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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 2022

11:00am



Rejecting, Receiving, and **Following Jesus**

AS WE GATHER

When people are confronted by the claims of Jesus, they sometimes reject Him. We see this in today's Gospel as an entire Samaritan village rejects Jesus. The cost of following Jesus is high. Are **you ready** to follow the Lord, or is there something else you have to do first? What EXCUSES are holding you back? In today's Gospel we learn to follow the Lord and don't look back.

PRESERVICE

WELCOME – Pastor Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

Blessings of Abraham

I am the Lord who healeth thee.
 Oh that you only trust in Me
 You are the seed my faith receive
 The blessings of Abraham / The
 blessings of Abraham

Whatever you are / Wherever you go,
 Whatever you touch anointed to grow
 You are the seed by faith receive
 The blessings of Abraham / The
 blessings of Abraham

It's your inheritance / Get your
 inheritance
 You are the seed / My faith receive
 The blessings of Abraham / The
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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: He is the Lord of our heart, our hope eternal. Come; let us worship in humility and joy!

All: Amen. We will follow our Lord wherever He leads us.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus: as we come before our God, we humbly confess our sins and seek the forgiveness that comes from His throne of grace.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that in the sin we commit daily, we are distracted by the things of the world around us. Instead of clinging to what You have done for us through our Baptism, we look to what we can do and what the things of this world can offer us for security, comfort, courage, and strength. Yet, we end up empty, filled only with despair and loneliness. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us and wrap us in the arms of Your mercy and grace.

Pastor: In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul says, "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom... And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

People: Amen. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we live for Christ!

Lord I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess
 Bowing here I find my rest
 And without You
 I fall apart
 You're the One
 that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, Lord I need You
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep
 Your grace is more
 Where grace is found
 is where You are
 And where You are,
 Lord, I am free
 Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Lord, I need You, Lord, I need You
 Every hour I need You

My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

So, Teach my song to rise to You
 When temptation comes my way
 When I cannot stand
 I'll fall on You
 Jesus, You're my hope and stay

When I cannot stand
 I'll fall on You
 Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus

Lord, I need You, Lord, I need You
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You (2x)

My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

FIRST READING Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (*Christ has set us free to walk by the Spirit.*)

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(We sing our confession of faith today)

We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe / We believe

In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe / We believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again, We believe

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe / We believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit

And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again,

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised,
in the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save.
We believe / We believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail,
for the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail,
We believe / We believe

Chorus

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We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back,
He's coming back again,

We believe, We believe



GOSPEL READING Luke 9:51-62

(A Samaritan village rejects Jesus---the cost of following Jesus.)

Reader: As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went to another village.

Reader: As they were walking along the road, a man said to him,

People: "I will follow you wherever you go."

Reader: Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." **But** the man replied,

**People: "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."
Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-by to my family."**

Reader: Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please Be Seated



King of Kings

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory

Majesty

Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

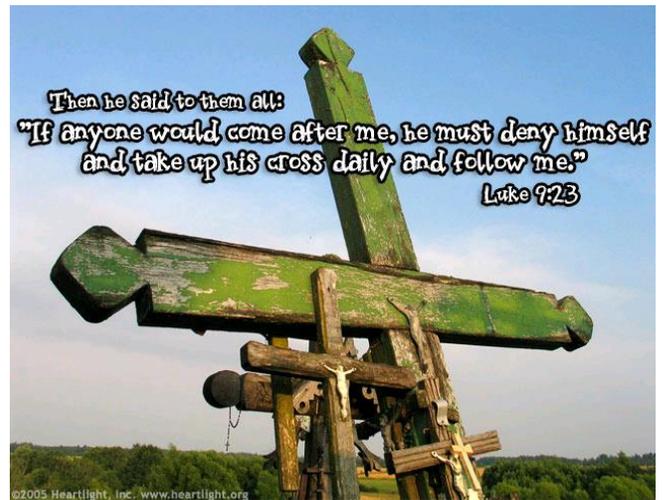
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

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MESSAGE – Pastor Fairbairn



Wanna Be Happy?

If you wanna be happy
If you wanna be happy

Do you wanna be happy?
Do you wanna be happy?

Cry yourself to sleep
Shout and raise your hands
It won't change a thing child
'Til you understand

If you're tired of being the same
If you're tired of things not changin
It's time for you to get out the way

Don't get stuck in how you feel
Say Jesus take the wheel
He knows the road that
you need to take

If you wanna be happy.
Do you wanna be happy?

Cry yourself to sleep
Shout and raise your hands
It won't change a thing child
'Til you understand

If you're tired of being the same
If you're tired of things not changing
It's time for you to get out the way

Don't get stuck in how you feel
Say Jesus take the wheel
He knows the road that
you need to take

It's so easy to complain
Addicted to the pain
You give your heart
they push it away

Jesus knows just how you feel
 Just let Him take the wheel
 The love you need
 He already gave

Bridge
 Let me hear you say
 yeah yeah yeah
 Let me hear you say
 yeah yeah yeah

Let me hear you say
 yeah yeah yeah
 Let me hear you say
 yeah yeah yeah

If you're tired of being the same
 If you're tired of things not changing
 It's time for you to get out the way

Don't get stuck in how you feel
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 Addicted to the pain
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 they push it away

Jesus knows just how you feel
 Just let Him take the wheel
 The love you need
 He already gave

If you wanna be happy.
 Do you wanna be happy?

