

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 14 & 15, 2024

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through service to the family of God.

#### **WELCOME STATEMENT**

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

-Galatians 3:28

## **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Presiding Minister—Pastor Tony Dusso Organist—Cheryl Licary AV Assistant—Grant Dusso Musician—Nancy Nelson, flute

#### 5:00 pm service

Assisting Minister—Cindy Helms
Communion Prep—Cindy Helms
Lector—Cindy Helms
Ushers—Nancy Schmidt

#### 8:30 am service

Assisting Minister—Nancy Ribbeck
Communion Assistants—Cindy Blair and Char Kepler
Communion Prep—Cindy Blair
Lector—Nancy Ribbeck
Greeters—Rich and Mary Lou Lokken
Ushers—Terry Amundson, Terry Bahnub, Bob Pederson, Darryl Schutte, and David Van Egmond

#### 10:30 am service

Assisting Minister—Michele Coldren
Communion Assistant—Ava Coldren and Mark Sorenson
Communion Prep—Michele Coldren
Lector—TBD
Greeters—Jon and Megan Nelson
Ushers—Steve Christensen and Rich Olmstead

## **INTRODUCTION**

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**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please rise.

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

C: Amen.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

#### Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus—ELW 802



- 1 Let us ev er walk with Je sus, fol low his ex am ple pure,
- 2 Let us suf fer here with Je sus, and with pa-tience bear our cross.
- 3 Let us glad ly die with Je sus. Since by death he con-quered death,
- 4 Let us al so live with Je sus. He has ris en from the dead



our spir-its through a world that would de-ceive us and to sin lure. will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he is there is loss. he will free us from de-struc-tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath. that we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head, life



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove, Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:

Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;

we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, all dis-com-forts that an - noy and the grave that shuts us in in your pres-ence con-stant-ly, let us do our Sav - ior's bid-ding. shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. shall but prove the gate of heav-en. liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



I shall fol - low where you guide. Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy know. Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you high. on Je - sus, let me faith - ful be: life e - ter - nal grant me.

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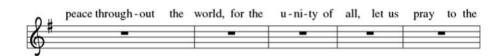
## GREETING

- 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.

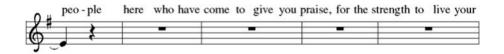
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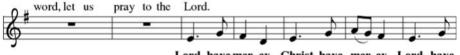












Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have



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God;

to make

all

things

new.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray. Oh God,
- C: 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.

## WORD

#### FIRST LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

L: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious.

I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GoD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM Psalm 116:1-9

L: We read Psalm 116 responsively:

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

<sup>3</sup>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."

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

#### **SECOND LESSON** James 3:1-12

L: A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

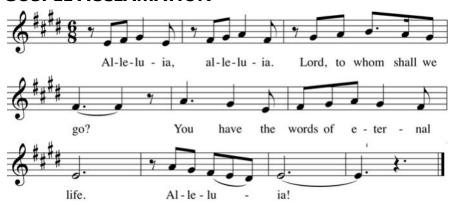
How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Please rise.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

P: The holy gospel, according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>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?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

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

want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please rise.

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Lord God, We Praise You—ELW 558



- 1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is o ver, ac tive and
- 2 Mon-arch of all things, fit us for your man sions; ban ish our 3 All ho ly Fa ther, Son, and e qual Spir it, Trin i ty



watch-ful, stand - ing here be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer weak-ness, health and whole-ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en, bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,



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The 8:30 am and 10:30 am services continue on page 14.

## **HOLY BAPTISM** (5:00pm)

The baptismal candidate, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

#### PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

Sponsors: I present Andrew John Duelfer for baptism.

- P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ? Response: I do.
- P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

  Response: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? Response: I do.

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

- P: People of God, do you promise to support Andrew and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- C: We do.
- P: Baptismal party, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? Response: I renounce them.

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- P: Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C: 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.
- P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

#### C: Amen

## **BAPTISM**

- P: Andrew John Duelfer, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
- P: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.
- P: Let us pray.
  We give you thanks, O God,
  that through water and the Holy Spirit
  you give your daughters and sons new birth,
  cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.
  Sustain Andrew, with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
  the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
  the spirit of counsel and might,
  the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

#### C: Amen

P: Andrew John Duelfer, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

### C: Amen

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

#### C: Amen

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Assembly responds with an expression of welcome.

## APOSTLES' CREED (8:30 am and 10:30 am)

C: 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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. Hear us, O God.

#### C: Your mercy is great.

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. Hear us, O God.

#### C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

#### C: Your mercy is great.

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. Hear us, O God.

## **C**: Your mercy is great.

A: We remember our beloved dead, 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. Hear us. O God.

## C: 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.

#### C: Amen.

## MEAL

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.** After the sharing of the peace, you may be seated.

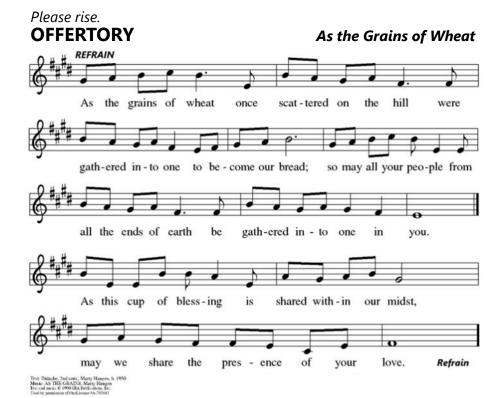
Please be seated.

