

TODAY'S FOCUS

CELEBRATING LIFE, PART 2: STOPPING THE RESENTMENT THIEF

Jesus clearly tells us that there is a "thief who comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I have come that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10 NIV). The fullness of life is Jesus' gift to us through His sacrificial death and resurrection. Pastor Jerry McNamara points us to God's Word to equip us to be on the lookout for all the ways Satan strives to steal our joy and confidence in Christ. **This week we are on the watch for the "Resentment thief."**

+ WE WORSHIP JOYFULLY! +

LSB 807 WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES sts. 1–2, 4

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
 My heart, awaking, cries,
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
 When evening shadows fall,
 This rings my curfew call:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

- 2 When mirth for music longs,
 This is my song of songs:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's holy house of prayer
 Hath none that can compare
 With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

4 Ye nations of mankind,
In this your concord find:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Based on Psalm 139:1–2, 7–8; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20

P O Lord, You have searched and known us.

C **You discern our thoughts from afar.**

P Where shall we go from Your Spirit?

C **Or where shall we flee from Your presence?**

P If we ascend to heaven, You are there!

C **If we make our bed in Sheol, You are there!**

P Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

C **We were bought with a price, the blood of
Christ.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Indeed, we were bought with the precious blood of Christ, and God calls on us to glorify God with our bodies, but we have failed to do this. We have lived as if our bodies and lives were our own, as if Your Son had not bought them with His blood. Such sins cause deep shame, yet even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we have sinned by the things we have done and by the things we have left undone. Forgive us, remove the shame that clings to us, and make us new creations for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His infinite mercy and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. In His resurrection, He removes our shame and makes us more than conquerors. 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.

C Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. Our shame is removed.

HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 807, WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES verse 5

5 Sing, suns and stars of space,
Sing, ye that see His face,
Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,
Both now and evermore
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:7–11 NIV

⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me?

Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?

Let him confront me!

⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.

Who will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.

¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD

and obeys the word of his servant?

Let the one who walks in the dark,
who has no light,

trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on their God.

¹¹ But now, all you who light fires

and provide yourselves with flaming torches,
go, walk in the light of your fires
and of the torches you have set ablaze.

This is what you shall receive from my hand:

You will lie down in torment.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁶ An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. ⁴⁷ Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. ⁴⁸ Then he said to them, “Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.”

⁴⁹ “Master,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.”

⁵⁰ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said, “for whoever is not against you is for you.”

Samaritan Opposition

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them^[a]?” ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

LSB 728 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

sts. 1–4

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

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SERMON MESSAGE

APOSTLES’ CREED

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

OUR PRAYERS

+ SACRAMENT +

Introduction To Communion

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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMN +

LSB 825 RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE

sts. 1–2, 4

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.

2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.

4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C **Amen.**

HWC 74 MAJESTY

1 Majesty worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory
Honor and praise
Majesty kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own His anthem raise
So exalt lift up on high
The name of Jesus
Magnify come glorify
Christ Jesus the King
Majesty worship His majesty
Jesus who died now glorified
King of all kings

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