



Sunday, September 12, 2021
9:15 am

Sixteenth Week After Pentecost
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN

vs. 1-4

"Lift High the Cross"

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

BIBLE PRESENTATION – BACKPACKS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS BLESSING

WORD

A reading from Isaiah.

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— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

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.

A reading from James.

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 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. He said all this quite

openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 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.” 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. 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 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.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY vs. 1, 4 & 5 *“Will You Come and Follow Me”*

APOSTLE’S CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: God of grace, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN

vs. 1-3

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

Response: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship

Pr. Justin Smoot

Herb Heyne - Assisting Minister

Joel Freiberg - Pianist

Paul Nelson - Layreader & Vocalist

Technical Support

Patrick Kieper

Travis Puig

Joel Freiberg

Bob Wiederhoeft

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Holy Communion

All are welcome. Communion is received together as directed during the service.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Tom and Barb Geiger in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Rally Day and Annual Church Picnic

Today

Following the service today, enjoy outdoor fellowship, yard games and celebrate the beginning of Sunday school (September 19) on the Celebration Patio and north lawn with a catered lunch by Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken. A free-will donation will be received.

Volunteers Needed

Sunday school teachers, helpers, group leaders, small group confirmation mentors/facilitators are needed to make Sunday school and confirmation a success!

Requirements to volunteer: a willingness to share your faith and a caring heart. Help is needed for all grades. Curriculum, lesson plans and teaching materials are provided. If you are interested and feel called to support these programs with your time and talent, please reach out to Jenna at jenna@salc-wausau.org

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, September 30, 1-6 pm

Mark your calendar! A blood drive supporting the American Red Cross will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers will be needed to help with registration, refreshments or other support. Please contact Pr. Justin at 715-842-3333 or pastorjustin@salc-wausau.org if you have questions or want to volunteer.



**American
Red Cross**

Christ in our Home Devotional

Christ in Our Home quarterly devotional resource encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. ***The fourth quarter devotional (October-November-December) is now available. Please feel free to pick up a copy.***

Thank you for your offerings and continued support!

Now more than ever we are grateful for a gift of any amount you might share to further support the ministry of Saint Andrew. What you share makes a difference as we seek to be "open to all". For the many ways you give, thank you.

We can praise God with many parts of our body. Look around the worship space to see how people are praising God.

Circle the ways you see people praising God.

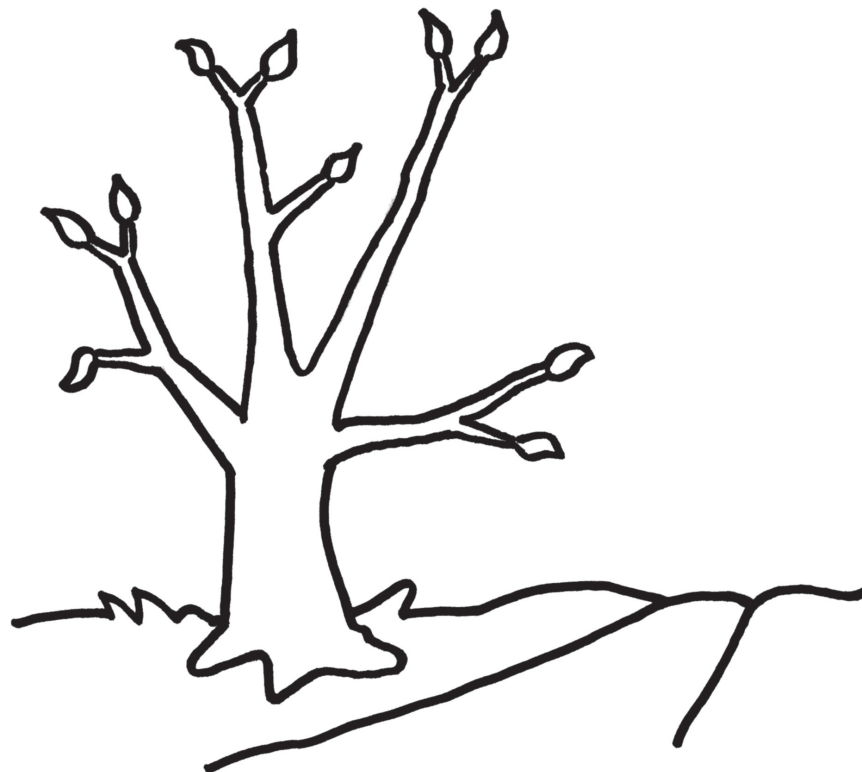


PRE-READER

Pentecost 16

- Today is the **16th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- A symbol of the season after Pentecost is a **tree**.
- The tree helps us remember to **care** for our faith so it will **grow big**.

