



*“Who do you say I am?”*

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### OUR WORSHIP

*Who is Jesus?*

**SERVICE THEME** In our Gospel Reading, everyone has an opinion about who Jesus is. Some say, "He is a good man." Others say, "He deceives the people." The religious crowd says, "He has a demon." The people say, "This really is the Prophet." Others say, "This is the Christ."

**+ Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +**

**RESPONSIVE READING** Mark 12:35-37 (Psalm 110:1)

Pastor: Jesus asked the crowd,

**People: "Why do the teachers of the Law say that the Messiah is the son of David?"**

Pastor: "David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:

**People: 'The LORD says to my Lord:**

**"Sit at My right hand until I put Your enemies under Your feet.' "**

Pastor: Jesus continued, "David himself calls Him 'Lord.'

**People: How then can He be his son?"**

**CONFESSION** *tune: LSB 744* "Amazing Grace"

Pastor: Father, forgive us when we do not fully and completely trust that Your Son is true God begotten of You from eternity and also true Man, born of the virgin Mary, and that He is our Lord, who has redeemed us lost and condemned creatures from the captivity of sin, the fear of death, and the shenanagins of Satan.

**Have mercy on Your people, Lord.**

**Have mercy, Christ, our King.**

**Renew us by Your mercy, Lord;**

**Accept the prayers we bring.**

**ABSOLUTION** *tune: LSB 380* “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Pastor: Christ Jesus is God and Lord, and He has redeemed us, purchased and won us from all sin, the horror of death, and the wiles of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood, innocent suffering, and death, that we may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

**“Glory be to God on high!” This is now our joyful cry.  
Peace to all who live on earth, grace and favor for new birth.  
You we praise and glorify, worship You, O Lord most high.  
Gracious Father, heav’nly King, to Your name alone we sing:  
Praise the glory of Your name, now and evermore the same!**

**Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, sole begotten, Holy One,  
Born on earth from realms on high, born true man for us to die,  
Lamb of God, You take away this world’s sin:  
Grant peace we pray. With the Spirit, You alone  
Are most high, O God the Son, and the Father, God above.  
Praise we now Your glorious love.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Father, through hearing Your in-Spirited holy Word, may we wholly trust that Your Son, Christ Jesus, is more than a good Man or a great Teacher; that, in fact, He truly is the God-Man who died on a cross for us and was loosed from death’s grip to sit forever and everywhere at Your right hand of power, giving us never-ending forgiveness, righteousness, and LIFE.

**People: We ask in His precious and powerful name. Amen!**

**+ Hearing God’s Word +**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Jeremiah 23:5-6

<sup>5</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign as king and deal wisely, and do what is just and right. <sup>6</sup>In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is His name by which He will be called: “The LORD our Righteousness.”

**EPISTLE READING** Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

<sup>18</sup> And He is the Head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Pastor: These Readings are the Word of our LORD Jesus.

**People: Thanks be to our God and Savior, Christ Jesus.**

**GOSPEL READING** John 7:11-12, 19-20, 40-41a

Pastor: The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John,  
the disciple whom Jesus loved.

**People: Glory be to You, LORD Jesus.**

<sup>11</sup> The Jews were looking for Him at the Feast (of Tabernacles) and asking, "Where is He?" <sup>12</sup> And there was much muttering about Him among the people. Some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, He deceives the people."

<sup>19</sup> Jesus said, "Has not Moses given you the Law? Yet none of you keeps the Law. Why are you trying to kill Me?" <sup>20</sup> "You are demon-possessed," the crowd answered. "Who is trying to kill You?"

<sup>40</sup> On hearing His words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." <sup>41</sup> Others said, "He is the Christ."

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "Who Am I?"

**CREED** *tune: LSB 802* "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour,  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth the church now He does bless.  
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

**MESSAGE** "Who Is Jesus?"

Introduction

A list of the most influential people in the history of the world includes Jesus. Yet, Jesus is the only person on that list who claims to be God.

C. S. Lewis – *Mere Christianity*

"Let us none of us come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great moral teacher."

Rabbi Duncan – Deceiver or Deceived

"Christ either deceived or was self-deceived, or He was divine."

Jesus has touched and transformed hearts in every time and place.

