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Guided by the Spirit, we share the love of Jesus
and walk with our community.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 30, 2020

The Pentecost season continues as we honor and recall the Spirit of God moving in, with and through us. This week Jesus announces God's plan for his life that he will die and in three days rise again! Peter pulls the Lord aside and disagrees and Jesus rebukes Peter. Jesus teaches Peter he is "setting his mind on human things and not divine things."

What is our "mind set" these days? I imagine we are all set on worldly things: Coronavirus, elections, race riots, hurricanes and all the rest.

We are in unsettled times and this is difficult. We are inundated all the time on the ways of the world and we long for "divine" things. Did you know the word "divine" means: "of, from, or like God." We are "of God, from God and made like God" so we are divine. In the mess of the world, rejoice that you are divine and set your mind on things of God and away from things of the world. Today I will talk about the importance of our mind set as we react to all that is going on in our lives and world around us.

We will hear Jesus tell us today to "take up our cross and follow Him." This is our call to pick up our lives and follow the Lord who always leads us through virus's, election politics, rioting, and hurricanes. We pray for those effected by all of these and that God will remain our divine healer.

Peace,
Pastor Doug



Introduction

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Prelude

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

15 O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

19 Therefore thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
20And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
21I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

1Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
2Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.
3For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
4I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
5I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
6I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,
7singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
8Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

9Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live

peaceably with all. 19Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

21From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

24Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

27"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."



Sermon

What are you thinking about today? What are you thinking about? Are you even aware of what you are thinking? Fearful? Probably. Anxious? For sure. The myriad of emotions drags us down these days and exhausts us. We are aware of all the parts and pieces of the Coronavirus, race relations, hurricanes, and politics as the main parts of this last week. They occupy our thoughts all day long, they terrify us and keep us up at night, and sleepy during the day and we are thinking "When will this end?" When will things change?

What we think about drives what we do and say and how we feel. Thinking is the engine that makes this body go forward, or backward. And yet the odd thing is we have control over what we think. Most of the time, I believe, we are on autopilot and programmed to think probably like we always have and change is hard. We must want to change our mind.

When I was in sales, back in the day, we were asked to attend positive thinking speakers' programs and to listen to audio tapes as a way to keep our minds sharp. Some of these names might

be familiar: Tom Hopkins, Zig Ziglar, Brian Tracy and others mostly through a company called Nightingale Conant.

Today Jesus and Peter have a little discussion. Peter has just answered the question Jesus asked “Who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered “You are the Christ, the son of the living God!” Now Jesus describes what that means, one day I will die and rise again! Peter pulls the Lord aside and disagrees, and Jesus rebukes Peter. Then Jesus tells Peter “you are setting your mind on human things, not on divine things. A wonderful definition of “divine” is : “of, from, or like God!” That’s us is it not?

We are of God’s love in Christ. We are from God and made in God’s likeness. With our mind set on human things we are stuck. Wallowing in fear and anxiety and worry in these very tough times. However, to set our minds on the things of God lifts us up out of the miry pit. In Psalm 40: “God heard my cry, lifted me up out of the miry pit, set me on a solid rock and gave me a new song to sing.” Our new song, is a new mindset. As Paul writes in Philippians 4:8 “Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, just or pure, whatever is beautiful and deserving of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things of God (and I would add the “thoughts of God” and peace will be with you.”

To set our minds on human things is to feel stuck, trapped, and that there is no future, no possible way things will change. But change they will and “this too shall pass!”

This is how we transition from human mindsets to divine mindsets! “This too shall pass”

This is quote attributed to Abraham Lincoln in a speech in 1859 and there are other belief’s of how this saying began. It is not directly in the Bible but “it came to pass’ is used several times.

In any case, our minds can be set on God who is in control, who holds the earth in His hands of love and grace. We are going to be okay friends. Turn off your human mindset and tune into God. Spend less time listening to news, and more time listening to God. Be in God’s Word, be in prayer, and be with God’s people on Sunday either inside the building or listening from the parking lot!