Help this tree grow big by adding more branches and leaves.





Peter knew Jesus was the one God sent to save the world!

Peter was one of Jesus' friends. Who is one of your friends?

Draw him or her here.

MY FRIEND

Jesus tells us to take up our crosses. He also tells us something else.

Follow the dotted lines to see what else Jesus wants us to do.



Finding Friends

One of the great things about worship is that we can experience it with our friends, young and old. These friends might be from Sunday school class, our siblings, and even the pastor! Look around the worship space and write down the names of some friends you see. After worship, ask them to sign their names.

Friend's Name

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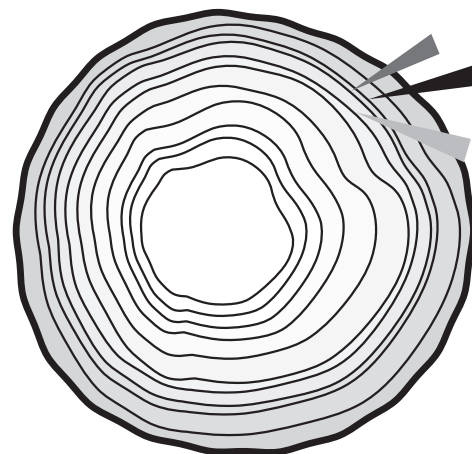
READER

Pentecost 16

- Today is the **16th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- A symbol used for the season after Pentecost is a **tree**.
- The season after Pentecost is the **longest church season**.
- During the season after Pentecost, we learn about **the risen Christ**.

Growing Older

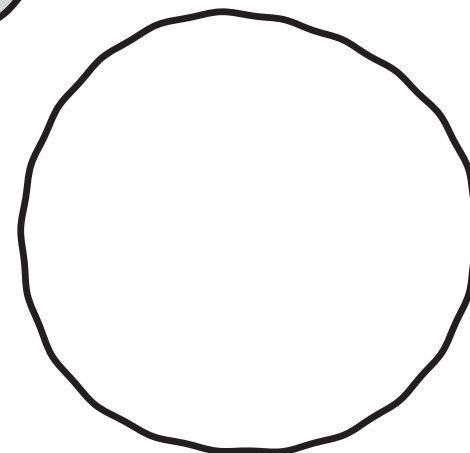
Just like trees grow over the years, your faith grows, too! A tree grows one ring every year. Count the rings in the tree stump to discover this tree's age. Then draw rings in the blank tree stump so it's the same age as you.



The tree's age: _____



My age: _____



To complete the memory verse, find the correct words in the tree and fill in the blanks.

