

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hitting the Wall!



Jesus uses the story in our Gospel to help us realize how stupid we would feel if we “hit the wall” socially by embarrassing ourselves completely in public. I would think there is no one here that in some small part has not felt that pain to some degree. I cringe just thinking about it.

As good as the story is, we cannot neglect the point of the story. This is more than a story about etiquette. It is a story rich in feelings about our social status, our feelings about politics, our egos and our embarrassments.

In essence, I think Jesus is taking the social “status quo” and is attempting to turn it on its head. Let me put it another way. Just because we think

things are one way and have one meaning, God might not agree. There might be an entirely other way to do things! And that would be God’s way, and not ours.

Imagine when these words played out, how quiet the room must have become! How awkward! Jesus tells us that our “take” on things might not be the proper one. We’ll look at the situation with our socially conditioned minds that might not even take into consideration what God might be thinking, much less taking any action on His thoughts. Little wonder the Pharisees would soon be seeking to take His life. The “nerve” of Jesus to tell them that they were wrong!

I think Luke’s desire for us today is to consider how often we are making wrong assumptions. God’s made it plain to us as the Kingdom has been made plain for us in the person and work of Jesus Christ. God invites us to consider others who are in need that we might make the Kingdom apparent to them!

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 11 Praise to the Lord the Almighty 1+4

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): **O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Alleluia. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart. Alleluia.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Tell the Old, Old Story”

Dean Carson

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 2:4-13

New Living Translation (NLT)

Listen to the word of the Lord, people of Jacob—all you families of Israel! This is what the Lord says:

“What did your ancestors find wrong with me that led them to stray so far from me? They worshiped worthless idols, only to become worthless themselves. They did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord who brought us safely out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness— a land of deserts and pits, a land of drought and death, where no one lives or even travels?’

“And when I brought you into a fruitful land to enjoy its bounty and goodness, you defiled my land and corrupted the possession I had promised you. The priests did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord?’ Those who taught my word ignored me, the rulers turned against me, and the prophets spoke in the name of Baal, wasting their time on worthless idols.

Therefore, I will bring my case against you,” says the Lord. “I will even bring charges against your children’s children in the years to come. “Go west and look in the land of Cyprus; go east and search through the land of Kedar. Has anyone ever heard of anything as strange as this? Has any nation ever traded its gods for new ones, even though they are not gods at all?

Yet my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols! The heavens are shocked at such a thing and shrink back in horror and dismay,” says the Lord. “For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me—the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 **New Living Translation (NLT)**

Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies.

Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery. Don’t love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”

Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

New Living Translation (NLT)

One day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching him closely.

When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: "When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? The host will come and say, 'Give this person your seat.' Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table!

"Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, 'Friend, we have a better place for you!' Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Then he turned to his host. "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet," he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you."

The Gospel of our Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON "A Social Oopsie"

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SERMON HYMN: 46 Crown Him with Many Crowns 1,4,7

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 54 Beautiful Savior 1+4

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.

LOOKING AHEAD: Our final Summer of Psalms Bible Study date will be this Wednesday, August 31st. Participants are invited to read the following psalms in preparation of the event: Psalms 2, 55, 150, and 46. In September, we'll move to a new study. Those dates are September 14 and September 21. We apologize in

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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!

SANDWICHES FOR JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY: We'll touch base again this morning about the sandwiches that are provided for the homeless through our ongoing support of Jesus Loves You ministry. Why not consider making sandwiches this week?

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There's New Life Here!