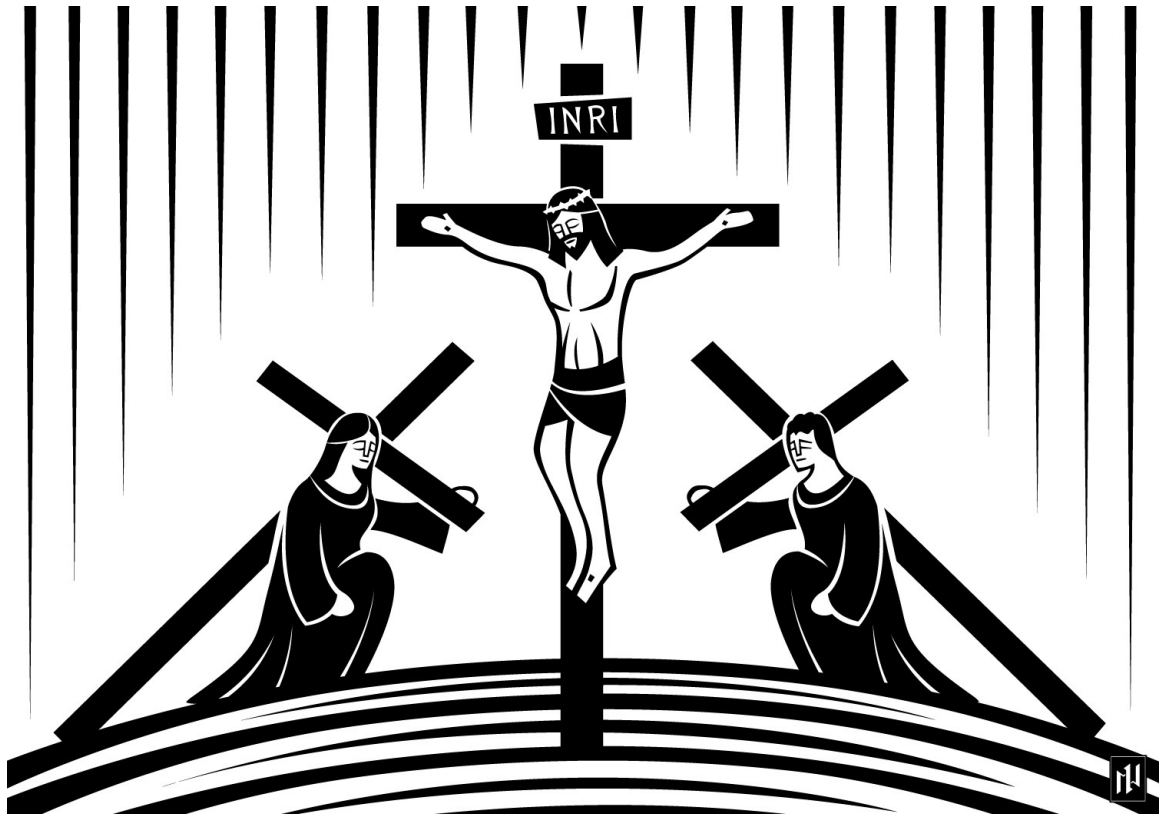


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Notes for Visitors:

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway north of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Room:** If you need a quiet place for your children, we have a room near the church offices. If you need help finding the room, please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Hymnals:** Use the red hymn books in the rack ahead of your pew to follow along in the service. If you need help or guidance, please ask someone nearby to assist you.

September 19, 2021

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Pastors' Notes

After reliving the events of Christ's life in the festival half of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter seasons), we spend half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ in what we call the non-festival half of the year (the Sundays after Pentecost). The paraments are green during this season as the Holy Spirit uses Christ's teaching to grow the faith of believers.

In this latter part of the Pentecost season, we are encouraged to see Jesus as our all in all. When we do, we understand how deeply God's Word penetrates our heart and life. It becomes so much a part of us that we carry our own crosses, confessing the name of Christ and doing his will, even if we suffer earthly consequences for our relationship with Christ. Christians do this, because we understand that suffering with Christ now, means we will share in his glory in heaven, too! May these gospel promises strengthen us to do God's will and glorify his name in our lives.

Order Of Worship: Service of the Word pg. 38

Hymns.....223; 453; 434; 332
 Capitol Choir.....*Show Me Thy Ways*
 Sermon Theme.....1 Peter 4: 12-19

Don't Be Surprised

Prayer Of The Day

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50: 4-10

⁴ The LORD God gave me a tongue like the learned, an instructed tongue,
 so I know how to sustain the weary with a word.

He wakes me up morning by morning.

He wakes up my ears so that I listen like the learned.

⁵ The LORD God opened my ear,
 and I myself was not rebellious.

I did not turn back.

⁶ I submitted my back to those who beat me,
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.

I did not hide my face from disgrace and from spit.

⁷ The LORD God will help me,
 so I will not be disgraced.

Therefore I have made my face hard like flint.

I know that I will not be put to shame.

⁸ The one who will acquit me is near!

Who can accuse me?

Let us take our stand.

Who can pass judgment on me?

Let him approach me.

⁹ Look, the LORD God will help me.

Who then can declare me guilty?

Look, all of them will wear out like a garment.

A moth will consume them.

¹⁰ Who among you worships the LORD

and listens to the voice of his servant?

Anyone who walks in darkness

and who has no bright light—

let him trust in the name of the LORD,

and let him lean on his God.

Psalm 116 (hymnal, pg. 107)

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 4: 12-19

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³ Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴ If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. ¹⁶ But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. ¹⁷ For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And if it is hard for the righteous to be saved, where will the ungodly sinner end up? ¹⁹ So let those who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to their faithful Creator while doing what is good.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia. (Romans 15:4 cf. NIV)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8: 27-35

²⁷ Jesus went away with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

²⁸ They told him, “John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others say one of the prophets.”

²⁹ “But who do you say I am?” he asked them.

Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.”

³⁰ Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. ³² He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men.”

³⁴ He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”

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