Memory Verse



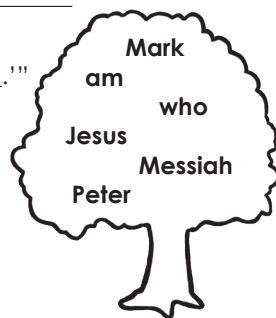
"_____ asked them,

'But _____ do you say

that I _____?' _____

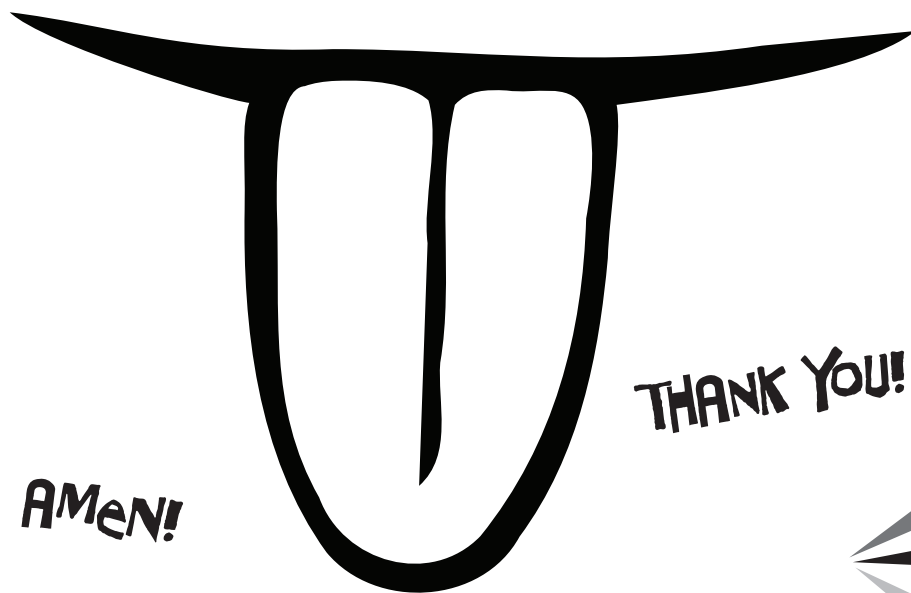
answered him, 'You are the _____.'"

- _____ 8:29



A Tongue of Praise

We can praise the Lord with our tongues. Write all the things your tongue can say that praise the Lord.



THANK YOU!

AMEN!

Who Do You Say I Am?

Jesus asked his friend Peter, "Who do you say I am?" Peter responded, "You are the Messiah." How would your friends describe you? Check the boxes below.

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Bible Tip!

Today's reading comes from the book of Mark. Mark is one of the four Gospels that tells about the life of Jesus. Can you name the other three? Write the names in these three boxes.

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking† faith home

Jesus asks us to pick up our own cross.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	James 3:1-12	Controlling the tongue
Wednesday	1 Peter 2:18-25	The example of Christ's suffering
Thursday	Hebrews 12:1-11	The example of Jesus
Friday	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating Christ's humility
Saturday	Psalms 116:1-9	A prayer of thanksgiving
Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Jesus] 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." Mark 8:34 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to turn away from our self-centeredness and receive your life-giving power through the cross of Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, in mercy and kindness you feed us. Give us strength and goodwill to show mercy and kindness to others. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of generosity give you rest and peace. (Psalm 116:7)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Lord Jesus, You Shall
Be My Song*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time when you or someone else was being selfish.
- What happens when someone places their own needs before the needs of others?
- Jesus says that denying your own interests out of love is the way to find real life and joy. How do you overlook your own wants and interests for the sake of others?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 8:27-38.

This is it, the Caesarea Philippi moment, the moment Jesus asks his followers to identify who he is and what his life is about. Peter gets the title right but the mission wrong. It is clear in this reading that it is important to understand who Jesus is; he is the Son of Man. Jesus is the one who picked up his cross and laid bare his courageous and faithful life for others. This is the way of life that Jesus wants others to follow, too. Jesus was open to rejection, suffering, and his innocent death. Christian discipleship includes picking up our crosses to courageously and faithfully follow the one who holds the universe together. However, Jesus' own disciples did none of that at the time of his death. They were scared and ran away. The good news is that God will do great things through us, Jesus' imperfect followers. Where in your life might Jesus be asking you to pick up your cross to face life's challenges courageously and faithfully?

Pray: **Dear God, give me the courage to face life with faith and hope that others may know the power of love and salvation through the cross of Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE



The Letter of James points out that the way you live gives others an impression of what God is like. Think of someone you know who especially needs to hear words of mercy and kindness. How can you reach out to them this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Tertullian, an early Christian theologian, marked the sign of the cross on his forehead daily as early as the year 250. In 386, St. Cyril incorporated the sign of the cross during Mass. This is an ancient Christian blessing that reminds us that we are saved through the cross of Christ. This week before and after devotions, make the sign of the cross. Bring together your thumb, index, and middle fingers. Place them on your forehead, then to your chest, then from your left shoulder across to your right shoulder.

