

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Praise of a Trapped Prophet

June 17, 2020

#### AS WE GATHER

It should be no surprise, for the Lord warned them from the beginning. To follow Christ, to live our Baptism, to be a Christian will not be a life of ease, peace, and abundance, but rather one of trouble and contradiction. All the apostles and prophets found this to be true. Jeremiah's complaint is repeated by all who have discovered the Christian life is but warfare between life and death. Because Jesus gave Himself to the defeat of the devil and our spiritual slavery by letting it all have its way with Him to the cross, all who believe are freed and made participants in newness of life by simple faith in this grace and mercy of God for us. Jesus says three times today, "Do not be afraid," so now even with the prophet's complaint repeated, we can rejoice with him, "Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD!"

#### WELCOME

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

John 16:13

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### HYMN

#### "My Redeemer Lives"

Verse:

I know He rescued my soul

His blood has covered my sin

I believe, I believe

My shame, He's taken away

My pain is healed in His name

I believe, I believe

I'll raise a banner

'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

Chorus: My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives

My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives

*Repeat verse and chorus*

Bridge: You lift my burdens, I'll rise with You

I'm dancing on this mountaintop to see Your kingdom come...

*Sing chorus twice*

(Rise)

#### INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: We come before the Lord this day to be strengthened in faith and to be witnesses of righteousness and truth before a hostile world. Let us first confess our own sinfulness, that we receive mercy, grace, and forgiveness from God.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE      “May the People’s Praise You”**

Verse 1      You have called us out of darkest night  
                 Into Your glorious light  
                 That we may sing the wonders of  
                 The risen Christ

Verse 2      May our every breath retell the grace  
                 That broke into our strife  
                 With boundless love and deepest joy  
                 With endless life

Chorus      May the peoples praise You  
                 Let the nations be glad  
                 All Your blessing comes  
                 That we may praise  
                 May praise the Name of Jesus

Verse 3      All the earth is Yours and all within  
                 Each harvest is Your own  
                 And from Your hand we give to You  
                 To make Christ known

Verse 4      May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
                 For those who have not heard  
                 May songs of praise build lives of grace  
                 To spread Your Word

**CHORUS**

Verse 5      This our holy priv'lege to declare  
                 Your praises and Your name  
                 To every nation tribe and tongue  
                 Your church proclaims

**CHORUS**

Bridge      Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty  
                 Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
                 Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty  
                 All creation praise Your glorious Name

**CHORUS TWICE**

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**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor:    The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor:    Let us pray. O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**✠ WORD ✠**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Jeremiah 20:7–13* (Jeremiah’s complaint)

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! “Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall. “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Lector:    This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Romans 6:12–23* (Slaves to righteousness)

<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S SONG**            **"I'm in the Lord's Army"**            Traditional

I may never march in the infantry, ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery;  
I may never zoom o'er the enemy, But I'm in the Lord's army.  
I'm in the Lord's army, I'm in the Lord's army.  
I may never march in the infantry, ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery;  
I may never zoom o'er the enemy, but I'm in the Lord's army!

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 10:5a, 21–33* (Do not be afraid.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, <sup>21</sup> Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. <sup>24</sup> "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup> "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

**SERMON HYMN**            **"Blessed Be Your Name"**

1. Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name.
2. Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name.

Chorus:            Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

3. Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all as it should be," blessed be Your Name.
4. Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name.

Sing Chorus

Bridge:            You give and take away, You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

(Repeat)

Ending: "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

**SERMON**

**“A Life of Cross Bearing”**

**Jeremiah 20:7-13**

(Rise)

**NICENE CREED**

**People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING** *Offering plates will be placed in the narthex and elevator room for gathering at the end of the service.*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** O merciful Father, hear your people as they pray in the name of Jesus on behalf of all people.

*Brief silence*

**Pastor:** Faithful God, when we are fearful of our enemies and weary of the struggle, you have been our shield and our strength. Grant to us the full measure of your grace to sustain us against all who are against us.

