

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Go And Do Likewise!



In the Gospel this morning Jesus and a highly placed attorney within the religious circles of the day have a discussion. It appears the man wanted to ask Jesus what needed to be done to be saved. It is notable, of course, that this expert in the law could dance around all of the fine points of that same law. Perhaps Jesus knew he knew.....

So Jesus returns the conversation with a question, and the man responds with another question. He felt the need to justify his position, which he thought to be quite certain, but in the light of what Jesus was saying, it was quite weak.

This is a case of Jesus taking the time to teach that actions speak louder than words. We have a tendency in our culture to identify with a person in the story, forgetting at the moment that the story has a plot and a purpose. The story actors are merely the guides to get us to the point of the story.

The point in this exchange between the lawyer and the Lord is not based upon the actors. It is, according to Jesus, based on the *actions!* The lawyers knew perfectly well what the words were. He was not engaging in the actions. And by not doing that, no matter what his personal thought was, he completely misses Jesus' point in the story.

I suppose that it is important for us to remember that we have a stake in things as well. The lawyer shares the two points of the law: loving God with everything and loving our neighbor as ourselves. No amount of talking about this replaces the action steps necessary. Jesus affirms our role in loving God with our entire being. Jesus affirms our role in loving our neighbor as ourselves. And today, He invites us to go and engage in the actions matched to the words.

Do we enter the parable and share the actions of those who “walk around” their opportunities, or do we go and do likewise?

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 – our division, for we are not gathered together as Your people in one place; our fear of the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what it might call us to do or to be; our desire for a monolingual society, even when you allowed the early church to transcend all language, not favoring one over another; our actions that can be like the crowds that taunt and torment, mocking those who are filled with your Spirit that burns like fire and rushes like wind. For the times we have done this, we know we need to offer our confession to Almighty God:

**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 let down our barriers to your Spirit; guide us over to live lives filled with joy, abandon, and faithfulness; and create in us new hearts to be new people who worship 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 Easter joy in His Holy Name, **Amen**.

### HYMN 237 This is My Father's World 1,2,3

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): **Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself. Alleluia**

**SPECIAL MUSIC    “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

**Dean Carson**

**FIRST LESSON- Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

**New Living Translation (NLT)**

“The Lord your God will then make you successful in everything you do. He will give you many children and numerous livestock, and he will cause your fields to produce abundant harvests, for the Lord will again delight in being good to you as he was to your ancestors. The Lord your God will delight in you if you obey his voice and keep the commands and decrees written in this Book of Instruction, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

“This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not beyond your reach. It is not kept in heaven, so distant that you must ask, ‘Who will go up to heaven and bring it down so we can hear it and obey?’ It is not kept beyond the sea, so far away that you must ask, ‘Who will cross the sea to bring it to us so we can hear it and obey?’ No, the message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart so that you can obey it.

**THE SECOND LESSON:Colossians 1:1-14**

**New Living Translation (NLT)**

This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. We are writing to God’s holy people in the city of Colossae, who are faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. May God our Father give you grace and peace.

We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God’s people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God’s wonderful grace.

You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ’s faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.

So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

**New Living Translation (NLT)**

One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!" The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

"By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON "Who is My Neighbor?"

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

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

*There's New Life Here!*

## 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 348 Shine Jesus Shine 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!

**A WORD OF THANKS** to all of our members who help out each week in the set-up and the take-down of our worship space. It is much appreciated! We cannot do it without you!

**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.

**OUR BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY JULY 13TH AT 10:00 AM**

Our “Summer of Psalms” Bible study will feature a number of psalms, some familiar and some maybe not so familiar. Please take time to join us if you are able! Let Pastor Jon know your favorite psalm and we’ll take a closer look at it.

**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.

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