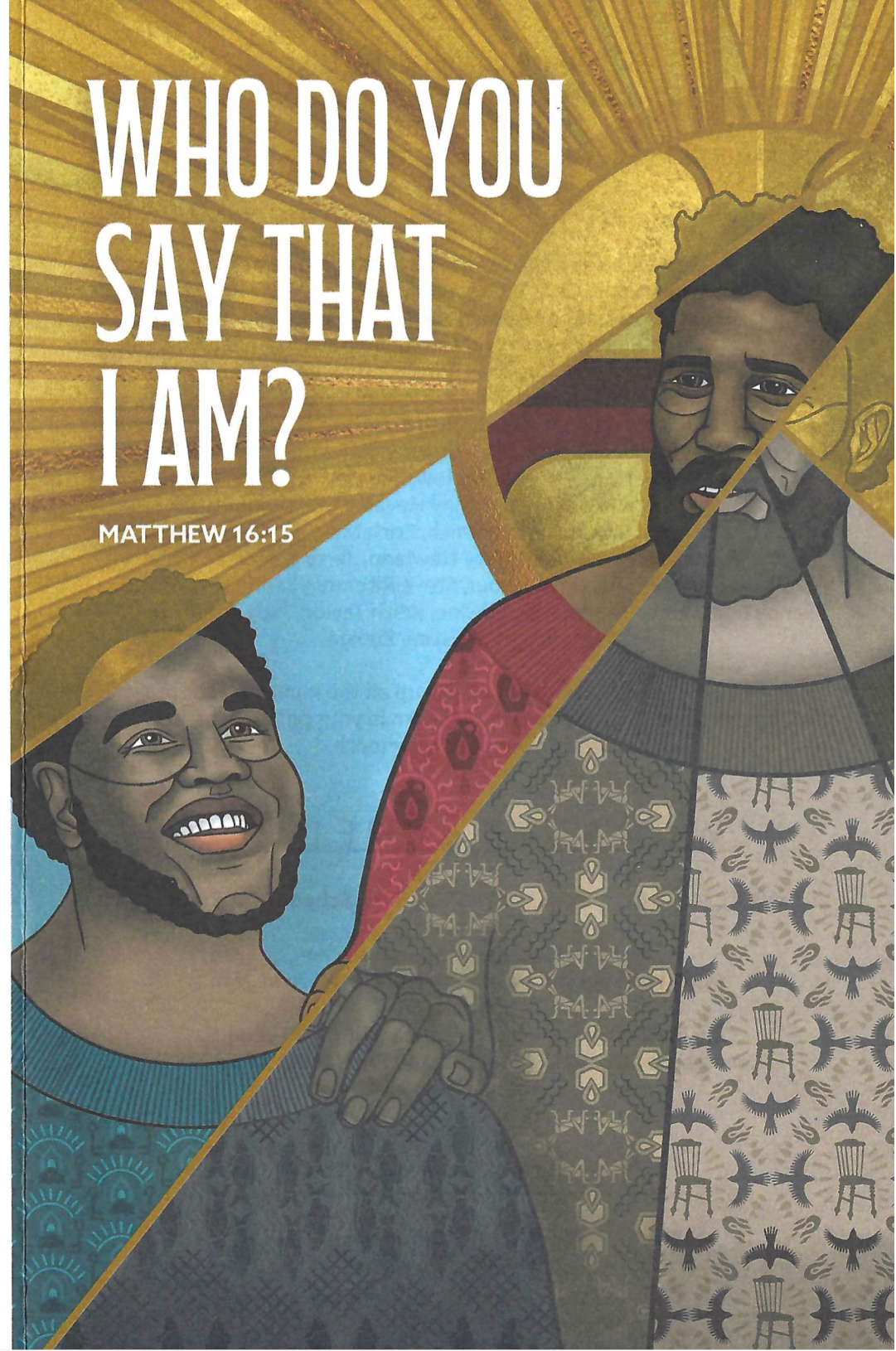


WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

MATTHEW 16:15



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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Danny Lindamood, Chris LoPresti, Anna Nilsen, Tony Reynard, , ...

and we further remember... Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve and Linda Campbell, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, Roe Dias, Virginia Duncan, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Diane Funkhouser, Lynette George, Chuck Givens, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Rebecca Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Jim Lam, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Erich McMinn, Glenn McMinn, Donna Mumaw, Freddie Neal, Jerry Newland, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

Today, the 4th Sunday, is the day we lift up all the names on our prayer list, but be encouraged to remember them in your personal prayers as well throughout the month.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NEXT SUNDAY: August 30 - 5th Sunday Schedule at ZION!

