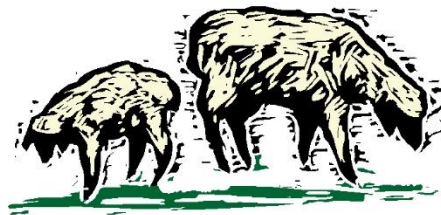




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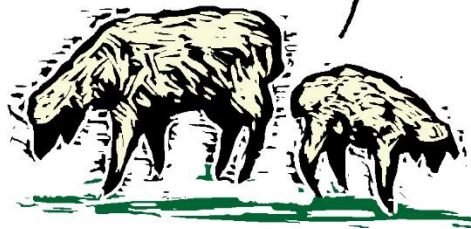


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Mark 6:34, NRSV

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 4, 2021 - 11:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

For those individuals or families desiring a space that is physically distanced, please feel welcome to sit in the rows that are marked as reserved.

Lessons and Liturgy Today

As we worship this weekend, we recognize with thanksgiving the freedoms we know as citizens of the United States. The greatest freedoms, which we observe today with gratitude and renewed commitment, still come through faith in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ, and through faith in Him, all people - of every race, nation, and language - may approach God with freedom and confidence. We pray for peace for ourselves, our nation, and the world.

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Musical Offering, Opening Song: Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King
R. Robinson/C. Tomlin

1. Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above:
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love

2. I was lost in utter darkness
'til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when
Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song;
now my heart has found a home;
Now Your grace is always with me,
And I'll never be alone!

Refrain

Come Thou Fount, come Thou King;
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace!
Hear Your bride; to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of our blessing
Come Thou Fount, come Thou King;
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace!
Hear Your bride; to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of our blessing

3. O, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love -
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above! Refrain x2

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Invocation of The Holy Trinity

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins and Good News of Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sins to our Gracious God.

C **Holy and righteous God, we have sinned against You. We have done things You forbid, and neglected to do things You command. We have not sought the peace You offer for the Sake of Christ, nor have we sought peace with our brothers and sisters. We have taken our citizenship in Your Kingdom lightly. We have taken our citizenship in our country for granted. Renew our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may truly appreciate our blessings and live as Your sons and daughters.**

P Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners; and, by His Death and Resurrection, He has liberated us from the power of sin, death and hell. God assures all who truly repent of their sins and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, that they are freed from sins' oppression; and are free to serve God in His Kingdom.

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.**

Musical Offering, Song of Praise: The Lion And The Lamb
BBrown/BJohnson

1. He's coming on the clouds;
kings and kingdoms will bow down and every chain will break
as broken hearts declare His praise - for who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Refrain

Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah,
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,
And every knee will bow before Him!
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world;
His blood breaks the chains - and ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb;
ev'ry knee will bow before Him!

2. So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings;
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free for who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Refrain

Who can stop the Lord Almighty;
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? repeat 1x - refrain

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Old Testament Reading - Ezekiel 2:1-5 [ESV]

And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me. And He said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle - II Corinthians 12:1-10 [ESV]

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, "My Grace is sufficient for you, for My Power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I

will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the Power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel – Mark 6:1-13 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

He went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His Hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. And He went about among the villages teaching. And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Children's Message – Bob Unger

Musical Offering, Song of the Day: Mighty To Save
Morgan/Fielding

1. Ev'ryone needs compassion,
a love that's never failing,
let mercy fall on me;
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a Savior,
The hope of nations:

Refrain

Savior, He can move the mountains;
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave;
Jesus conquered the grave

2. So take me as You find me,
all my fears and failures -
fill my life again;
I give my life to follow
ev'rything I believe in,
Now I surrender Refrain

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Message

We're *Already* Ready
Mark 6:1-13

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Sermon notes on last page.

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 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.**

Prayers of the Church

after each petition:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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**

Benediction

Musical Offering, Closing Song: This Is Amazing Grace
JRiddle/JFarro

1. Who breaks the pow'r
of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty
and so much stronger?
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings

2. Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder,
and leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings:

Refrain

This is amazing grace,
this is unfailing love -
that You would take my place,
that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
that I would be set free:
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

3. Who brings our chaos
back into order?
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter?
The King of Glory,
the King of Glory

4. Who rules the nations
with truth and justice;
shines like the sun in
all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings:

Refrain

This is amazing grace,
this is unfailing love -
that You would take my place,
that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
that I would be set free:
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave repeat 1x refrain

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+ Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! Thanks Be to God! +

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Journey with St. Mark, 4: We're *Already* Ready
(Mark 6:1-13) Series B, Proper 9

To be a follower of Jesus means (humanly speaking) to feel like we're missing something when we are sent to love, to serve, or to tell others about the goodness of God. Actually, though, not much is needed. *The first apostles had only a walking stick!* We already have what we need...Jesus himself. We're *already* ready to be sent with a Word that heals.

1. **Today is fourth in a series.** Jesus has addressed our need to belong, to trust, and to be healed. Today Jesus focuses our attention on the Good News that we *already* are prepared to go to a world in need. As with all other needs, Jesus is the solution!
2. **The problem:** We are “_____”-oriented and may feel that in matters of faith we are still “_____.” If only we had a theology degree, we could speak about God to others. If only we had more money, we could truly help the poor. If only we had more love, we could more powerfully impact our families and friends. It is never bad to prepare ourselves, but the “*if only*”s may stifle us from doing anything at all!
3. **The question:** Why am I “_____” if I’m _____ “_____”? We may suffer from “The Lake Wobegon effect” (a natural tendency to overestimate one’s capabilities). This makes failure hard to face. Perhaps our inability to impact the world for good is a call to grow. But notice: Not only does Jesus prepare His disciples for *rejection* (6:11) *He Himself* was rejected (6:1-5; cf. Ezekiel 2:5)!
4. **The solution:** The _____ _____ **redefines where true success and failure are found!** Jesus, the executed criminal, at first appeared to be the ultimate failure. On the cross, Jesus had nothing. But Jesus’ “failure” there was the means to our rescue! Connected to Jesus through Holy Baptism, we confess our sins today and receive God’s forgiveness. We are given to identify with those Jesus says are “blessed” (Matt. 5:3–11). We are already ready to be sent to a world in need because Jesus (the One we need) is with us. Mother Teresa: “God doesn’t call you to be successful; He calls you to be faithful.” How might we be faithful (if not “successful”) this week?