



**July 7, 2024**

## **An Explanation of Our Communion Practice**

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper, which is a wonderful gift from our gracious God. In his Word, God teaches that Christians need a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper before receiving it (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). He also tells us that Christians should be completely united before communing together (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we ask that only members of our fellowship (The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and, worldwide, The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference) commune at Trinity.

We do want everyone to commune with us. So that everything may be done decently and in good order (1 Corinthians 14:40), we ask for the opportunity to verify that we are united in our beliefs based on God's Word, and then to celebrate that unity publicly in the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more, please speak to Pastor. Thank you for your understanding of our belief and practice.





# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service, we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

**Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Jenkins

**Today's Focus:** God's faithful messengers speak his truth even into unbelief and opposition, because his Word is his wisdom of the gospel of Christ. Our worship follows *The Common Service*.

# We Come into the Presence of God

## MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

## OPENING HYMN: 221, Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84, st. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; unknown, st. 4, alt.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



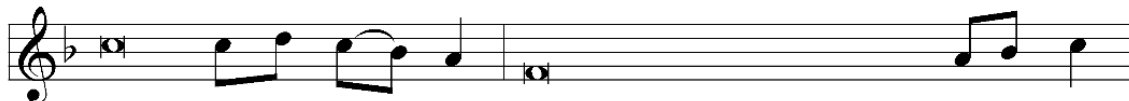
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**

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sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in the true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

**Ezekiel 2:1-7**

*The Lord's command to Ezekiel is to proclaim what the Lord says, without regard to its acceptance.*

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." <sup>2</sup> The Spirit entered into me as he spoke to me and brought me up to my feet. Then I heard him speaking to me.

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<sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to disloyal nations, who have been disloyal to me. They and their fathers have rebelled against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> These children of mine are brazen-faced and hard-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you are to tell them that this is what the LORD God says. <sup>5</sup> Then, whether they listen or do not listen – for they are a rebellious house – then they will know that a prophet has been among them. <sup>6</sup> But you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words. Even though briars and thorns surround you and you are living with scorpions, do not be afraid of their words, and do not be intimidated by the look on their faces, for they are a rebellious house. <sup>7</sup> You are to speak my words to them whether they listen or they do not, for they are a rebellious house.”

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: 143**

*Read Responsively*

M: O LORD, listen to my cry for mercy;

**C: in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.**

M: Do not bring your servant into judgment,

**C: for no one living is righteous before you.**

M: My spirit grows faint within me;

**C: my heart within me is dismayed.**

M: Answer me quickly, O LORD;

**C: do not hide your face from me.**

M: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

**C: for I have put my trust in you.**

M: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;

**C: may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

## SECOND LESSON

### 2 Timothy 2:1-13

*Paul commands his protégé Timothy to endure all opposition for the sake of the gospel of Christ, the Savior risen from the dead.*

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> Entrust the things you heard from me, in the presence of many witnesses, to faithful men who will also be able to teach others.

<sup>3</sup> Share hardships as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the affairs of everyday life. If he does, he will not please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup> Also, if someone competes as an athlete, he does not receive a crown unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> The hardworking farmer should receive a share of the crops first. <sup>7</sup> Think about what I am saying, because the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, a descendant of David, in accordance with my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> For this reason I endure all things for the sake of the elect, so that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, along with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> This saying is trustworthy:

Indeed, if we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> If we endure, we will also reign with him;

If we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> If we are faithless, he remains faithful, because he cannot deny himself.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia! (*Luke 8:15*)

*Stand*

## GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

### Mark 6:1-6

M: The Gospel of St. Mark, chapters 6.

### C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by his hands? <sup>3</sup> Isn't this the carpenter, the Son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

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<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house.” <sup>5</sup> He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup> He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON: “This Man”**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: 542, Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give The grace to  
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand To spread your  
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their



you a - lone to live. Set free from sin to  
Word o'er sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and  
sink - ing hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns



serve you, Lord, They go to share your  
make them strong To heal sin's ills, to  
what they do, Oh, keep them hum - ble,



liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage to pro -  
right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver wind and  
Lord, and true Un - til be - fore your judg - ment



claim That all may know your sav - ing name.  
wave, And might - y is your arm to save.  
seat They lay their tro - phies at your feet.

Text: W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.  
Tune: MELITA (88 88 88) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

## SERMON

**TEXT:** Mark 6:1-16

**THEME:** What is This Wisdom?

*Stand*

## CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

*Be Seated*

### OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.*

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

*Stand*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Special prayers*

M: Lord Jesus, you call all who are weary and burdened to come to you for rest. Rejoicing in your grace, we now come to this heavenly feast in which you give your children on earth your true body and blood to eat and drink. Remove from us the soiled garments of self-righteousness and sin, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with your blood. Strengthen our faith, increase our love, especially for those with whom we share this blessed communion, and after this life grant us a place at your heavenly table. In your name we pray, and join to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this (+) is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this (+) is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