9:45 Adult Sunday School at Zion.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of the Word at Zion

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

Conference call: (425) 436-6395 Toll Free: (844)-854-2222

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DID YOU KNOW ?

Samson slayed 1000 Philistines with a jaw bone
(Judges 15:15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fifth Sunday Fun is NEXT SUNDAY. We look forward to having one parish service at 11 AM, followed by a covered dish dinner. Chicken and drinks are being provided, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share and plan to stay with us!

Is Jesus God? What is the Holy Trinity? These are just some of the questions our Wednesday in the Word class are tackling. We meet at 6 PM on Wednesdays at Zion and there is always a chair waiting for you!

Reach out and touch someone... was the old telephone motto and it still works! **Leannah Comer** has a new phone number: 540-333-1662. You might also drop a line to **Virginia Estep**, whose phone number is 540-740-4501. They'd love to hear from you.

Just a reminder that Zion Council will meet on the 5th Monday and the last day of August at 5:30.

Aluminum Recycling will take place on the weekend of September 6.

Weekday Religious Education, or Bible Break for short is having their annual Banquet and Silent Auction from 5 – 8 PM on Saturday, October 3. Tickets are \$35 for individuals, and if we can gather 8 to join us we will be able to sponsor a table and be listed in the program.

Septic Pump-Out Program continues: The Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, in partnership with DEQ, EPA and Onsite Wastewater Service is offering a no-cost Septic Pump-out program for eligible home owners and renters. Your household income must be less than 80% of the area median income, (AMI:\$87,500 = 80%:\$70,000) and you are asked to complete a short EPA SepticSmart training video. Pastor Katie has further information for those interested.

The American Red Cross is offering First Aid – CPR – AED Training and certification on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 – 12:15 at Woodstock United Methodist. The cost is \$169 per person, and 4 hours of online training must be completed in advance of the class. For more information, see Pastor Katie.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Mark Ludlow will speak at the Edinburg Heritage Center (formerly St. Paul UCC) regarding ground penetrating radar. This technology allows you to identify where people have been buried and we are considering using his services for a portion of the Zion cemetery.



13th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome – Today's pictures mostly come from our recent Central Valley Conference Youth Retreat at Caroline Furnace.

Confession and Forgiveness

*Pastor Katie, with Warren Dooley
of Faith-Fort Valley and
Tom Powell, Camp Caroline
Furnace Director at "Power in the
Spirit" in Roanoke,*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us from our sin to

live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

— Silence is kept for reflection —

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- Declaration of Forgiveness -

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn # 623 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood
from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

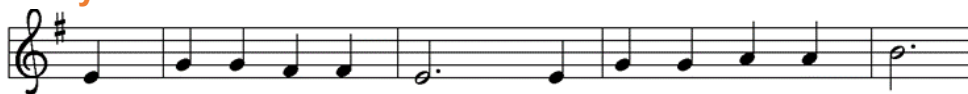
Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see Thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise # 527 *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
and let your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing your praise
in endless hymns through all our days;
increase our faith and light our minds;
and set us free from doubt that blinds.

Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
"O holy, holy, Lord Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place
we then shall see you face to face.

All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
be praise throughout eternity!

Prayer of the Day

Today's Readings Insert

God's Word



Isaiah 51:1- 6

Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8

The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel
according to Matthew, the
16th Chapter, ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you,
O Christ.**

Sermon

*Our Virginia Synod Bishop,
Dr. Phyllis Milton, lead worship
and preached at the Saturday
service.*



Hymn of the Day

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Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones; we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Offertory Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
You are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of Your creation,
and multiply Your grace in us,
that the world may be fed with Your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and
uphold me with Your free spirit.

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died,
and was buried;
He descended to the dead.**



On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

**He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.



The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you, + and give you peace. **Amen**

Sending Hymn # 596 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

His oath, His covenant, His blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in Him be found,
clothed in His righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! **Refrain**

Sending

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.



⁶**The LORD is high,**
yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand
against the fury of my enemies;
your right ¹ hand shall save me.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment,

⁸**You will make good your pur-¹pose for me;**
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon
the works ¹ of your hands.

each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has

not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue
righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were
hewn
and to the quarry from which you
were dug.
²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him
many.
³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the
LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the
peoples.
⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a
garment,
and those who live on it will die like
gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be
ended.

Psalm

Psalm 138; tone 9



I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods
I will ¹ sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;**

for you have glorified your name and your word a-¹bove all things.

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD, when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD, that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

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