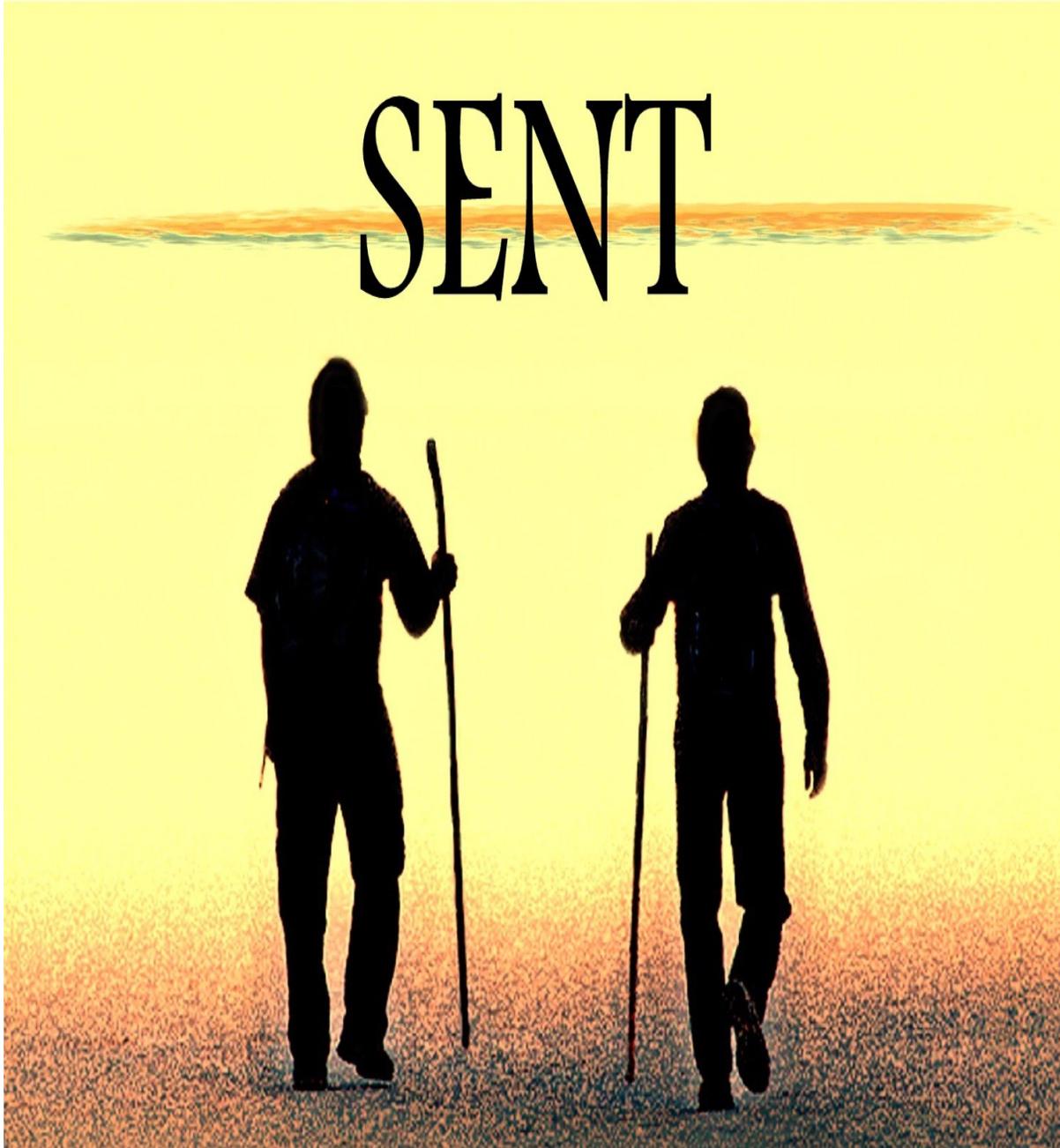


St. Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

“Jesus sends out the disciples”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21, 2020

Prelude	<i>Make Me A Channel of Your Peace</i>	by Temple/Schaum
	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	by Schrader
	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	by M. Hayes
*The Processional Hymn	<i>Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty</i>	(ELW) No. 533
*The Confession and Forgiveness		(ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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

**C: And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* (ELW) No. 769

## Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.



## If You But Trust in God to Guide You

1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: For those who love You, O God, You have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for You, that we may choose You in and above all things. For only then shall we have what You promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalms 91:1-10 [11-16]

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**<sup>2</sup>He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my strong hold, my God in whom I put my trust."**

<sup>3</sup>He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence.

**<sup>4</sup>He shall cover you with His pinions, and you shall find refuge under His wings; His faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

<sup>5</sup>You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**<sup>6</sup>Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid day.**

<sup>7</sup>A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you.

