

## Messy Discipleship, 3:



**I Will Comfort You**

Isaiah 66:10-14

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**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 3, 2022 – 11:00 am**

A warm welcome to all worshiping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

**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.

***Messy Discipleship***

Life is messy! Our calendars are full, our phones are buzzing, our families are loud, we have so much going on all the time it can easily feel like our messy lives are spiraling out of our control! We would love it if God waved His strong right hand over our mess and simply made it all disappear. But God does something even greater than that... He enters into our mess and makes us His disciples. By the presence of God the Holy Spirit, our God engages with us as His messy disciples and uses us for His work. In this summer sermon series, we will be taking a look at some Old Testament stories examining the way that God has used and continues to use messy disciples like us in His salvation story.

**Welcome and Sharing the Peace**

**P** The peace of the LORD be with you!

**C** **And also with you!**

**Opening Song**

The Battle Belongs To The LORD

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land;  
the battle belongs to the LORD  
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand;  
the battle belongs to the LORD

We sing glory, honor,  
power and strength to the LORD  
We sing glory, honor,  
power and strength to the LORD

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood,  
the battle belongs to the LORD  
He's raised up a standard - the pow'r of His blood;  
the battle belongs to the LORD

We sing glory, honor,  
power and strength to the LORD  
We sing glory, honor,  
power and strength to the LORD

When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear:  
the battle belongs to the LORD  
Take courage, my friend! your redemption is near!  
the battle belongs to the LORD

We sing glory, honor,  
power and strength to the LORD  
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## Invocation of The Holy Trinity

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

**P** If you, O Lord, Kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness, therefore You are feared.**

## Rite of Holy Baptism

*Emily Jordan Alladin and Avery Payton Alladin*

**P** In Holy Baptism, God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.  
**C** **Amen. We welcome you in the Name of the Lord.**

## Confession of Sins

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.**

## Good News of Forgiveness

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.

P Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office 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. Thanks be to God.**

## Song of Praise

## Our God Is Greater

Water You turned into wine,  
opened the eyes of the blind -  
there's no one like You,  
none like You  
Into the darkness You shine;  
out of the ashes we rise -  
There's no one like You,  
none like You

Water You turned into wine,  
opened the eyes of the blind -  
there's no one like You,  
none like You  
Into the darkness You shine;  
out of the ashes we rise -  
There's no one like You,  
none like You

Our God is greater,  
Our God is stronger,  
God, You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer,  
awesome in power,  
Our God, our God

Water You turned into wine,  
opened the eyes of the blind -  
there's no one like You,  
none like You  
Into the darkness You shine;  
out of the ashes we rise -  
There's no one like You,  
none like You

Our God is greater,  
Our God is stronger,  
God, You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer,  
awesome in power,  
Our God, our God

And if our God is for us,  
then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us,  
Then what could stand against us?  
And if our God is for us,  
then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us,  
Then what could stand against?

Our God is greater,  
Our God is stronger,  
God, You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer,  
awesome in power,  
Our God, our God

Our God is greater,  
Our God is stronger,  
God, You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer,  
awesome in power,  
Our God, our God

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## Old Testament Lesson

*Isaiah 66:10-14 [ESV]*

“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.” For thus says the LORD: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the Hand of the LORD shall be known to His servants, and He shall show His Indignation against His enemies.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18 [ESV]*

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load. Let the one who is taught the Word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap Eternal Life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. But far be it from me to boast except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the Marks of Jesus. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Holy Gospel

*Luke 10:1-20 [ESV]*

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

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

**P** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place where He Himself was about to go. And He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say,

**C** 'Peace be to this house.'

- P And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them,
- C **'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.'**
- P But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say,
- C **'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the Kingdom of God has come near.'**
- P I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to Heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. "The one who hears you hears Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me, and the one who rejects Me rejects Him Who sent Me." The seventy-two returned with joy, saying,
- C **"Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your Name!"**
- P And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## Children's Message

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

## Song of the Day

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

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

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!

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

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!

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

Come Thou Fount, come Thou King;  
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace!  
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Come Thou Fount, come Thou King;  
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## **The Message**

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

I Will Comfort You  
*Isaiah 66:10-14*

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## **The Apostles Creed**

**C I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**C** 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**

### **Closing Song**

Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy,  
 You are my song  
 You are the well,

the One I'm drawing from  
You are my refuge my whole life long -  
where else would I go?

Surely my God is the strength of my soul;  
Your love defends me,  
Your love defends me  
And when I feel like I'm all alone,  
Your love defends me,  
Your love defends me

Day after day,  
night after night,  
I will remember You're  
with me in this fight  
Although the battle - it rages on,  
the war's already won;  
I know the war is already won!  
Surely my God is the strength of my soul;  
Your love defends me,  
Your love defends me  
And when I feel like I'm all alone,  
Your love defends me,  
Your love defends me

We sing hallelujah,  
You're my portion, my salvation,  
Hallelujah

Surely my God is the strength of my soul;  
Your love defends me,  
Your love defends me  
And when I feel like I'm all alone,  
Your love defends me,  
Your love defends me

We sing hallelujah,  
You're my portion, my salvation  
Hallelujah,  
You're my portion, my salvation  
Hallelujah,  
You're my portion, my salvation

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P The worship has ended.  
C **The service now begins.**

P Go now in peace to serve the LORD.  
C **Thanks be to God!**

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### **In Service Today:**

Preacher - Pastor Jonathan Blanke  
Presiding Minister - Pastor Zach Sarrault  
Praise Worship Leader - Christopher Reed  
Reign! Vocals - Angela Ferguson, Jenny Piontek  
Reign! Musicians - Dorothy Conners, Don Martin, Doug Durnbaugh, Charlie Shiel, Lecia Cecconi-Roberts  
Reader - Kathy Rasmussen  
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Messy Discipleship, 3: "I Will Comfort You" (Isaiah 66:10-14)  
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Discipleship looks "messy" considering the scared, sad, and confused people we often are. How are we to meaningfully engage the world when the losses of life get us down? The picture of God comforting God's people like a woman nursing and playing with her infant child restructures our expectations for the future around a God who gives grace to the helpless. We the tiny, powerless children of God, follow!

1. We all have an idea of what comfort *should* look like. **True comfort is the \_\_\_\_\_ we yearn for when faced with \_\_\_\_\_ and the fear, grief, and confusion \_\_\_\_\_ can bring.** Messy disciples that we are, we are laid low by the unpredictable and unforeseen changes that life brings and that we find ourselves ill-equipped to manage alone.
2. God's people returned to Jerusalem in 538 BCE to pick up the pieces of shattered lives. Their temple was in ruins and their city a shadow of its earlier glory. Here we get picture of *God's* comfort. **True comfort is God's gift of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_, depicted as a mother who nurses and plays with her baby!** The grace to see themselves as babies led Israel to see God as the parent who loved them and would give them all they truly needed.
3. **True comfort is God's gift of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ loss, where Jesus weeps with the sorrowful yet calls the dead from the darkness of the tomb to life (John 11:35; 43)!** Through Jesus, God demonstrates that He cares, even—especially—for messy disciples in their time of loss. Through Jesus, God gives comfort to those who need it most.
4. **An old proverb says that shared sorrow is \_\_\_\_\_ the sorrow, and shared joy is \_\_\_\_\_ the joy.** What burdens is God's comfort in Jesus calling you to let go of today? What joys can you, by the work of the Holy Spirit, share with others that will bring even greater joy to your community?