



IDENTITY MATTERS

A SERMON SERIES

LIVING IN THE TRUTH.

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, August 1

PRELUDE

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

John Behnke

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “How Firm a Foundation”

OPENING LITURGY *based on Psalm 34*

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

L: We confess to You, Lord.

C: **Our mouths have not always praised You through our words, and we have boasted in things other than You. Help us humbly hear and be glad, that we may taste and see that the Lord is good.**

L: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

C: **I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

L: We confess to You, Lord.

C: **We have sought after other things than You and have let our fears impede our faith. Give us hearts centered on You, that we may taste and see that the Lord is good.**

L: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

C: **This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

L: We confess to You, Lord.

C: **Our thoughts, words, and actions have not been faithful, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Hear us and save us from our troubles, that we may taste and see that the Lord is good.**

L: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

C: **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been so merciful to us by giving His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiven all our sins. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE “How Firm a Foundation”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Isaiah 41:1-10** [ESV]

Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgment. Who stirred up one from the east whom victory meets at every step? He gives up nations before him, so that he tramples kings underfoot; he makes them like dust with his sword, like driven stubble with his bow. He pursues them and passes on safely, by paths his feet have not trod.

Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he. The coastlands have seen and are afraid; the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near and come. Everyone helps his neighbor and says to his brother, “Be strong!” The craftsman strengthens the goldsmith, and he who smooths with the hammer him who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, “It is good”; and they strengthen it with nails so that it cannot be moved.

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL **John 12:23-28** [ESV]

And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

AFFIRMATION of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

HYMN “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

SERMON “CRUSHING PRESSURE”

OFFERING

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

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“When in the Hour of Deepest Need”

Organ

arr. John Behnke

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CLOSING RESPONSE “Nunc Dimittis”

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in C Major”

Organ

Michael Ryan



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