



WHO DO YOU SAY
THAT I AM?

MARK 8:29

Prayers of the Church

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In Our Prayers we remember Myrna Schmid and Carol Speth.

Welcome to Worship we invite all communing Christians to join us in Holy Communion.

Wednesday, Sept. 18th: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday, Sept. 22nd: 10:00 a.m. Worship; Autumn begins

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck
me,

and my cheeks to those who
pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been
disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like
flint,

and I know that I shall not be put
to shame;

8he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

9It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 116:1-9**SECOND READING: James**

3:1-12 [not printed]

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the
villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on

the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."