

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Giving, and Living, Thanks!

It has always been of interest to me that only one of ten people returned to Jesus to give Him thanks for the miracle of healing! At my better moments, I think that is a shameful number. In my more cynical moments, I think Jesus was lucky to even have one person come back to Him,

The Kingdom of God was made perfectly clear by the advent of Jesus. He comes to change everything, and while on His way to Jerusalem, where He would be crucified, we see Him healing these ten lepers. Why He chose to get that close to them in the first place raises a whole host of questions. What is God up to at this moment, with this fantastic miracle?

Perhaps it was pity. Perhaps, even Jesus knew the percentages He would be facing. Yet even one out of ten still illustrates His point quite well—God is all around, and active in the cracks of our broken lives. He comes to both set us free from the power of sin, as well as healing that which keeps us from living a normal life.

We are so blessed when we see the power of God as it manifested in Jesus' healing action. How many times have situations been altered that we have been involved in? How many times has the Divine heard our prayer and answered them? How many times do we turn back to say thanks, in the midst of all of these difficulties?

Our lives should be mindful of what God has done in the gaps of our broken, diseased selves. He has acted by the power of the Holy Spirit and has continued to touch the lives of His people, so that they can come to realize how much we have been given. Not so much a one time thank-you, but perhaps a life of daily expressing thanks for how much God has done for us, to others who need to know that God can do the same thing for them in their lives!

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 237 This is My Father's World 1+3

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): **Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Alleluia. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia.

SPECIAL MUSIC “How Great Thou Art”

Dean Carson

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

New Living Translation (NLT)

Jeremiah wrote a letter from Jerusalem to the elders, priests, prophets, and all the people who had been exiled to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. This is what Jeremiah’s letter said:

This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: “Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.”

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Timothy 2:3-15

New Living Translation (NLT)

Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Soldiers don’t get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.

Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach. And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained. So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.

This is a trustworthy saying:

If we die with him, we will also live with him.

If we endure hardship, we will reign with him.

If we deny him, he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.

Remind everyone about these things, and command them in God’s presence to stop fighting over words. Such arguments are useless, and they can ruin those who hear them.

Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

New Living Translation (NLT)

As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.

One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."

The Gospel of our Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON "He Could Not Help Himself!"

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

SERMON HYMN: 343 O Zion Haste 1,3,4

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 397 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 1+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!

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.

BIBLE STUDY: Our Bible Study on the book of Nehemiah continues this week on Wednesday, October 12th and then again 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!

OUR ATTENDANCE BOOKS are an important way for us to track our attendance each week. We will take a moment or two at the beginning of worship to complete those books, so we have the information we need. When you get the book, sign in, and then pass it on to your neighbor!

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!

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON OUR CHURCH COUNCIL? There are three positions that the Nominating Committee will be seeking to fill later this year as we prepare for 2017. If you need more information about what positions are open, speak to Pastor Jon or our President Dean Carson for more information!

AFTER-WORSHIP BREAKDOWN No, we aren't having a bad case of nerves. We simply need to take things down after our worship this morning so that the League activities can take place this week. If you can lend a hand following worship, it would be appreciated!

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