#### OFFERING

Offering is received as ushers pass the plate down each row. As we sing the Offertory, ushers bring offering forward.

## OFFERING ANTHEM Take Up Your Cross

Choir Giamanco



## OFFERING 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.

**C:** Amen. 16

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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, all is ready.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.

## DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Choir Highben

Please rise.

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: 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.

C: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 am)

## **SENDING**

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### SENDING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me—ELW 798:1,4,5



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.** 

## **POSTLUDE**

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BONHOEFFER BOOK STUDY**

The Bonhoeffer Book Study resumes with the final two sessions on September 15 & 22 at 9:30am in the Chapel. A recorded version of the study will also be uploaded to our YouTube channel the week afterwards. All are welcome to discover how this twentieth century martyr continues to both guide us in faith and inspire us to action.

#### KIDS CONNECT

Grow your child's faith with Jesus! Children will learn about HIS love while exploring, stories, crafts, music, and games Kids Connect is offered Sunday morning from 10:30am - 11:15am for children pre-k through 5th grade. **Register for Kids Connect online at:** 

#### www.oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/families

#### YOUTH CONNECT

Join us for Youth Connect **every Sunday at 9:30am** as we explore how our choices impact our lives. It's a fantastic chance for fun, fellowship, and deepening your faith! We'd love to see you there!

#### **WELCOME BACK GREETERS!**

This month we reintroduced greeters as worship assistants for both the 8:30am and 10:30am services. If you are interested in this ministry of hospitality as sisters and brothers in Christ as well as guests arrive for worship, please reach out to Jean Lincoln by contacting the church for more information and/or to be scheduled in the future.

#### HELP NEEDED WITH PACKING AND SHIPPING

Sewing Bee is asking for assistance in preparing kits and packing quilts for Lutheran World Relief on **Monday**, **September 23 and 30 at 8:30am**. Also, the Sewing Bee is looking for couple of "strong arms" to help load boxes into a trailer on **Saturday**, **October 5 at 8:30am** and take to Rockford. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office.

#### **FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Plans for this year's Fall Harvest Festival on November 1-2 are well underway. Ticket sales for the raffle prizes will begin this weekend. Be the early bird and buy your ticket for the quilt, afghan, wooden barn quilt, and garden bench that are on display in the Commons. Or take a chance on a \$75 Geronimo gift card. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Theme baskets will also be on display in the Commons; tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS

The Fall Harvest Festival will be held on **November 1 and 2, 2024**. Once again we will be having our Household, Craft, Bake and Jewelry sales...no clothing or purses. So, it's time to clean out your closets, drawers, basements, attics and donate any unwanted household items, antiques, small furniture items, unwanted jewelry for our sales. Donations of household items may be brought to the church beginning October 1 - if you need help carrying items, please plan to drop them off on Sunday or Monday morning, when someone will be available to help you. A selling price on any antiques is appreciated. We welcome volunteers to help in the kitchen or with any of the sales, If you would like to volunteer or have any questions feel free to contact Betty Johnston or call the church office at 608-362-0716.

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED**

Sunday morning services (8:30am and 10:30am) are livestreamed and available on our YouTube channel. For your convenience, links and bulletins are posted on our webpage - visit oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship.

Weekly Calendar			
Saturday	September 14	2:30pm 5:00pm	
Sunday	September 15	8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 1:00pm	Bonhoeffer Book Study Coffee Hour Youth Connect Worship Kids Connect
Monday	September 16	8:30am 9:00pm	
Tuesday	September 17	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	Pastors Text Study
Wednesday	September 18	9:00am 9:00am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Shalom Circle Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Thursday	September 19	9:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm	OA
Friday	September 20	9:15am 11:00am	Visitation - Rosemary Cox Funeral Service - Rosemary Cox
Saturday	September 21	5:00pm	Worship
Sunday	September 22	8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 1:00pm	Bonhoeffer Book Study Coffee Hour Youth Connect Worship Kids Connect

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers are given today in memory of Paul Wisch, by Deborah Simonds.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

#### FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

You may want to prepare for next Sunday by studying the scriptures.

- Jeremiah 11:18-20
- Psalm 54
- James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
- Mark 9:30-37

#### STAY CONNECTED

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# **BEYOND SUNDAY**

DWELL IN THE WORD AND NOTICE
HOW IT CONNECTS WITH YOUR LIFE

Describe "the good life." What does it take to live a good life?

Peter gets something right and something wrong in our Gospel lesson today. Read Mark 8:27-38. What does Peter get right? What does Peter get wrong? Where's the disconnect? How do verses 34-37 help us understand Peter's disconnect and our own potential misunderstanding about who we are and who Jesus is?

Mediate on what it would be like to live an ordinary life, extraordinarily. Become clear about the good life and with Christ begin to practice what it takes to live a good life.