God be with you till we meet again!

Pastor Doug

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick (especially). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light (especially). In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Joined together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught:

**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.

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

Postlude

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Families on the Prayer List

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Henschen (Suzy)
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Hermerding (Ashleigh), Lexi, Blakely and Kimber
Mr. & Mrs. Caleb Lim (Melissa Hermerding-)
Mrs. Jeannie Hermerding

Additional Prayers for Recent, Current, or Upcoming Medical Care:

Vicki Alleman, daughter of Bonnie Parker	David, friend of Ed & Bev Bailey
Christine Claprodt, daughter of Norma Sweeney	Patrick Frepan, friend of the Hills
Fred and Darlene Fairchild, parents of Erin Browning's friend	Jeannie Hermerding
David Tryon, son of Mary	Marlon, brother of Ellen Shupe
John Racek, brother-in-law of Jamie Shake	Denise Hollman
Janet Walsh, friend of Susan Hahn Johnson	Keith Johnson, husband of Susan
Angel Kaulfers, the wife of Rose Jones' coworker	Pat Tumey
Gil Mascher brother of Jeanette Burbrink	Jeanne Wall
Connie Stephens, friend of Suzy and Gary Henschen	Bob Holtman
Martha Helms, niece of Helen Czenkusch	Ellen Shupe

Those with Ongoing Special Need of Prayer:

Jerid Edwards, great nephew of MJ Lynch
Ruth Tingle
Wheeler Elementary School

Remember to Pray for Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins:

Lynn Bigelow	Alton Dahl	Thelma Jones	Penny Kalk	Martha Larson
Norma Petraits	David Royer	David Schmalz	The Harrison	

Remember to Pray for those Serving in our Armed Forces:

Michael Joseph
Jerry Shake

Calendar

- **Sunday, August 30** Worship 11am
- **Sunday, August 30** Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Monday, August 31** Zoom Staff Meeting 10am
- **Wednesday, September 2** Laundry and Friends 4:30-6:30pm
- **Thursday, September 3** Zoom Council Meeting 6pm
- **Sunday September 6** Worship with Holy Communion 9am
- **Sunday, September 6** Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Tuesday, September 15** Newsletter items due to Kelli

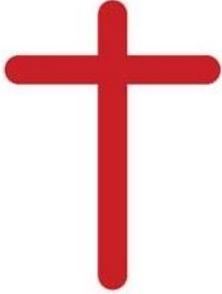




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Announcements

Indy Habitat is gearing up to have volunteers back out on the build site in September! It's been a crazy year, and we are excited to have the opportunity to carry out our mission with our church partners on the Thrivent Faith Builds home with the Belton Family! Please visit our website under News or talk with Pastor about how you can help!



FBS Update: We are sad that the virus makes it impossible for us to meet face to face with our special friends from **FBS**. But all is not lost, we are planning a drive thru, in our parking lot, to pass out goodie bags (we call them love bags) while they remain in their cars. We are hoping that many of our members will join us on **September 8th, 7-7:30** with homemade signs (if you can do that) and/or just come and wave and yell and let them know you care! Pretty easy right? Having lots of smiling faces (covered with masks of course) and many hands waving will make them feel loved and missed. Many of them have been confined during this virus time. Please join us!

Church Parking Lot
September 8, 2020
7-7:30PM
Masks Required!

Just to let you know, we are also going to do our class on Zoom, beginning October 6th.

Remember:

- 9:00 am worship and communion begins September 6.
- Outdoor worship on September 13 - see email for more info!
- Laundry and Friends are seeking volunteers. Please call MaryLee.
- Reach out if you are interested in the digital service on DVD.
- Joyce Yockey has now taken over the emailed Prayer Chain.
- The Storehouse is still accepting donations.
- Rotary Club is collecting books for prisoners - see Phil and your email for more info!