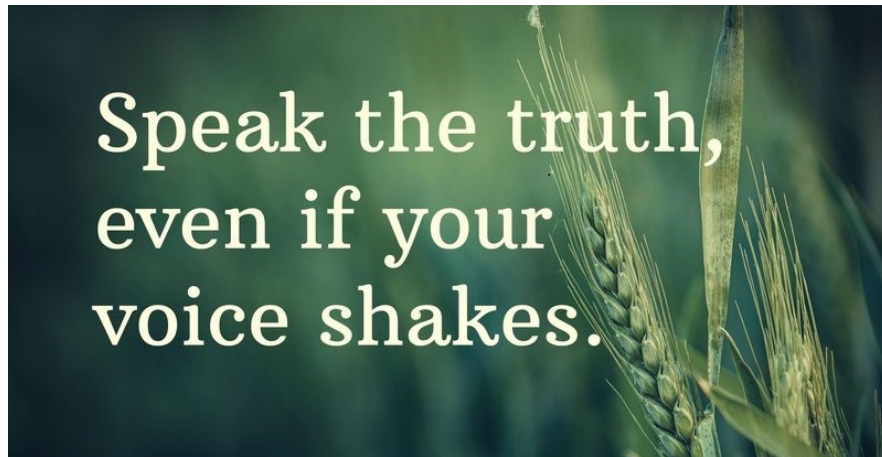


September 20, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Are God's Watchmen



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *Awake, O Spirit, Who Inspired* CW # 561

1 A - wake, O Spir - it, who in - spired The watch-men of the
2 Lord, let our ear - nest prayer be heard, The prayer your Son taught
3 Oh, haste to help or we are lost! Send preach-ers forth in
4 And let your Word have speed - y course, Through ev - 'ry land be

Church's youth, Who faced the foe's en - ven - omed ire, Who
us to pray; For lo, your chil - dren's hearts are stirred In
spir - it strong, Armed with your Word, a daunt - less host, Bold
glo - ri - fied, Till all the hea - then know its force And

wit - nessed day and night your truth, Whose voic - es loud are
ev - 'ry land in this our day, To you with fer - vent
to at - tack the rule of wrong. Let them the earth for
fill your church - es far and wide. Oh, spread the con - quest

ring - ing still And bring - ing hosts to know your will.
soul to plead, "Lord, help us in our time of need."
you re - claim, Your her - it - age, to know your name.
of your Word And let your king - dom come, dear Lord!

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Confession and Absolution

L: *(rise)* The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We pray. Blessed Jesus, at your Word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek, love, and fear you.

C: By your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.

L: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

L: Your commands make me wiser than all my enemies,

C: For your words are always with me.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

L: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: So that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: Yet, so often we have despised your Word, O Lord, and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow and humbly ask you to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

L: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the † Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and merciful Father, you freely forgive those who acknowledge and confess their sins. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your dear son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN! *(seated)*

First Lesson:

Ezekiel 33:7-11

L: ⁷ “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.

⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood.

⁹ But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself.

¹⁰ “Son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what you are saying:

C: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”

L: ¹¹ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’
(The Word of our God)

Psalm 51a

Psalm 51a



Have mercy on ^{me}, O God,*
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,*
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, ^{have} I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,*
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,*
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Romans 13:1-7

¹ Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong.

Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. ⁴ For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. (Word of the Lord)

Hymn: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* CW # 493

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray,
2 How can your par - don reach and bless The un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals The truth we dim - ly knew;
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And bid re - sent - ment cease;

But you a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
What triv - ial debts are owed to us; How great our debt to you!
Then, bound to all in bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear note values and rests.

Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

L: ¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

¹⁶ But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: *O Master of the Loving Heart*..... **CW # 491**

1 O Mas - ter of the lov - ing heart, The
 2 Your days were full of kind - ly acts; Your
 3 Your face was warm with sym - pa - thy; Your
 4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So

friend of all in need, We pray that we may
 speech was true and plain; Of those who ev - er
 hand God's strength re - vealed; Who saw your face or
 joy - ous, free, and true, That all your chil - dren,

be like you In thought and word and deed.
 sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.
 felt your touch Were com - fort - ed and healed.
 ev - 'ry - where, Be drawn by us to you.

Sermon:

Ezekiel 33:7–11 (Pg 4)

We Are Called To Be God's Watchmen



Apostles' Creed: *(Rise) (together we confess)*

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

***I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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***

Prayer: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church. Since it cannot continue in safety without your help, we ask you to protect and govern it always by your love, power, and mercy; all this we ask in your name who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Hymn: *Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak* CW # 561

1 Lord, speak to us that we may speak In liv - ing
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wan - d'ring
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The pre - cious
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, Un - til our

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - v'ring feet. Oh, feed us, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part, And wing our words that
 ver - y hearts o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

let us seek Your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed Your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word Your love to tell, your praise to show.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

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- 8 Paul Taylor
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