**<sup>8</sup>Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

**<sup>10</sup>There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

[<sup>11</sup>For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

**<sup>12</sup>They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

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**<sup>14</sup>Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

<sup>15</sup>He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

**<sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.]**

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* The Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

(ELW) No. 781

\*The Apostles' Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting.  
Amen.**

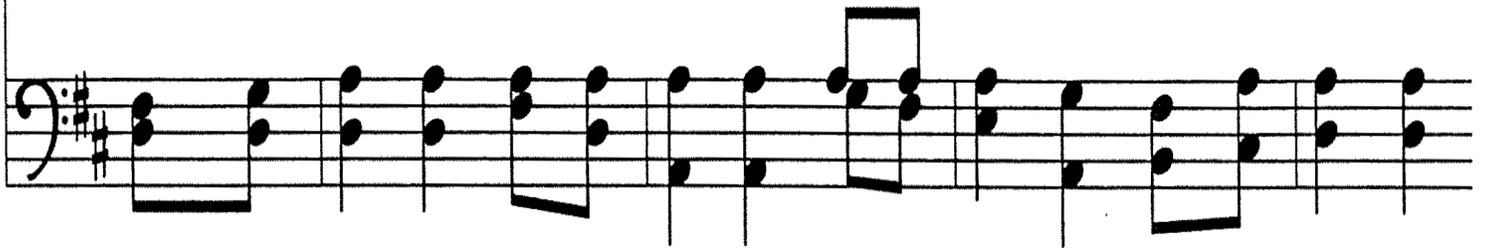
# Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara

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Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*Wings of Love*

by Bridget Barclay

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(ELW) No. 188

\*The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

(ELW) No. 656

\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*FLC Sending Hymn

*Be The Love of Christ*

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

Postlude

*I Want to Walk as a Child of God*

by T. Thomerson

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows a continuation of the melodic line with some rests. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the musical progression. The treble staff features a melodic line with some grace notes and slurs. The bass staff provides a consistent harmonic support.

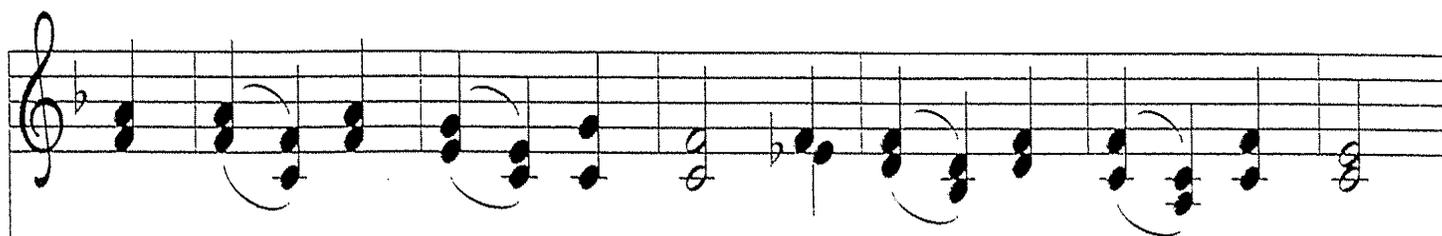
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the musical progression. The treble staff shows a melodic line with some grace notes and slurs. The bass staff provides a consistent harmonic support.

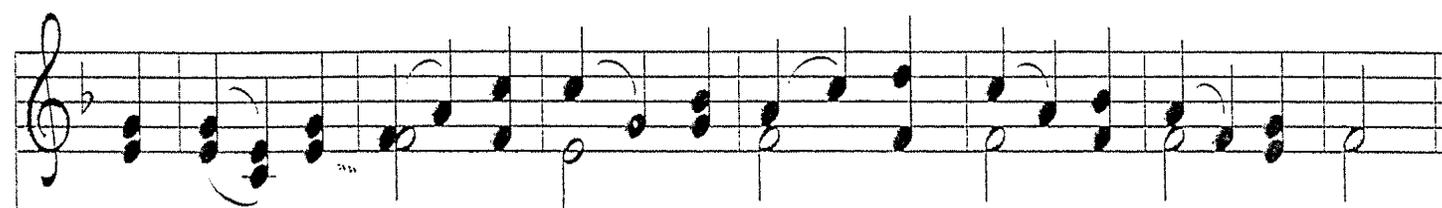
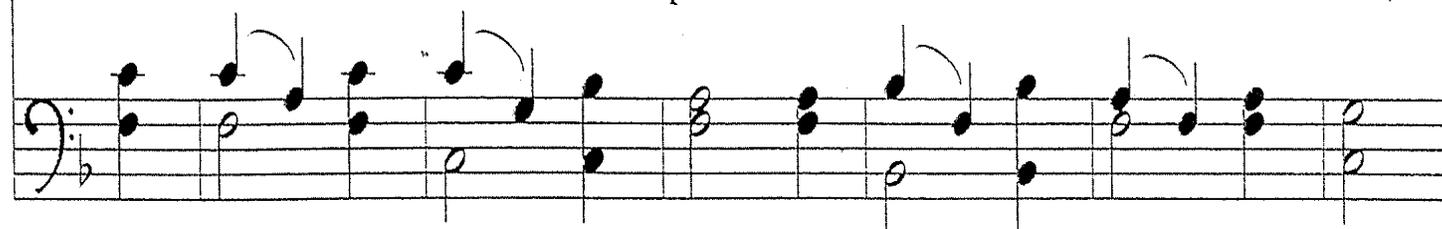
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the musical piece. The treble staff shows a melodic line with some grace notes and slurs. The bass staff provides a consistent harmonic support.

