

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Healed!

In the Gospel this morning, Jesus has pity on a woman who had been ill for years. It was time for her to be done with all of the difficulty, and Jesus in His compassion acted, and acted quickly.

Of course, He was surrounded by haters who had to hate. The priests reminded the woman and the crowd, that this was the Sabbath. Come back for healing on another day.

Jesus was provoked! This woman had endured this infirmity which kept her bent over and needed to be healed NOW! Yet the wise scholars want to take the opportunity to let Jesus know how wrong He was with His timing.

It is amazing how people can have the sheer audacity to focus on all the wrong things. It is even more amazing to see people thinking they can speak for God. Arrogance drives the bus in this regard, and Jesus does not mince words. Their hypocritical behavior truly is seen by all as destructive and divisive. While in their minds and in their tradition they were “right” they missed the point. The Kingdom of God was manifest in their presence.

Perhaps we all need to realize what Jesus is all about. He is not here to judge, but to heal. He is not here to wreak havoc on the world, but to manifest the love of God in the Kingdom which is made present in His presence. Satan can’t stand the pressure, so his minions try to ridicule the King of Kings into compliant behavior. Amazing!

Yet the story begins and ends with a “broken” woman made whole again by the compassion of Jesus. He heals. He touches our brokenness and unites us again with the love of our Heavenly Father. Not that we deserve it, but through the Father’s grace we can be born again, healed from the effects of sin and now able to serve in the Kingdom! Alleluia!

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 57 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name 1,3,5

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): **O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Alleluia. The crowd was rejoicing at the wonderful things that Jesus was doing. Alleluia.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 1:4-10

New Living Translation (NLT)

The Lord gave me this message:

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." "O Sovereign Lord," I said, "I can't speak for you! I'm too young!"

The Lord replied, "Don't say, 'I'm too young,' for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!" Then the Lord reached out and touched my mouth and said,

"Look, I have put my words in your mouth! Today I appoint you to stand up against nations and kingdoms. Some you must uproot and tear down, destroy and overthrow. Others you must build up and plant."

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:18-29

New Living Translation (NLT)

You have not come to a physical mountain, to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai. For they heard an awesome trumpet blast and a voice so terrible that they begged God to stop speaking. They staggered back under God's command: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." Moses himself was so frightened at the sight that he said, "I am terrified and trembling."

No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.

Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, we will certainly not escape if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven! When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also." This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain. Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

New Living Translation (NLT)

One Sabbath day as Jesus was teaching in a synagogue, he saw a woman who had been crippled by an evil spirit. She had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Dear woman, you are healed of your sickness!" Then he touched her, and instantly she could stand straight. How she praised God!

But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day. "There are six days of the week for working," he said to the crowd. "Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath."

But the Lord replied, "You hypocrites! Each of you works on the Sabbath day! Don't you untie your ox or your donkey from its stall on the Sabbath and lead it out for water? This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?"

This shamed his enemies, but all the people rejoiced at the wonderful things he did.

The Gospel of our Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON "True Healing"

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

SERMON HYMN: 362 Blessed Assurance 1+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 429 I am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus 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!

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 date will be this Wednesday, August 24th and again on 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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