

A community of believers devoted to the apostles' doctrine and fellowship in the breaking of bread and in prayers

## Order of Worship – July 2, 2023

Call to worship and pastoral prayer

Hymnal #8: Come Thou Almighty King

Scripture Reading: Psalm 44

Hymnal #33: Immortal, Invisible

Sermon: The Voice of the Son of God, John 5

Prayer of response to sermon

Overhead: Rock of Ages

Songbook #129: Revelation Song

The Lord's Supper

Songbook #170: Lion of Judah

### Who are to come to the Lord's Table?

Born-again baptized believers, not practicing willful unrepentant sin, who are united to Christ as part of a sound evangelical church.

Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins but nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith. The Heidelberg Catechism Q.81

1 Corinthians 11:27-30 admonishes us to partake of the Table with self-examination and careful regard for the body of Christ. Failure to do so may subject us to chastisement. If you have significant conflict with others in the church, please refrain from participating today and make efforts to reconcile.

You may give cheerfully in the offering box or through the Zelle app.

#### **Visitors**

- ▶ Put your welcome card in the offering box, we have free resources for you!
- ▶ Nursery available for children under age 3 during the sermon.
- ▶ Free evangelism materials in the foyer upstairs.
- ▶ Elders are available after service to pray or answer questions.

# After Service

Corporate Prayer, downstairs

Elders Joseph LoSardo Damien Garofalo Eli Adamo Ibrahim Haro

Deacons
Sal Molinaro
Paul Chiagoro
John Boucard
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### **Sermon Outline**

# The Voice of the Son of God

John 5

### **Introduction:** Signs in the Gospel of John

- I. The Sign (1-9)
  - a. The man was known to God
  - b. Powerlessness and hopelessness overcome by Christ
- II. The Controversy (8-16)
  - a. Confrontations were Ordained: *Take up your bed!* (8-14)
  - b. The Son confronts sin: How do we respond? (14-16)

#### III. The Judge (17-30)

- a. The Son's *identity of character* with the Father (17-20)
- b. Life or Judgment? (21-27)
  - i. Recurring themes in this section
  - ii. "Life" in this context: God's favor
  - iii. All will be resurrected to one or the other

## VI. The Verdict (31ff)

- a. The Judge reviews the evidence (31-37a)
- b. The Judge issues His verdict: Guilty! (37b-38)
- c. Spiritual blindness: They refused to see it coming (39ff)

## **Application:** Life or Judgment?

- Recognize the symptoms of spiritual blindness
- Repent and believe the gospel!
- Rejoice in the Son as you fight for assurance of salvation the joy of the Lord will be your strength!