

Don't Try to Stop God

In Mark 9:38-50 the disciples—at least John—are upset because they saw somebody, not a disciple, “casting out demons” in Jesus’ name. Here John sounds strikingly similar to the Pharisees, who became upset when someone out of their control, Jesus, healed a person on the sabbath (Mark 3:1-6). A common tendency among religious leaders seems to be uneasiness with God acting in ways that are outside of the expected channels and outside of their control.

Throughout Mark’s gospel we are reminded that God’s activity and power are not controlled by or limited to established religious institutions. This point is made clear in the opening verses of the gospel. Mark doesn’t begin the story of the “good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mark 1:1) in Jerusalem, where one might expect the story of a holy person to start. Instead, the beginning of Mark’s gospel takes us to the wilderness, a place often associated with the absence of God’s presence. But it is precisely in the wilderness where we find John, proclaiming that “the kingdom of God has come near” (Mark 1:15).

There was a sense in Jesus’ time that God could or would only be present in the temple, and that God’s activity was determined by the actions of the religious leaders. We have the same temptation today. We often think of what happens in the church building as God’s activity, but forget that God is also present and acting in the world outside the church. We often think of Christians doing God’s work, but neglect to notice the ways in which non-Christians are also active in doing things that help to bring God’s kingdom near. Jesus’ response to his disciple’s consternation about the fact that someone who is not a disciple is casting out demons in Jesus’ name is an important instruction to us as well. We shouldn’t stop someone who is doing God’s will and bringing God’s kingdom near, just because they aren’t a part of our group. In fact, we may even want to learn more about what they are doing, and join them!



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Welcoming All Serving Others Growing in Faith

Pentecost 19

September 29, 2024

8:00am & 10:00am

PRELUDE *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* Johann Walther
Organist, Paul Griffith

WELCOME and COUNCIL UPDATE

CHILDREN’S TIME (10:00am)

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:00am) *God Is Here With Me* Christopher Hogan
Kings Choir

***OPENING HYMN ELW #677 (10:00am)** *This Little Light of Mine (v.1)*
ELW #879 For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYER of CONFESSIO

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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. **C: Amen.**



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

***We ask for God's mercy in our KYRIE**



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



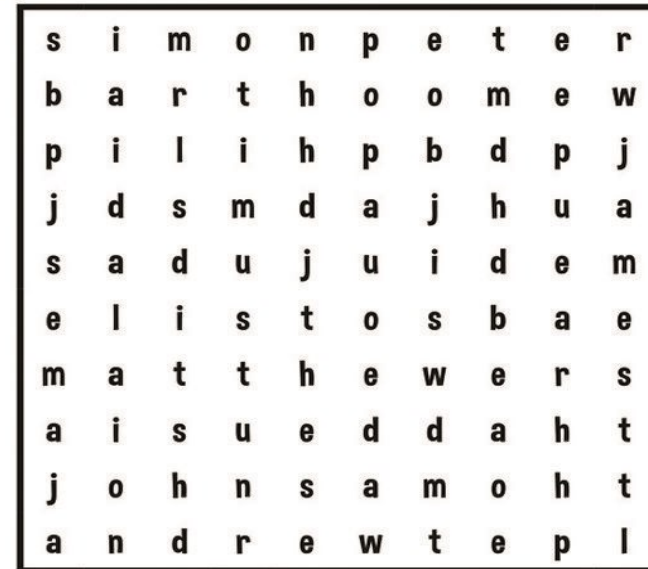
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



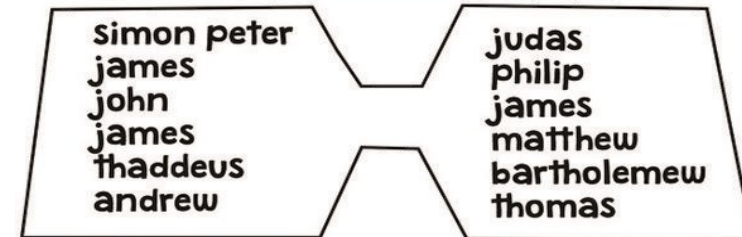
I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

Twelve Disciples

Find the twelve names in the wordsearch below.



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Bible Memory Verse

"Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Mark 9:50b

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: *Let us pray,*

C: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: O.K. We will. Thanks be to God!

***SENDING HYMN ELW #547**

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Jason D. Payne

(* = Please stand as you are able for this portion of the worship service)



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I
II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate Insert

DISTRIBUTION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
You are invited.

*All Christians are welcome to the Lord's Supper.
White grape juice is available in the center of each tray
and gluten-free wafers are at each station.*

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #487

What Feast of Love

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #496

One Bread, One Body

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ,
strengthen you, and keep you always in his grace. **C: Amen**

***SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. 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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

FIRST READING

Celebrate Insert

Following: L The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Celebrate Insert

SPECIAL MUSIC

(8:00am)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Billingham

Adult Choir

SECOND READING

Celebrate Insert

Following: L The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Servants of God, Bless the Lord

Ser-vants of God, bless the Lord; praise the Lord,
 praise and ex - alt him a - bove all for - ev - er.
 Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Daniel 3:85

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***GOSPEL**

Celebrate Insert

SERMON

Pastor Bob Hansen

SERMON HYMN ELW #634

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
(verses 1, 4, 5, 6)

***APOSTLES' 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**

(P: Lord in your mercy... C: Hear our prayer)

***WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE**

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING *Doing God's work....*

*Each and every week people come to our congregation and
are fed... spiritually, and often physically.
THANK YOU for making that happen.*



OFFERTORY *Remember Lord, the Times You Called Me*

Setting, James Engel

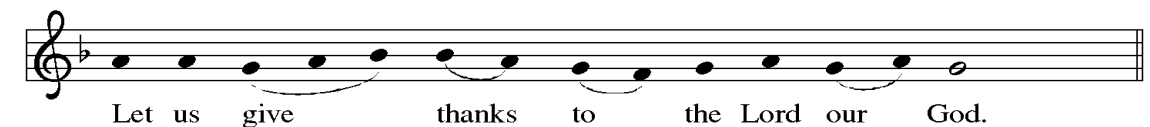
***OFFERTORY RESPONSE ELW #186**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

***OFFERING PRAYER**

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures
forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of
your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



***PREFACE**