

All Saints Sunday



On the side of the hill at the shore of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus gave one of the most amazing of all of His sermons, obviously known as the Sermon on the Mount. This message to all who were following was both simple and complex in its impact upon the world.

I believe it was simple because everyone who had heard the Sermon, read it, or otherwise encountered the message it contains could readily understand a God who blesses. The

disadvantaged, the weary, the people looking for a promise-all could find a powerful message within.

I believe as well as it was complex all at the same time. We can see in the verses that while they speak simple words, there is a larger message woven around them. While easy to hear or even read, it is amazing to know the depth that Jesus was preaching with.

Jesus tells the story of a God who understands our human condition better than we ourselves could appreciate. He tells of a God who loved His people so much that God hears their cry and will bless them in their circumstances. God loves His people so much that a Savior was sent to redeem the people from their predicaments. God acted decisively in history, and Jesus was sharing from the side of the hill, that the Kingdom of God was at hand. It was here!

On this All Saints Sunday, we celebrate God's grace and Kingdom power as we gather to worship. We also celebrate the lives of all those people whom God has sent our way to make our lives better, brighter, and much more interesting. We give God thanks for the lives of Charles Kennedy and Warren Hope, whom God has given rest from their earthly labors and now who share in the Kingdom, as they were confident in the promises God gave them. We are blessed to have known them, and we miss their presence in our lives.

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Welcome Books, Prayer Requests, Praise Reports 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 547 For All the Saints, 1,3,7

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Alleluia. Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

Dean Carson

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

New Living Translation (NLT)

Earlier, during the first year of King Belshazzar's reign in Babylon, Daniel had a dream and saw visions as he lay in his bed. He wrote down the dream, and this is what he saw.

In my vision that night, I, Daniel, saw a great storm churning the surface of a great sea, with strong winds blowing from every direction. Then four huge beasts came up out of the water, each different from the others.

I, Daniel, was troubled by all I had seen, and my visions terrified me. So I approached one of those standing beside the throne and asked him what it all meant. He explained it to me like this: "These four huge beasts represent four kingdoms that will arise from the earth. But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever."

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:11-23

New Living Translation (NLT)

Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would praise and glory to God. And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

New Living Translation (NLT)

Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours. God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied. God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh.

What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man. When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way.

"What sorrow awaits you who are rich, for you have your only happiness now. What sorrow awaits you who are fat and prosperous now, for a time of awful hunger awaits you. What sorrow awaits you who laugh now, for your laughing will turn to mourning and sorrow. What sorrow awaits you who are praised by the crowds, for their ancestors also praised false prophets.

"But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back. Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

The Gospel of our Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON "The Beatitude Puzzle"

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

SERMON HYMN: 379 Children of the Heavenly Father 1+2

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, are invited to share. It is our Lord's Table, you are welcomed here! Gluten free wafers are available, and non-alcoholic white grape juice is served on the inner rings of the communion tray.

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN 467 Lord Jesus, Think on Me 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: 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 Pastor will specifically ask for the requests, as well as any updates on prior prayer requests.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is the first Sunday after November 1st, All Saints Day, where some churches recall the lives of those members who have died in the time since the last All Saints Sunday. At Our Savior's we remember the lives of Charles Kennedy and Warren Hope, who passed away this past year. God had blessed us with their presence in our lives, and He blesses us with the resurrection promise to be united with our loved ones in all eternity by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

OFFICIAL NOTICE: MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION: The first meeting will be held on next Sunday, November 13, 2016 For the purpose of nominating people to serve on the Church Council. Nominations will be accepted for the following Council positions; Vice-President, Outreach/Evangelism and Member-at-Large. The length of each term is three years. If you are interested in learning more regarding any of the positions please speak with a member of the Nominating Committee. The Members of the Nominating Committee are Jeanne Keyser, Jeff Cisco or any member of the council.

The second meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2016 for the sole purpose of electing the three officers. Each of these meetings will immediately follow the Worship Service and all are encouraged to attend. Time will be kept to a minimum.

The third meeting will be the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2017. This meeting will also follow the Worship Service.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS this Tuesday November 8th, at 10:00 AM.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO!

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