



Experiencing Renewal in Jesus

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As We Gather

Welcome to St. Matthew on this CranFest weekend and this 18th Sunday after Pentecost. Thank you for joining us in the Lord's house this morning. In today's service we hear Jesus' words for us in the Gospel reading, Mark 9:38-50. Jesus says, "Have salt in yourselves." In biblical times, salt was greatly treasured. When Jesus calls us salt, he reveals how much God values us!

Thank you again for your presence with us as we worship the Lord and receive the blessing of His Word. Please let Pastor Kory know if you have any prayer requests or questions this morning. The Lord bless you this week to show forth the "saltiness" of what it means to belong to and live for Christ!

We Greet One Another

We Sing: "This Is My Father's World"



1 This is my Fa - ther's world, And
2 This is my Fa - ther's world; The
3 This is my Fa - ther's world; Oh,



to my lis-t'ning ears All na - ture sings, and
birds their car - ols raise; The morn - ing light, the
let me ne'er for - get That, though the wrong seems



round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.
oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world; I
This is my Fa - ther's world; He
This is my Fa - ther's world; Why



rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of
shines in all that's fair. In the rus - tling grass I
should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let the



skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.
hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 104:33–34

- P** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
- C** I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- P** May my meditation be pleasing to Him,
- C** for I rejoice in the LORD.

Confession and Absolution

James 5:7, 9, 12, 14, 16; Mark 9:50; Psalm 104:31, 35b

- P** We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today's Epistle. So James urges, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Let us ask God for grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection.

- P** James writes, "Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord. . . . Do not grumble against one another, brothers. . . . Let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no. . . . Is anyone among you sick? . . . Pray over him."
- C** We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus' sake.
- P** God has cured our sickness of sin by sending His Son to die in our place. He values us and calms our fears, saying, "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

- P** May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
- C** **may the LORD rejoice in His works.**
- Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!**

Kyrie

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For peace from God and peace among our brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For peace among all who seek to serve Christ and support His Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who gather here to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in service, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Heavenly Father, You want nothing to separate us from Your grace and mercy.
- C** **Grant that we realize how valuable You consider us and then seek to be at peace with one another;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

We Sing: "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"



- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
- 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
- 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



- And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
- For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
- 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
- He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- 5 He fills the poor with good;
- He gives the suff'ers rest.
- The Lord hath judgments for the proud
- And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

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Psalm of the Day: Psalm 104:27-35 (The Lord fills His creatures with good things.)

²⁷These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.
²⁸When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
³⁰When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.
³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,
³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.
³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more!
Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

Epistle Reading: James 5:13-20 (Bring the wandering back to the truth.)

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.
¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50 (Have salt in yourselves.)

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

⁴²“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

We Confess Our Christian Faith: Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Children's Message

We Sing: "Someone Special"

- 1 Someone Special, I know who. That Someone, my God, is You.
Who could make a world like this, and a heaven full of bliss.
Someone special I must be, since You made it all for me!
- 2 Someone Special, who would give His own Son that all might live
And by Him would would set us free from all sin and misery.
Someone special I must be since You gave Your Son for me!
- 3 Someone Special, who would send, His good Spirit for a Friend,
Faith Creator, Light and Guide, always standing at my side.
Someone special I must be, since You gave that gift to me!

4 Someone Special – God and man – You were there when I began.
 You'll be there when I depart, for You live within my heart.
 Someone special, now I see, that someone is really me.

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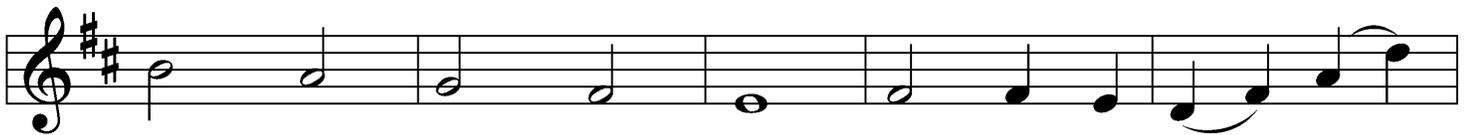
Sermon: "Worth Your Salt" (Mark 9:38-50)

We Sing: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

sts. 1–3, 6–8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 loves me to the end; He lives, and while He



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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We Worship the Lord through Our Offerings

1 O bless the gifts our hands have brought;
 And bless the work our hearts have planned.
 Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
 The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

2 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

P 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.
C Amen.

Sunday School Dismissal

(Sunday school is offered for children in Pre-K through 6th grade. Parents, please accompany your children if they are attending for the first time today.)

We Sing: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Announcements

Sending

- P** Go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God!

Takeaway For Today:

Christ values you as someone special in His kingdom!

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