

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Be Like Jesus!



Jesus tells us in the Gospel this morning that things might not necessarily be easy as a result of the work He was about to engage upon. The Kingdom work would bring out the worst in people who would choose to fight amongst themselves rather than move forward with the calling they had been given.

They would not be pleased with His call for a commitment. They all liked to “talk” about being religious. They all liked to “think” about the things they ought to be doing. Not many ever acted upon what Jesus was suggesting to them.

As a result, there would be great dissension, if not out and out disputes. People would not be willing to pay the price of what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus. Families would argue among themselves because some would think the cost of following Jesus was too great. Others simply did not have the heart to make any changes in their religiosity which had been a very comfortable place for them all for centuries.

It is, however, a new day and a new calling. No longer would it be a comfortable situation. It would provoke, even split families, some choosing to stay loyal to the past practices, and others would choose to follow Jesus. At any rate, it probably meant that times would be tough for those who actively chose to follow the Lord.

In our times, there are so many paths to follow. There are so many “bends” in the road. There are so many other things that might pop into our situation and literally distract us from the one true thing that matters.

We are invited to follow Jesus. It might, can, and probably will get ugly. Not all will agree with our decision. Yet it is better to be like Jesus, than worrying about what others might say or do!

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

In this Pentecost Season, we confess to You, O Lord, that we live in a broken world. We know that the world around us is broken by the power of sin, and we find that it surrounds us in all we do. Unfortunately for us, we see all manner of brokenness that filters into our life as well. It sticks to us, even when we do not want it to happen. This morning, we confess we find ways to wound our lives, the lives of others, and the very world itself. We realize that the world has a way to creep into our existence and replace the good you would have us do with ways that serve only ourselves. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

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: In this Pentecost season, Lord – help us to keep the way of the world out of our lives, and serve only you. 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 362 Blessed Assurance 1,3

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): **O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

SPECIAL MUSIC “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Dean Carson

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

New Living Translation (NLT)

Now I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a rich and fertile hill. He plowed the land, cleared its stones, and planted it with the best vines. In the middle he built a watchtower and carved a winepress in the nearby rocks. Then he waited for a harvest of sweet grapes, but the grapes that grew were bitter.

Now, you people of Jerusalem and Judah, you judge between me and my vineyard. What more could I have done for my vineyard that I have not already done? When I expected sweet grapes, why did my vineyard give me bitter grapes? Now let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will tear down its hedges and let it be destroyed. I will break down its walls and let the animals trample it.

I will make it a wild place where the vines are not pruned and the ground is not hoed, a place overgrown with briars and thorns I will command the clouds to drop no rain on it. The nation of Israel is the vineyard of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. The people of Judah are his pleasant garden. He expected a crop of justice, but instead he found oppression. He expected to find righteousness, but instead he heard cries of violence.

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

New Living Translation (NLT)

It was by faith that the people of Israel went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were all drowned. It was by faith that the people of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days, and the walls came crashing down. It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets. By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight. Women received their loved ones back again from death.

But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection. Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips. Others were chained in prisons. Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about wearing skins of sheep and goats, destitute and oppressed and

mistreated. They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground.

All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

New Living Translation (NLT)

"I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning! I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished. Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other! From now on families will be split apart, three in favor of me, and two against—or two in favor and three against.

'Father will be divided against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' "

Then Jesus turned to the crowd and said, "When you see clouds beginning to form in the west, you say, 'Here comes a shower.' And you are right. When the south wind blows, you say, 'Today will be a scorcher.' And it is. You fools! You know how to interpret the weather signs of the earth and sky, but you don't know how to interpret the present times.

The Gospel of our Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON "Kingdom Impact"

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

SERMON HYMN: 456 In The Garden 1,2,3

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

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN 188 Thine Be the Glory 1,2,3

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!

SILENCE MAY BE "GOLDEN" You might notice after each worship service, our volunteer counters sit down in a corner and begin the count of the offering. They do a fantastic job, but we probably could serve them better by not picking that time to go up to them and speak to them. The job is made much more difficult by multiple interruptions, so we can serve them well by making note of their work.

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. Don't forget as well the excellent prayer ministry that Susan Carson handles for us during the week as well. We are blessed to bring our concerns before the Lord because we know He hears our prayer!

LOOKING AHEAD: Our next Summer of Psalms Bible Study dates will be August 24th and August 31st. In September, we'll move to a new study. Those dates are September 14 and September 21. We apologize in advance if these dates are difficult, but it is quite challenging to get everything in the right place for the right time! We do hope you can join us at 10:00 AM each time we gather!

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