



# IDENTITY MATTERS

A SERMON SERIES

LIVING IN THE TRUTH.

**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, August 29**

## PRELUDE

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

#### OPENING LITURGY *based on Psalm 34*

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

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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!**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## RESPONSE “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Jeremiah 29:4-14** [ESV]

“Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the Lord. “For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

#### HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 7:24-29** [ESV]

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**AFFIRMATION of FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

**HYMN** “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

**SERMON** “MAINTAINING RELEVANCE”

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

*Voices of Peace*

arr. Dan Forrest

**PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

**SANCTUS**

**WORDS of INSTITUTION**

**THE PEACE**

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

C: **And also with you.**

**AGNUS DEI**

**DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Organ*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING RESPONSE “Nunc Dimittis”**

**POSTLUDE**

“Song of Joy”

Christopher Boodle

*Organ*



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