

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Faith



I wonder if the disciples were at all like us, or we are at all like them, when we think of faith as a quantity-related item. “I have more faith than he does” is a statement that quantifies the whole concept of faith. “I need more faith” is a sentence that often comes off of our lips.

What if it mean something other than you could quantify? In our Gospel this morning Jesus is suggesting, at least it appears to me He is suggesting, that faith is something we do. It denotes action, and not quantity, unless we count our actions and re-actions to the Son of God.

Could that give us a different view of the concept of faith? Jesus likens faith to the servant just doing their job. It is in the “doing” of the task, and not anything else. Jesus is leading the disciples into an entirely new direction. Little wonder these 12 guys were always confused.

I think Jesus is telling the disciples they have everything they need to get the job done. It doesn't take a lot of work accumulating faith. What might take work is to respond to the God-given opportunities which we find in front of us. If the disciples have everything they need, we too can celebrate that gift of faith. And perhaps it is our time to begin to use faith in just such a manner.

Look at what opportunities lie in your path. What does God want you to do? What steps is He hoping you will take to be able to move toward His divine future for you? It is up to us to engage. Just step into it and see where God leads you! It is a process filled with adventure! God does not disappoint!

We need to think if we are making the same mistake the disciples made-waiting for the right quantity of faith. Jesus makes it plain- it does not take much, just to step out and get the job going! With God's help, our days find order and grace as we exercise that faith!

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

## OUR WORSHIP TODAY

### GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

### CONFSSIONAL PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, we come before your presence this day mindful of our promises to be your people and the many times we have fallen short. We really mean to follow but are so easily distracted by just about anything. The end result of that is the fact we don't do the things we have promised we would do, and we don't even think of the things we should be doing. It is as if our feet are stuck in the mud and we simply can never get a way clear to get out of the mess we are in. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

**ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

### ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our Lord hears our prayers this day, and has offered to give us the grace of forgiveness. As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more, that the rest of your life might be pure and holy and modeled after our Lord Jesus in all we say and all we do, we pray and celebrate this morning in His Holy Name, **Amen**.

### **HYMN 235 Joyful, Joyful 1+4**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): **Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Alleluia. The word of the Lord endures forever. That word is the good news that was announced to you. Alleluia.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC “In the Garden**

**Dean Carson**

**FIRST LESSON: Lamentations 1:1-6**

**New International Version (NIV)**

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations! She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave. Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are on her cheeks. Among all her lovers there is no one to comfort her. All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies.

After affliction and harsh labor, Judah has gone into exile. She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place. All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed festivals. All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan, her young women grieve, and she is in bitter anguish.

Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease. The Lord has brought her grief because of her many sins. Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe. All the splendor has departed from Daughter Zion. Her princes are like deer that find no pasture; in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

**THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

**New International Version (NIV)**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10**

**New Living Translation (NLT)**

The apostles said to the Lord, “Show us how to increase our faith.” The Lord answered, “If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you!

“When a servant comes in from plowing or taking care of sheep, does his master say, ‘Come in and eat with me’? No, he says, ‘Prepare my meal, put on your apron, and serve me while I eat. Then you can eat later.’ And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not. In the same way, when you obey me you should say, ‘We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.’”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON “Doing What Needs to Be Done”

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

**SERMON HYMN: 167 The Old Rugged Cross 1+4**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

THE OFFERING:

*After the consecration of the Offering, we will sing the Doxology:*

**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.**

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

-PRAYERS OF PRAISE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION

All are invited to come together around this table as those who belong to the household of Christ, brothers and sisters who in our baptized lives live out the death and resurrection of Jesus. The family of the reborn and the reconciled, who inhabit a universe of grace. It is our Lord's Table, you are welcomed here!

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

**HYMN 316 Church's One Foundation 1,3,5**

THE BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God**

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**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN!** Thank you for joining us as we worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on muted** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Please us a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

**FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!** Our rather informal Fall Membership drive begins today! If you have been worshipping with us for a while and are not a member but you would like to become one, then we hope you consider this your invitation to do exactly that. Just talk with Pastor Jon today!

*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

*October 2nd, 2016*

**BIBLE STUDY:** Our Bible Study on the book of Nehemiah will continue in October on Wednesday, October 12th and then the next week on October 19th. We do hope you can join us at 10:00 AM each time we gather! It's a great book to study! Susan makes the best warm brownies that get shared!

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