

## Hymn of the Day

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW #798 (vss. 1, 2, 4)

**Offering** (*During this time of pandemic, both children's and adult offering baskets are placed at the entrance of the sanctuary so that gifts can be given directly, without physical contact*)



## Prayers of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

### Three-fold Amen

### Closing Hymn

*Servant's Prayer*

Lord it's you who has brought me to this day  
Who has carried and kept me in your care  
I look back and I see you in all my years  
And so forward I go knowing you are there

#### CHORUS

**May each word from my lips be a song of good news  
Every touch of my hand be a gift of grace  
Every beat of my heart be a prayer to you  
And the sum of my days be a life of praise**

May my feet never stumble and never stray  
Nor grow weary upon this rocky road  
For the path I am on is a narrow way  
But I know you are with me so on I go

#### CHORUS

May my eyes ever fixed on your kingdom be  
As my heart ever longs for joy to come  
For my hope is in things that I cannot see  
But because of your promise I press on

## Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord  
C: **Thanks Be to God!**

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**Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!**

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021; 9:30 am      Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements

### Sharing of the Peace

### Invocation

### Call to Worship

P: Wisdom cries out in the streets.

**C: We hear and struggle to understand.**

P: Come and listen to the words of life and love.

**C: We hear and proclaim our faith  
in the one who brings life.**

P: Then, let us speak of that love that is ours and look for the good in one another,

**C: choosing to bless and not destroy, choosing to use our tongues to build up and  
not tear down.**

### Opening Hymn

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW#685 (vss. 1-3, 6)

### Prayer of the Day (All)

**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.**

**Amen.**

**Baptismal Hymn** *Children of the Heavenly Father* ELW#781 (vss. 1-2)

**Service of Holy Baptism** ELW p. 227

*Ila Kaye Knust is baptized today. Her parents, Alex & Megan Knust with sponsors Winston & Becca Loman and Sarah Knust, along with the faith community called Beaver Valley, celebrate her new birth in Christ.*

**Baptismal Hymn** *Children of the Heavenly Father* ELW#781 (vss. 3-4)

**First Lesson** Isaiah 50:4-9a Will Kruse

<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?

**Second Lesson** James 3:1-12

<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.

**Alleluia Verse** *Make Me a Servant*

Make me a servant, humble and meek.  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
make me a servant today. (repeat)

**Gospel** Mark 8:27-38 Pastor Greg Johnson

*(Response after the announcement: **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.”

<sup>34</sup>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. <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.”

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

**Children’s Sermon** Brittany Gerovac

**Sermon** “The Power We’ve Been Given” Pastor Greg Johnson