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***The people were amazed at His teaching,
because He taught them as one who had authority.***

Mark 1:22 NIV

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a new school year has begun, my thoughts cannot help but turn to our Lord and His great ability to teach. I see in my mind's eye the people sitting there in the synagogue at Capernaum amazed, with mouths wide open, wondering what kind of man He was to be able to speak with such authority. It must have been as if God were speaking directly to them, which as we know was indeed the case.

St. Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus said on that occasion, but we do have ample evidence of what he said on other occasions. In St. John's Gospel he said, "*He who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.*" Unlike us, Jesus had no doubts about what he was teaching because it was given Him directly by His Father. He is God's one and only Son, sent to die for the sins of the world so that no one need perish but have eternal life. This message of grace and love was, and still is, astounding to sinners' ears.

In His Word, Jesus still speaks to us. The Bible is His voice and in it He teaches us the same beautiful truth He taught to those in the synagogue at Capernaum. By grace, through faith, we are forgiven and redeemed. Eternal life is ours. What a teacher our Lord is!

I exhort all of you to continue to learn from Him by availing yourselves of at least one of the many opportunities for Bible study provided here at Holy Cross as well as attending one of our Sunday morning worship services. Along with Sunday School for the children, we have two adult Bible studies on Sunday mornings, Wednesday morning Bible study, LifeLight Bible study on Monday evenings, Slow Learners (Men's) Bible study every other Saturday morning, Fast Learners (Women's) Bible study, and confirmation classes for children and adults. God will build your faith through His Holy Word so that you will feel less intimidated by the world and the false teachings that pervade our culture. May the Lord open our ears to hear the good news of our salvation and may our hearts rejoice because of it.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Skelton

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