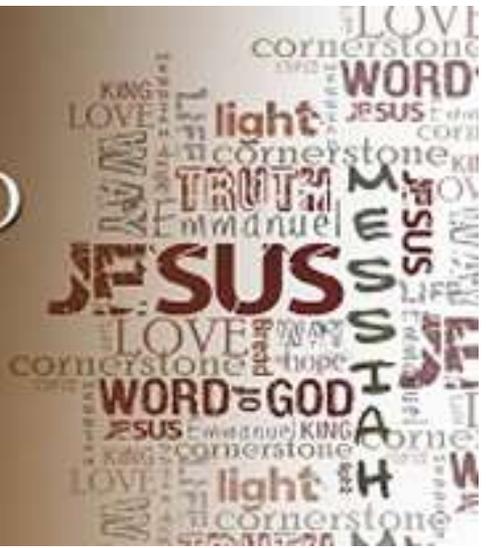


# WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?



*We invite, encourage, educate, and empower all people to follow God and serve others.*

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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*They went to Jesus, and he asked them,*

### **Who do you say I am?**

*They answered, You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being, the kerygma of which we find meaning in our interpersonal relationships. And Jesus said,*

### **What?!**

*Faith doesn't have to be that hard. Life doesn't have to be that difficult. Sometimes, we just have to live God's love. Sometimes, we just have to live what we believe.*

**And so we are here, simply, to sing, to celebrate, to worship God!**

~ written by Richard Bott (revised slightly),

**HYMN**            *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone*

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

*Chorus:* **My chains are gone, I've been set free; My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine. But God, who called me here below will be forever mine. Will be forever mine. You are forever mine. You are forever mine! *Chorus***

**Amazing love, amazing grace.**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*O God,*

**with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Romans 12:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts

that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **SERMON**

### **APOSTLES CREED**

**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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen**

## **BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING**

### **OFFERING**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

### **THE 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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

*You are the body of Christ.*

*May you have the heart of Christ, tender for mercy.*

*May you have the eyes of Christ to see a world in need.*

*May you have the feet of Christ to bring good news.*

*Go in peace! And God go with you.*

*~ posted on Literature & Liturgy.*

### **SENDING SONG**      *Built On A Rock*

**Built on a rock the church shall stand,  
even when steeples are falling;  
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
bells still are chiming and calling—  
calling the young and old to rest,  
calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.**

**Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
many may come to hear your Word,  
who here this promise is bringing:  
"I know my own, my own know me;  
you, not the world, my face shall see;  
my peace I leave with you. Amen."**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. Share the good news. **Okay, we will!***

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### *We lift in prayer*

- \*Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of Hebrew.
- \*Our firefighters and those whose lives have been changed because of fires, our first responders and our frontline workers.
- \*The people of Iowa as they recover from the damages of the storms
- \*Those recovering from surgeries, those who are ill or hospitalized, including Chelle.
- \*Those with ongoing health concerns, including Terri, Suzan, Patricia, Felix, Taylor, Pepper and Kelly.
- \*For our leaders at every level, including President Trump, Governor Noem, Presiding Bishop Eaton and Bishop Hagmaier.
- \*For all school staff and students, starting back to school during this pandemic.



PLEASE PRAY...



August 19th- Hill City Schools  
August 24<sup>th</sup> Rapid City Christian School  
August 26th- Custer School District  
August 31st- Douglas School District  
September 8th- Rapid City Public Schools



*We are back at it!*

*The same but different.*

OSL Community High School Youth Group  
Sunday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

*We are a safe group for any 9th - 12th grade students who are interested in learning about God and deepening our faith to become better adults while having fun.*

*Weekly gatherings will rotate to include Bible study, Service and Fun activities.*

*Fundraising activities will also be scheduled. This group is youth driven with Pastor Deb Grismer guiding us along. We expect all members to be respectful, have a good attitude, be willing to actively participate in all types of activities and want to grow in faith. We realize not everyone is able to be with us every week. We hope you will come when you are able. Contact Pastor Deb for more information.*

*Welcome*  
New Members

Are you searching for a family of faith to call your own?  
Are you curious about Our Savior's Lutheran congregation and its mission and would like to learn more?  
Are you interested in becoming a member of OSL?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please contact Pastor Deb and schedule a time for her to come visit with you. (605-890-0781)  
We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, September 20 during worship.