**People: Help us to endure the trials and temptations of this mortal life and be faithful unto death.**

**Pastor:** Faithful God, with your favor upon us, we pray you to help us in our fight against temptation and sin.

**People: Help us to live holy and righteous lives by the power of your Spirit, and keep us from giving in to the slavery of sin from which Christ has set us free.**

**Pastor:** Faithful God, with the witness of the saints before us and the courage of your Holy Spirit within us, we pray you to help us to maintain the faithful confession and to share the faith in our own day and age.

**People: Give to all churches unity of doctrine founded upon your word and harmony of life together under the cross of Christ.**

**Pastor:** Faithful God, we remember those who serve us in Jesus’ name. Bless the leaders of our Synod, all pastors and teachers, and all church workers, that they may be faithful in their calling and honor Christ with an obedient life.

**People: Bless our Together in Mission partners, Pastor Chuck Ferry and family and Rachel Meyer. Raise up more servants who will serve your Kingdom in the years to come.**

**Pastor:** Faithful God, give grace to those baptized into Christ and bless all the places where your people gather to learn your Word.

**People: Equip us to live out the promise of our baptismal life under your grace, and guide us to love our neighbors as you have loved us.**

**Pastor:** Faithful God, give healing and strength to the sick and all afflicted in body or mind, and grant to those who struggle the gift of peace of mind and heart. Hear us especially for those who have requested our prayers including Jack, Herb, Louis, Dawn, Charles, Carol, Debbie, Edith, Mary, Marilyn, Dennis, Diane, Arlene, Dorothy, June, Jerry, Russ, Bette, Cindy, Shirley, Katie, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley, Sarah and those whom we name in our hearts.

**People: Deliver us from this pandemic, restore our nation and the world in health and livelihood, and preserve us from pestilence and fear.**

**Pastor:** Faithful God, give courage to those near life’s end and comfort those who mourn. Bless, Berta, LeAnne and Steve as they remember Bill, the Ross family as they remember Bill and Ralph, and Carol Derus as she grieves the passing of her sister Patricia. As we recall the saints who trusted in you in life and who died in Christ, encourage us by the witness of your grace and their faith.

**People:** Bless us to stand firm in the faith, so that when Christ comes in His glory we may be found faithful and delivered with them into the glory of your eternal presence.

**Pastor:** Faithful God, you are our true Father in heaven. Thank you for loving and guiding us throughout life. Bless all fathers on this Father's Day weekend.

**People:** Move us to respect, honor, and cherish our earthly fathers who seek to raise us in the faith and discipline us for our good.

**Pastor:** Faithful God, by your Word and table you continue to feed and nourish your people with all that will sustain our lives and faith.

**People:** Help us to receive these gifts with faith and with repentance. Bring to an end that which divides us, that united in faith, we shall be people who live in harmony and peace.

**Pastor:** Faithful God, sanctify us as your people and make us bold to confess you on earth.

**People:** Grant us, at the end, to stand before you on high, and to hear the Savior's voice declare that we are His and He is ours forever.

**Pastor:** All these things, Father, and everything else we need, we pray you to grant us for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

#### AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** *Wait for the ushers to direct you to come forward.*

#### HYMN #715

#### "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from Thee, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore And the fearful breakers roar  
Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

#### "My Savior, My God"

1. I am not skilled to understand  
What God has willed what God has planned  
I only know at His right hand  
Stands One who is my Savior
2. I take Him at His word and deed  
Christ died to save me this I read  
And in my heart I find a need  
Of Him to be my Savior

**Pre-Chorus:** That he would leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die  
You count it strange so once did I  
Before I knew my Savior

Chorus: My Savior loves, my Savior lives, my Savior's always there for me  
My God He was, my God He is, my God He's always gonna be....

(Repeat)

3. Yes living, dying let me bring  
My strength my solace from this spring  
That He who lives to be my King  
Once died to be my Savior

Sing Pre-Chorus

Sing Chorus twice

### COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

### “My Life Is In You Lord”

Chorus: My life is in You, Lord,  
My strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;  
*(Repeat Chorus)*

Verse: I will praise You with all of my life,  
I will praise You with all of my strength;  
With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in You.

Repeat Chorus and Verse

Ending: My life is in You, Lord,  
My strength is in You, Lord  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;  
My life is in You, Lord,  
My strength is in You, Lord  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You...it's in You.

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