communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to
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This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School

Sunday, September 15, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: MARCIA BUCHS, SAM

Lay Reader: Dan Harms

Greeters: Mark & Jan Miller

Ushers/Acolytes: Ty Harms, Alec H.

Communion: Denny & Amy Winterland

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, September 22, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Kevin Harms

Greeters: Elton & Spring Mau

Ushers/Acolytes: Harlan Brucker, Shannon R.

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Virginia Winterland, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Von Becker's Parents - Bob & Judy Logan, Nancy Lasser, Loren Powell, Lori Becker (sister-in-law of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview)

Those who Mourn - The family and friends of Iva Mae Petersen

Announcements

Thank you to everyone who participated in **God's Work – Our Hands** Day of Service!

Sunday School starts today, September 15 at 10:00 am !

It's time to Kickoff Luther League on Sunday, September 22 after church!

All High Schoolers are encouraged to attend! Luther Leaguers and parents should sign up for Team Reach App with Group name: LLeague1. Here updates and monthly schedule will be posted!

The Illinois Association of Wheat Weavers would like to share their craft by doing a Make-n-Take session on Sat Sept 21, 2024 from 9am to 3 pm.

There will be a morning session beginning at 9 am and an afternoon session starting at 12 pm. The project would cost for supplies only, \$5 for AM or PM session. If doing both sessions, \$10. If guests choose both sessions, they may want to bring a sack lunch and drinks. This event is open to all members and friends. A signup sheet is posted in the fellowship hall. **Please sign up today** so that supplies can be prepared for each attendee. For more information, please contact Deb Jaskowiak at 309-825-4273.

LWR Kits – We are currently collecting items for **school kits** and **personal care kits**. Some items are already displayed on the table in the fellowship hall along with lists that you may take as a reminder of items needed.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

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.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774

*GREETING *Please stand as you are able*

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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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.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 116:1-9

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

For the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the Lord has dealt well with you.

**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears,
and my feet from stumbling;**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

READING

James 3:1-12

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This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**
Please stand as you are able

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

ELW, page 142

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-38

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The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Marcia Buchs, SAM

HYMN OF DAY

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

*CREED *Please stand as you are able*

ELW page 104

P: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed,

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

P: 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.

After each petition: P: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able*

ELW 182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray...

C: 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.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

Congregation may be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. The inner circle of cups contain grape juice, the rest are wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

"The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

*and each person may respond : **Amen.***

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

***Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup
One Bread, One Body***

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After all have returned to their places, please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray... Holy God,

**C: 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

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful ☩ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal!

ELW 805

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Website Update: In the last 7 days (as of 9/4/24) our website received 254 visits, 682 visits in the last 15 days, and 1,607 visits in the last 30 days. This means that people are searching for us and for information about us! As we enter into the school year and a busier time for the church, please let Erin know if you have any information for the website. Calendar events, Sunday school or Luther League info, Matthew 25 project, WELCA, mission projects, music ministry, pictures, history, etc. all can be added.

Any questions or information can be sent to Erin: erinifft1025@gmail.com or 815-848-1090.
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