

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



The Lord's salvation changes everything for those who believe. Isaiah proclaimed that the coming of the Lord would bring healing and wholeness. This wholeness is reflected in James' instructions to the church to show no partiality among members of the Body of Christ. All people are to be treated with equal respect. Jesus healed the daughter of a Gentile woman demonstrating the impartiality of God's love.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUEST

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join in communion today.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE - Karen Hall

▲ CONFESSON & ABSOLUTION (Spoken)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him.

Amen

▲ HYMN "JESUS PAID IT ALL"

Verse 1: **I hear the Savior say "Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray Find in Me thine all in all."** *Chorus*

Verse 2: **Lord, now indeed I find, Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, And melt the heart of stone.** *Chorus*

Verse 3: **And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat** *Chorus*

Chorus. **'Cause Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow .**

Tag: **Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow, He washed it white as snow**

Interlude

Bridge (4x): **Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead** *Chorus*

End: **Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow**

▲ GREETING

▲ LITANY PSALM 121: 1-8 (NLT)

¹ I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there?

² **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth!**

³ He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber.

⁴ **Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps.**

⁵ The LORD himself watches over you!

The LORD stands beside you as your protective shade.

⁶ The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night.

⁷ **The LORD keeps you from all harm and watches over your life.**

⁸ The LORD keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.

▼ HYMN "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" (Insert)

▼ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

▲ **ISAIAH 55:1-4** (p. 731 in pew Bible)

The Holy Gospel from the 14TH Chapter of Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Spoken)

▲ **MATTHEW 14:13-16** (p. 974 in pew Bible)

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

▼ MESSAGE - **THE ONLY WORD JESUS DOESN'T UNDERSTAND**

▲ HYMN - "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS"

Verse 1: **'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know "Thus saith the Lord."**
Chorus

Verse 2: **O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!**
Chorus

Verse 4: **I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.**
Chorus

Chorus: **Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**

▲ APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken)

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 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

▼ PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

▼ OFFERING PRAYER (Spoken)

Heavenly Father, creator of all things, **we come before you today seeking your divine guidance and wisdom. We gather as a congregation and recognize the importance of this in our journey of faith. We ask for your divine wisdom to fill our hearts and minds.**

Help us understand the impact of stewardship on our spiritual lives, families, church, and our community.

Lord Jesus, inspire a spirit of generosity, rooted in the love and grace you have poured upon us. Amen

▲ OUR RESPONSE (Sung)

**Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

▼ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

▼ LORD'S PRAYER

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

▼ AGNUS DEI (Sung)

**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.**

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

(All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join with us today.)

▲ COMMUNION BLESSING

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Spoken)

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

▲ BENEDICTION (Spoken)

May the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing. So that by the power of The Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

▲ SENDING SONG – “O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES” LBW # 559 (vs. 1-4)

▲ DISMISSAL (Spoken)

Grow in faith! Love God. Serve others. Share Christ. **Impact the world!**

POSTLUDE

