

Sunday, June 25, 2017  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

## **INTRODUCTION**

Jeremiah knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that his words may not bring peace, but division. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid. The hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

## **\*WELCOMING SONG "We Bring the Sacrifice Of Praise"**

**We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord  
We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord  
And we offer up to You  
The sacrifices of thanksgiving  
And we offer up to You  
The sacrifices of joy**

## **\*GATHERING SONG "He Has Made Me Glad"**

**I will enter His gates  
With thanksgiving in my heart  
I will enter His courts with praise  
I will say this is the day  
That the Lord has made  
I will rejoice  
For He has made me glad**

**He has made me glad  
He has made me glad  
I will rejoice for  
He has made me glad  
He has made me glad  
He has made me glad  
I will rejoice for  
He has made me glad**

## **\*GREETING**

**ℙ** *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**☩ And also with you.**

***"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"***

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**℟** *Teach us, good Lord God,*

**℣** **to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 20:7-13**

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.  
<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must 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,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,

and take our revenge on him.”

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

### **Reflection**

*What is Jeremiah saying about his call from God to speak? (verse 7—To read about Jeremiah’s call, see Jeremiah 1:4-10) Was Jeremiah a willing and eager preacher? What is the word that God compels him to speak? (verse 8) How do people treat him as a preacher? (verses 7 and 10) What happens to Jeremiah if he determines not to speak about what God has put in his heart and mind? (verse 9) What hope does he have in his situation? (verses 11-13) Have you ever experienced a compulsion to say something that you feel God has put in your heart? What happens if you speak? What happens if you don’t say anything? Imagine what it must have been like to be Jeremiah! Not a comfortable life experience!*

### **Psalm 69:7-18**

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother’s children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>11</sup>I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup>**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, O LORD:  
have set, O LORD:

“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with  
your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup>**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and**

**out of | the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep  
swal- | low me up;

do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup>**Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;  
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face | from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

<sup>18</sup>**Draw near to me | and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de- | liver me.**

### **Reflection**

*Perhaps the writer of this psalm was Jeremiah, or someone like him. What is the psalmist's situation? (verses 7-8) Who is the psalmist speaking for? (verse 9) How was the psalmist treated by those who heard him or saw what he was doing? (verse 10) What is the psalmist's prayer? (verses 11-15) Have you ever been in the situation where you needed to tell someone something they didn't want to hear? How did you experience God's presence in such a time?*

### **Second Reading**

### **Romans 6:1b-11**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death. Our lives in the present are marked and shaped by his crucifixion, just as our lives in the future will be marked and shaped by his resurrection.*

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **Reflection**

*There is an ancient saying about the sin of Adam and Eve—"Oh, happy fault!" Happy, because it led to Jesus' death and resurrection, and our salvation. I'm not sure I find that a sufficient excuse for humanity's sin. Paul is afraid that his readers may come to the same conclusion: "Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?" (verse 1) What is his answer? (verse 2) How has our sin been answered? (verse 3) How does Paul explain this? (verse 4) Not only has Christ died, so have we, in our baptism. How have you experienced this in your life and faith? In our baptism, we are united with Christ, not only in his resurrection, but also in his death. What has been the effect of Christ's death (and ours in baptism)? (verses 6-7) Then Paul goes on to say, not only have we been united with Christ in death, we also have been united with him in new life. (verses 8-11) How have you experienced new life? Luther encouraged beginning each day with the reminder of our baptism by making the sign of the cross, which we received in our baptism. What difference does it make in your life to remember your baptism?*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Gospel Acclamation"**

**ELW 169**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.**

**You have the words of eternal life. Repeat alleluia**

**\*GOSPEL**

**Matthew 10:24-39**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition, requiring absolute trust in God and an unswerving commitment to their Lord.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the 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 up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>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? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

