

Greeting

Mrs. Karen McAmis

Hymn 262

Word of God Across the Ages

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**Special Recognition: Dr. Robert Ginn
and Morning Prayer**

Rev. Susie Reeder

Hymn

Speak, O Lord

SPEAK O LORD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Message

Rev. Jon Nahlen

Can We Really Trust Our Bibles?

Hymn of Response

Ancient Words

ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart;
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope;
in this world wher-e'er we roam
God's ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus:

*Ancient words ever true,
changing me and changing you;
we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice;
O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart;
O let the ancient words impart.

[Chorus]

Prayer of Commitment

Mrs. Karen Felton

Offertory Feature

If You Search With All Your Hearts

Sanctuary Choir
Courtney

Recognition of Decisions

Rev. Nahlen

Spoken Benediction

Mr. Tom Hatch

Choral Benediction 630

America, the Beautiful (verse 1)

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Postlude

God of Our Fathers

Donna Davenport, organist
NATIONAL HYMN/Thewes & Linker

INVITATION TO RESPOND

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TAKE IT WITH YOU

Do people know they're creating history while they're creating it?

This week, I participated in an art history lecture in which the expert talked about a painting of Queen Catherine Parr, the sixth wife of Henry VIII. Some have said that the painting was of Queen Mary I or perhaps Lady Jane Grey. However, it has been confirmed to be a likeness of Queen Catherine because of one detail: the crown-shaped brooch she was wearing. This piece of jewelry matches the detailed description of a piece listed and described in an inventory made of Queen Catherine's jewelry during her time as queen consort. This list of jewelry made around 1547 was the final piece of evidence that led to the nearly-500-year-old portrait fetching a cool \$4 million at a recent auction. I wonder if the person who wrote that description in 1547 had any idea how significant his work would be.

I wonder if Peter knew how significant his words were as he wrote them. I'm sure he knew they would be significant to the people to whom he wrote. But did he, in that moment, have any idea that they would become Holy scripture? I wonder the same thing about Paul, Luke, Matthew, Mark, and the other writers of what we now call the New Testament.

Whatever the answer to that question is, the fact remains that we have their words, their "eyewitness accounts" of the glory of Jesus, of the words of God: "this is my son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased." This passage from 2 Peter reminds me a bit of the moment in the upper room when Jesus appeared and let Thomas touch His wounds so that he would believe that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead. He told Thomas to touch His wounds, to "stop doubting and believe." Then, in John 20:29, "...Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"

Blessed are we, because we have not seen and yet have believed. Blessed are we to have these words of an eyewitness to Jesus' life and ministry; but we still need faith that the words are authentic and unchanged over time. There is some faith involved in fully believing that the scriptures are what they are presented to be; but that is the same faith with which we believe in a God we cannot see, a savior whose wounds we cannot touch, a Holy Spirit whose presence we cannot explain through concrete, scientific evidence. Blessed are we to have words from people that were written thousands of years ago to reveal to us the nature and the story of God our Father, words that guide our steps even today and into the future.

Thank you, Lord, for Your Holy Word!

Amen

~ Katie Herring

CAN WE REALLY TRUST OUR BIBLES?

2 PETER 1:12-21

¹² So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. ¹³ I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, ¹⁴ because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort to see that after my departure, you will always be able to remember these things.

Peter is giving his farewell address.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

These stories are not myths.

¹⁶ but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

Eyewitness accounts.

Four reasons we can trust the accounts:

1. Most of the NT was written within ____ years of Jesus' death and resurrection.
2. There were multiple _____.
3. They're too _____.
4. The disciples stood to gain _____.

¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

The prophecies came true.

The chances of Jesus fulfilling only 48 of the 108 OT prophecies is 1 in 100 ____

²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

From God through human authors

Why does all this matter?

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Peter tells us why the Bible can be trusted and that should help us trust the message of salvation and have hope in Jesus' return.

Other Resources:

Lee Strobel - *A Case For Christ* and *Is God Real?*

J. Warner Wallace - *Cold-Case Christianity*

Search in Google, YouTube, or social media.

Sean McDowell; Frank Turek; William Lane Craig; Alisa Childers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: Church office will be closed tomorrow, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

SNYDER LEARNING CENTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: We are currently seeking full-time/part-time child care teachers and workers. Permanent or summer/temporary positions are available. If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact Rachel Davison (racheld@snydermbc.com).

SNYDER SUMMER READING CLUB MAY 28 - AUGUST 31: Come join us as we kick off Reading Rocks 2024 to read as many books as you can and collect prizes along the way! Reading Rocks!

MISSION OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL (MOHI): Wallace and Mary Kamau, Founders of MOHI will be with us on Sunday, June 2, in both services to share with us about our new partner school - Chumani. They will also commission our 35 member youth team leaving for Kenya on June 6. You will also have the opportunity to sponsor a child from Chumani. It is a brand new school that we are helping to build. There are already 450 students in the school and very few are sponsored! Make a difference in a child's life!

SUMMER WORSHIP CONCERT: Please mark your calendars for a Summer Worship Concert on Wednesday night, July 17, from 7-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a special evening of worship and original worship songs as led and composed by members of the 8:40 Worship Team. All are welcome. And who knows? We may just round out the evening with a soft serve sundae bar!

WORSHIP FLOWERS: If you have a special occasion or event that you would like to acknowledge with the placement of an arrangement in one of the 11am worship services, please contact Anne Keith at anne@keithvaluation.com or at (910) 850-8111 to reserve a date.

SNYDER YOUTH (6TH - 12TH GRADES) - CROWDERS RIDGE SUMMER CAMP, JULY 21 - 25: Registration deadline is June 28. For more info visit www.snyderyouth.com/events.

START THE PARTY! - VBS 2024: The plans are already being made for this year's VBS! It will be held from June 24 - 28 from 9am - 12pm. To register or volunteer go to www.snydermbc.com/vbs. VBS volunteers still needed!

LOOKING AHEAD:

MAY 27: Church Office Closed

MAY 28 - AUGUST 31: Snyder Summer Reading Club

MAY 31 - JUNE 2: Father - Son Campout

JUNE 2: MOHI in both services

JUNE 24 - 28: VBS from 9am - 12pm

JULY 17: Summer Worship Concert

JULY 21 - 25: Crowders Ridge Summer Camp

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- by mail or dropping off to Finance Office
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or

- download the "Church Life" app to your mobile phone (you must already have a username and password for AccessACS - see below - in order to use this app). There is a link on the app to give, and it will take you to AccessACS; follow the instructions

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