*Be Seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

# HYMN: 200, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



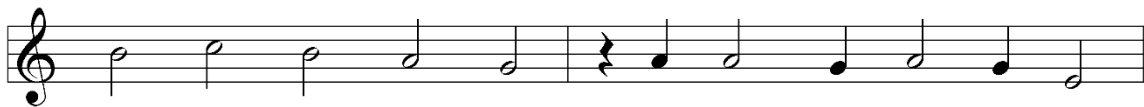
and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one  
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;  
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.  
 He holds the field for - ev - er.  
 One lit - tle word can fell him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.  
 Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

Stand

## SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

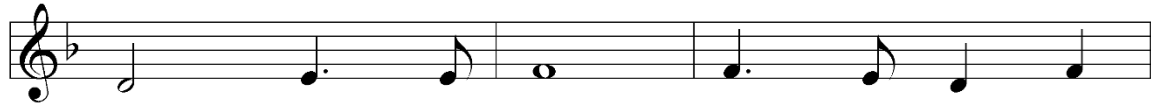
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CLOSING HYMN: 332, Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,  
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,  
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you



Nev - er a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,  
 At peace and pure. Here you learned how  
 Clos - er to me; Grow in love and  
 And give you peace; I the Lord will



I am with you; You are my own.  
 much I love you, What I can cure.  
 love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.  
 smile up - on you And give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,



made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,  
 touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,  
 ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,  
 Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;



with my bless - ing— You are my own.  
 sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 I will keep you And give you peace.

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 Tune: AR HYD Y NOS (84 84 88 84) Welsh melody, 18th century.

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### Summer Bible Class

Bible class (on Luther's Large Catechism) meets from 9:15-9:45 each Sunday morning, with Sunday School adjourned.

### VBS Volunteer Training Meeting - July 11 6:30 pm

There will be a training meeting for all VBS volunteers (teens and adults) who will be helping on-site the mornings of VBS. The training meeting is set for Thursday, July 11 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Trinity. Supper will be provided. Contact Erika at 617-821-3126 or [erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com](mailto:erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com) for questions.

### Wine and Word Bible Study – July 18

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. We are studying The Apocrypha with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. The study of follows the study guide for *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes* (available from Northwestern or Concordia Publishing Houses and other booksellers). You can also follow the readings at [apocrypha.org](http://apocrypha.org). Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**Trinity's Little Free Library** is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the fellowship room beside the door to the hallway.

### Vacation Bible School Registration OPEN!

Registration is now open for this year's VBS, which will be held July 15-19 from 9:00-11:30 am. Come join us for Scuba VBS where we will dive into an amazing undersea adventure and experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. We look forward to sharing God's Word, singing songs, making crafts, playing games, and of course, having some awesome snacks together! VBS is for kids ages 3 (and potty trained) to those entering 6th grade in the fall. Kids entering 7th grade and older may volunteer as helpers. Please register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinity24> or scan this QR Code!

### Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings about once a month during worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

### **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

### **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or [revpauljenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work



## Jesus Proclaimed the Truth and Some Sadly Rejected

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20210712/>

“I don’t believe you! That can’t be true!” your friend says to you. His reaction shocks you! This is your best friend who has known you as long as you can remember, and he doesn’t believe you. You try to explain but it’s no use. You leave hurt, confused, and disappointed. If he doesn’t believe you, who will? That hurts, doesn’t it? And when it comes from your best friend, it rocks your confidence.

Jesus experienced something similar. He, along with his disciples, were visiting Nazareth, the town in which he grew up. Jesus wasn’t there to only visit and hang out with family. As the Savior, he was there to preach and teach. That’s why people everywhere knew about Jesus. When someone local becomes famous, often the locals are excited and proud to welcome them home. Not so with Jesus. As he was teaching in the synagogue (the church), the people were indeed amazed at what he was saying. Then it turned into questions like, “How can this be the same son of Mary and Joseph that grew up down the street? Who does he think he is?”

They said this about Jesus? They surely did. Those who knew him longest didn’t believe him. They knew God’s promise to send a Savior. But they just couldn’t believe that Jesus was the Savior. To them, he was just one of them and no more.

Now who is amazed? Jesus. He is amazed at their lack of faith. That’s why he did very few miracles while there. After he spoke the words for today’s devotion, the people became so mad that they ran him out of town and tried to throw him off a cliff. “He simply walked through the crowd and went on his way” (Luke 4:30).

What does this mean for you and for me? God never promised that believing in Jesus would be easy. In fact, he said just the opposite. There are going to be times when even those closest to us may reject what we believe and say. But he also promises to bless our believing and to be with us. Like Jesus, we go on our way and keep believing and telling and sharing and praying. May the Lord bless all who hear the awesome message of God’s grace through Jesus. May they join us in hearing and believing!

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## Questions to Consider:

- Who were the people that couldn't believe Jesus was more than the local son of Mary and Joseph?
- Why do you believe in Jesus?
- Share a time when a friend or someone close to you didn't believe you. Was it something you did or said? What did you do to convince them you were telling the truth?
- The people Jesus was talking to knew about God's promise to send a Savior. Why do you think they still didn't believe him?
- Even when you know it might be hard and that someone you know might not believe you, what promise of God gives you confidence and encouragement to speak up?
- We can share our faith by talking to someone face to face. But what are other ways (without saying a word) that you can influence someone about God's amazing grace?

**It is the mission of**



**to glorify God**

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



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