**Reflection**

*What are you afraid of? Many people are afraid of dying, or of suffering. In the preceding verses, Jesus warns his disciples that they will be persecuted and hated. (Sort of like Jeremiah! or Paul!) The name “Beelzebul” comes from the name “Prince Ba’al,” the title of the Canaanite fertility God, who in the Old Testament was the enemy of God. One of the things said about Jesus was that he was from the demons (or Beelzebul). (See Matthew 9:34) In many ways, this text is a teaching from Jesus about what to be afraid of and what not to be afraid of. What should Jesus’ disciples not be afraid of? (verses 26-31) What should they fear? (verses 32-33) What will happen if people, or even the demons, threaten the followers of Jesus? (verses 29-31) What does Jesus say in this text about looking for peace, as his followers? (verses 34-37) What does it mean to “take up your cross and follow” Jesus? (verses 38-39) What temptations do you face to deny Jesus and seek life apart from him? What helps you to meet those temptations and overcome them?*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Kris Langdon

**SERMON**

***"Packing For Your Summer Trip"***

Dr. Phil Hornbostel

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***"Trust and Obey"***

**When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word  
What a glory He sheds on our way  
While we do His good will  
He abides with us still  
And with all who will trust and obey**

***Refrain***

**Trust and obey  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus  
But to trust and obey**

**But we never can prove  
The delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay  
For the favor He shows  
And the joy He bestows  
Are for them who will trust and obey *Refrain***

**Then in fellowship sweet  
We will sit at His feet  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way  
What He says we will do  
Where He sends we will go  
Never fear only trust and obey *Refrain***

**\*CREED**

***"I Believe, I Do Believe"***

***Refrain***

**I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it,  
truly I believe it, truly I believe it.  
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it,  
truly I believe it, truly I believe it.**

**I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator,  
Mighty Lord Creator,  
Mighty Lord Creator.  
I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator,  
Mighty Lord Creator,  
Mighty Lord Creator. *Refrain***

**I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people,**

**Savior of the people,  
Savior of the people.  
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people,  
Savior of the people,  
Savior of the people. *Refrain***

**And I do believe in the Power of the Spirit,  
Power of the Spirit,  
Power of the Spirit.  
And I do believe in the Power of the Spirit,  
Power of the Spirit,  
Power of the Spirit. *Refrain***

**\*PRAYER SONG            "Come and Fill Our Hearts"**

**ELW 528**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

*A brief silence.*

God of grace, we give you thanks for renewing the church in every age. Bless missionaries who boldly proclaim your mercy throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Generous God, you love the sparrows and shower your whole creation with abundance. Guide our stewardship by your wisdom so that all life flourishes as you intend. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, change the hearts of leaders who go to war. Enlighten their minds with your holy imagination, opening new paths to peace and renewed life. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. We especially lift up to you, Jason Shields. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you tell us not to fear, but we do. Give courage to everyone who faces oppression and bigotry, hunger and homelessness. Bring healing and hope to all your people *especially Lin, Kathy, Roberta, Robert, Bob, Bill, Dorothy,*

*Chester, Terry, Linda, and Alva.* We also pray for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (*pause for 10 seconds*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of community, thank you for the gift of this congregation. Bless all who are new here. Teach us how to welcome one another. Unite us as we proclaim your love. Shine through our common life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus and now rest in the fullness of Christ's resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen!**

### **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

- ☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.  
☞ **And also with you!**

### **OFFERTORY                    "We Rejoice in the Grace of God"**

**We rejoice in the grace of God  
poured upon our lives;  
lovingkindness has come to us  
because of Jesus Christ.  
We rejoice in the grace of God,  
our hearts overflow.  
What a joy to know the grace of God!**

### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE    "When Long before Time"    VS 6            ELW 861** *The Singer and the Song*

**6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,  
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,  
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
be glory for ever, through life and through death.**

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

- ☞ *Merciful God,*  
☞ **you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.  
You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open  
our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this  
through Christ our Lord. Amen!**

## **\*DIALOGUE**

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

**G** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**G** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **\*PREFACE**

**P** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**G** **Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.**

## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** *In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**G** **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen!**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** *Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.*

**\*BLESSING**

**P** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**G** **Amen!**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** *Jesus Christ, host of this meal,*

**G** **you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen!**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** *May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.*

*Almighty God, Father,  $\mp$  Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.*

**G** **Amen!**

**\*SENDING SONG      "Awesome God"**

**Our God is an awesome God,  
he reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, pow'r, and love  
our God is an awesome God!**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** *Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.*

**G** **Thanks be to God!**