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front and back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord's Prayer

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.

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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

INVITATIONS

All God's People Said Amen

Chorus

And all God's people said amen whoa
 And all God's people said amen
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love never
 ends
 And all God's people said amen

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely
 When you feel afraid you're not the only
 We are all the same in need of mercy
 To be forgiven and be free
 It's all you got to lean on
 But thank God it's all you need

Chorus

And all God's people said amen whoa
 And all God's people said amen
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love never
 ends
 And all God's people said amen

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
 Weak or strong we know love is what
 we're after
 We're all broken but we're all in this
 together
 God knows we stumble and fall
 And He so loved the world
 He sent His son to save us all

Chorus

And all God's people said amen whoa
 And all God's people said amen
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love never
 ends
 And all God's people said amen

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn
 apart
 Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in
 heart
 Blessed are the people hungry for another
 start
 For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of
 God

POSTLUDE

May We Help You? Anyone who desires special private prayer with the Pastor may do so by remaining in the church until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor.

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Chorus

And all God's people said amen whoa
 And all God's people said amen
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love never
 ends
 And all God's people said amen

And all God's people said amen whoa
 And all God's people said amen
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love never
 ends
 And all God's people said amen,
 And all God's people said amen

Altar Flowers this week are :

In memory of our son Kevin Gilchrist's birthday from Stan and Marti Gilchrist.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11am service.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Frank Newman
 42400 W. Twelve Mile Rd. Apt. 258
 Novi, MI 48377

26	JUN, SUN	●	8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		●	8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		●	9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School
		●	11am – 12pm	Worship
		●	7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
27	JUN, MON	●	All day	St. Paul School Summer Camp -all campus
		●	7:30 – 9pm	Always Basketball gym
28	JUN, TUE	●	All day	St. Paul Summer Camp -all campus
		●	6:30 – 8:30pm	Stephen Ministry Parish Hall
29	JUN, WED	●	All day	St. Paul Summer Camp -all campus
30	JUN, THU	●	All day	St. Paul Summer Camp -all campus
		●	5:30 – 7pm	Handbells
		●	7 – 8pm	Choir parish hall
1	JUL, FRI	●	All day	St. Paul Summer Camp -all campus
		●	7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall

A fun Picnic Style dinner at Family of God is another success!

A HUGE 'Thank You' to all the brave souls who pitched in, braved the *heat* and made the Family of God dinner so amazing. Barbara was away on the MOST mission trip and had pre-purchased some of the food needed for our dinner.

The kitchen cooks were Linda Johnson, Marti Gilchrist, Kim Johnson and Nancy Berg. We worked together to cook and prepare the dinner to travel to FoG. For dinner we served: grilled hot dogs, baked beans, Old-fashioned sweet-sour coleslaw, various types chips, drinks, bananas and our famous St. Paul brownies!

Ruth Fisher coordinated the Brownie Baking team which consisted of: Bernice Baggett, Kathy Hoener, Charlene Hill and Ruth Fisher.

The Serving team that loaded up the food and went to Family of God are: Will Hoffmeier, Rich Mai, Pat McGuigan and Dennis & Kathy Verseman.

Nearly all the food was eaten, there were 47 people attending dinner and 32 takeout boxes. Of course, many people enjoyed seconds.

**OUR NEW MEMBERS****Mark & Shelly Ernst:**

Mark and Shelly have been attending St. Paul services since last fall. They attended Newcomer's Class in March. Although they just officially became members, they have been participating in services for a while. Mark has been serving as a reader and Shelly joined Joyful Ringers.

Jonah Lyon:

Jonah has been the St. Paul 2nd grade teacher for the past two years. We have been blessed to have Jonah as a Christian male role model for our students. Jonah's future plans are to enter the seminary

Look for their pictures on the New Member Bulletin, introduce yourself and welcome them.

Roe v. Wade is likely going to fall, leaving decisions on abortion to states rights. In Michigan there is a ballot proposal called the Reproductive Freedom for All (RFFA) which would enshrine abortion into the Michigan Constitution. The RFFA would completely deregulate abortion in the state of Michigan. We, as Bible guided Christians, have a duty *not to sign this ballot proposal and to vote against it* if it is on the ballot. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved go to <https://supportmiwomenandchildren.org>

Thank you and God bless, Jonah Lyon

Sunday School important dates:

Sept. 11: Rally Day

Sept. 18: Sunday school officially begins.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The following dates are available for altar flowers: July 31 – two vases. If you want to place an order call Ruth Natiw, 248-348-7875.



Please join us for a GOD and COUNTRY Celebration

When: Sunday July 3, 2022 at 3:00pm

Where: Salem's Camp Emmanuel
(12601 Hibner Rd., Hartland, MI 48029)

Join us and bring your folding chairs or simply use a blanket and sit on the hillside. This festive service will be led by Pastor Rennie Kaufmann from Risen Christ in Plymouth MI. Come out and join your circuit brothers and sisters to hear his Patriotic Christian message!

A light lunch of hot dogs & chips will be served afterwards. Please feel free to join us for Sunday Worship at 1pm as well.

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