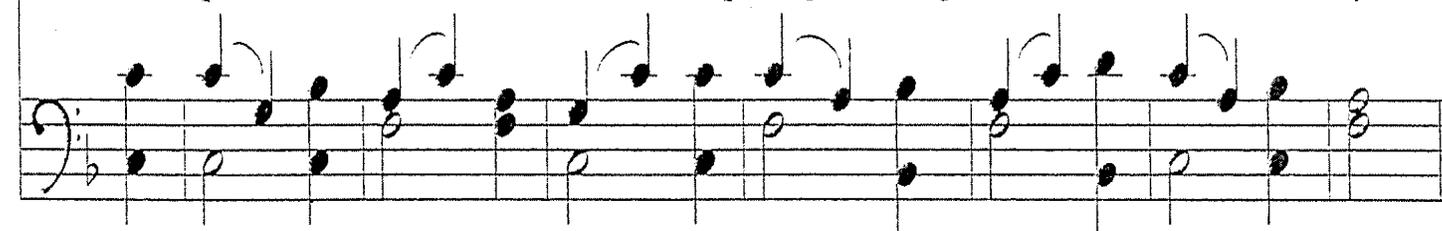
## Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares,  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear,  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.



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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God in honor of Nathaniel Black on his 16th birthday, Mark Black on Father's Day and in loving memory of Frank Black by Kathleen Black. A donation has been made to the Roof Fund.

**The Lay Reader** is Dennis Schmidt.

**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Janet Burke, Shari Kienzle, Lay Pastor Judd Lacko, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky, Julie Davis, Amy Verderber, Joanne Reck, Byron Christian, Chiquita Pearson, Maureen Curry, Phyllis Daniels, Patricia Zablotny, Stacy Carrol, Shirley Johnston, Sandy, Colleen & her sister, Tillie Shawin, Bob & Paula Beatty, Maureen, Tim & Sharon, Lisa and Scott, Amie Buel, Billie Sue Serbak, Mike & Diane Burns, Carl Hildreth, Dawn Berkebile, Herb Lindberg, Gloria Sloan, Rhonda Hendrickson, Doug Mazzotti, Laurie Parker, Mary Lou Cotton, Colleen Mancini, Beth McFeeley, John Porter, Amanda Becker, Rich, Fred Dupas, Donald Huttic, Mike White, Terry Divelbliss, Dan, Amy Dash, Penny, Jack McDaniel, Ryan Horan, Karson, Betty Johnson, David Lacko, Bob Hillbery, Bailey Spencer, Joanne Marker, Bruce Kreutze, Nicole and her daughters Valerie Brook and Bria Elizabeth, Leah, Pastor Rod Dondorf, Esther Duncan, Melissa McCabe, Robin Ames, Karrah, Charlotte and Ellie, Brad Schmidt, Lou Washowich, Mary DeCarlo, Isaac Christian, Naval Dr. Matthew Christian, Barbara Mounts, Emogene Salvucci, and The Williams Family.

**Counters/Greeters** today are J. Black, H. Quedenfeld, L. Sten.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.**  
**Please consider this as a call to help others in need.**

**The Flower Chart for 2020** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date. Thank you.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2020.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2020.** Please sign up.

**Bell Choir practice on Thursday from 7-8 PM.**

## Listening for the Promise

### Weekly Devotional

**Third Sunday after Pentecost-June 21, 2020**

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows.” -Matthew 10:29-31

These verses are part of a passage in which Jesus sends his disciples into a hostile world. He says that he is sending them as sheep among wolves and that they will experience conflict. Men will deliver them to the courts and flog them in the synagogues. They will be dragged before governors and kings to bear witness before them. And even members of their own families will rise up against them and deliver them over to death.

To prepare them for the coming conflict, Jesus gives them some instructions and a promise. He tells them to be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves. He tells them to flee persecution if possible. He tells them not to worry about what to say before rulers because God will give them the wisdom to speak when and as they need it. Finally, he tells them to speak the truth boldly.

However, he also gives them a promise. God, who knows creation intimately, will be with them personally and will guide them providentially. God has the hairs of their heads numbered and notices when even a sparrow falls to the ground. Therefore, God certainly knows the disciples' circumstances, for they are worth more than many sparrows. He has secured their salvation and will guide them in their paths.

This promise speaks to us today, for we too face a hostile culture. We have gone from being a Christian nation to a nation in apostasy. Biblical law no longer undergirds our morality. Indeed, as Christianity is marginalized, Biblical values are increasingly called into question. As a result, religious, political, and economic liberties are under attack. Even our freedom of speech is stifled by various groups who threaten us with physical injury or property damage. They call this “direct action.”

At times like this, we rejoice that God has the hairs of our heads numbered and is in control of our circumstances. We can therefore speak the truth confidently, knowing that the God who brings life out of death can also turn our momentary defeats into long term victories.

Prayer: Lord, comfort us with your loving presence. Amen.

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724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

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