A Good Man who is A Great Moral Teacher

Most people lump all religions together as saying, "Be good!"

P. T. Forsyth

"If God be not thus, He is less than the God we crave for."

Application

If Christ Jesus is who He says He is, why . . . ?

**+ Response to the Word +**

**OFFERING** LSB 704, vv. 3-4 "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

**Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word  
Let what You will be my desire, With new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

**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!**

**+ The Lord's Supper – the Visible Word +**

**PREFACE**

Pastor: I now ask you: Are we coming to Jesus' Supper because we are worthy and deserve it or because we are unworthy and need His presence and forgiveness in our lives always – which we never can really deserve? "Jesus Himself says: 'They that be whole, need not a physician, but they that be sick'; that is, those who are weary and heavy-laden with their sins, with the fear of death, temptations of the flesh and of the devil. If, therefore, you are heavy-laden and feel your weakness, then let us go joyfully to this Sacrament and obtain refreshment, consolation, and strength. [from Luther's *Large Catechism*]

**JESUS' WORDS**

**LAMB OF GOD** *tune: LSB 702* "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**O Lamb of God, we pray;  
Take all our sins away –  
Our faith increase,  
Have mercy on us all,  
Strengthen us when we fall,  
Answer our fervent call  
And grant us peace.**

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**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: We give You thanks, Father, that Your Son has received us at His Table, unworthy though we are, graced us with His presence, and given us personal and powerful assurance that we are truly and fully forgiven for all our sins – past, present, and future. Enable us to go from this Supper and this Service with our faith strengthened and our lives renewed with a desire to care about and serve others with their physical as well as their spiritual needs. We ask in the Name of Jesus, our Savior, the Same who is God and Lord and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit on our behalf, now and forever.

**People: Amen! May it be so!**

**BENEDICTION** LSB 922 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

**Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, You are My own.  
In My love’s baptismal river  
I have made you Mine forever.**

**Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own.**

**Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.**

**Here you heard My dear Son’s story,  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.**

**Here My Spirit’s power filled you,  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace.**

**I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace.**

**I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.**

**Go, My children, I will keep you and give you peace.**

**+ NEXT SUNDAY – May 8 [Mother’s Day] +**

**SERVICE THEME: Mother’s Day**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “A Gift for Mom”**

**MESSAGE: “What It Means to Be a Mom”**

**+ NEXT SUNDAY – Bible Class +**

**Ecclesiastes 6:1 – 7:14 Prosperity is not always good;  
Adversity is not always bad.**

## BETHESDA AUXILIARY SUNDAY - Today

Bethesda Auxiliary Sunday is day to pray for and support ministry with people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Bethesda Auxiliary's mission is to share God's Word and Jesus' love with people living with IDD. The Oregon Unit of the Auxiliary reaches out with loving acts of kindness to the people living in the group homes and apartments supported by AbleLight/Bethesda, and to those with IDD living in our communities with their families or with other providers.

For example, the true meaning of Christmas from God's Word is shared starting with Advent activities and at Christmas parties in East Portland, Tualatin, and the homes from Beaverton west to Forest Grove. During Covid, Christmas Parties-in-a-Bag were delivered to the homes and apartments. Gifts for each person and staff, activities, and goodies brought many smiles of joy. Just before Christmas, a decorated Birthday Cake for Jesus was taken to each home for Christmas Day, and each person received a picture of a birthday cake to decorate for Jesus. A picture of Baby Jesus in the manger was at the top of the sheet, especially for those who are unable to read.

The Oregon Unit is also supporting the sharing of God's Word in worship, devotions, sing-a-longs, and Bible studies via Zoom gatherings provided by Quiet Waters Outreach, a 25-old ministry in Sherwood, OR, for people living with IDD, their families, and caregivers.

Your donation/memberships of cash or checks may be made out to Bethesda Auxiliary – OR Unit and placed in the envelope found in your church mailbox. You can give your envelope to Rev. George or Terry Putnam. Receipts for tax purposes will be placed in your box to be picked up next week.

The Oregon Unit's Traveling Gift Table, of mainly homemade gifts, is set up downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, so please enjoy shopping for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation, Wedding, and Baby Shower gifts. You will be able to pay for your purchases downstairs.

Your monetary and prayer support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your Kindness and Goodness in supporting this Ministry.