



Perley Lutheran Parish
June 27th 2021
Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 13



Gathering Hymn: All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell, and all can safely live
A place where Saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Welcome and Announcements

- Wonderful time for 36 hours in NY – Crazy traffic but wonderful memories with my friends
- Thanks again for those who covered
- Beautiful graveside service for Jean Emery
- No In-person service on Sunday, July 4th – only streaming service w/out bulletin
- Off to Michigan today
- Where's Michele
- Food Shelf/Need – contact us!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
Amen.

God, our provider,

Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, +the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm 30 (Read Responsively)

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you brought up my

soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. **Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.** For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. **As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”** By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. **To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:** “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? **Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!**” You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, **so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

First Reading Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Holy Gospel according to Mark 5:21-43, **Glory to you O Lord**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's Message

As you may know, we have five senses: sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch. Each of these senses is very important to us. This morning we are going to test our sense of touch and discover the power that's ours in the sense of touch.

(Gather the children in a circle.) I have a bag full of different objects. Everyone will close their eyes, and I'll hand one of the objects to pass around the circle. Without looking, think about what the object is just by touching it.

(Have kids close their eyes, and then have them pass around one object.) I'll count to 3, and you'll shout out what you think the object is without opening your eyes. 1, 2, 3! (Pause.) Open your eyes. It's a [name of object].

(Repeat the same process for each object. Invite kids to tell how they knew what each object was.)

The sense of touch is very important, isn't it? We can often tell what an object is by its size, shape, and texture -- all of which can be learned by using our sense of touch. In the Bible, Jesus showed His power through touch. We'll hear about two ways He used touch to help people. Since Jesus is showing His power through touch, whenever I say the word, "touch," you'll say, "Power!" and do this motion. (Demonstrate for kids how to hold their palms up and facing outward, shaking them like "jazz hands.")

One day Jesus was walking through a large crowd. The people were crowding around so that he could hardly move. There was a woman in the crowd who was not well; her body had been bleeding for 12 years. There wasn't even a doctor who could help her. But she thought Jesus could heal her. She thought, "If I could just get close enough to touch (pause) his robe, I would be healed." So she pushed through the crowd and did it! And she was immediately better!

When the woman touched Jesus, He felt the power go out of Him. When He found out who touched (pause) Him, He said, "Your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be free from your suffering."

At this same time, Jesus was actually on His way to help a church leader whose daughter was very sick. After the woman had touched (pause) Him, He learned the girl had died. Then He told everyone, "Have faith!" and He made His way to the church leader's home. When Jesus saw the people crying over the girl's death, He told them she was only sleeping. This made them laugh, but He still went and touched (pause) her hand and said a prayer. And she got up!

The power in Jesus' touch (pause) is amazing!

Dear God, we long to reach out and touch You and to feel Your power in our lives. Please help us see and feel Your power. In Jesus' name, amen.

Message

Grace and Peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Looking at our Gospel for this morning there are two obvious miracles that happen in our passage. First there is the story of a woman who is healed after a very long-extended and horrible illness. We also have the story of the daughter who is raised from the dead intermingled with in the first one as well. In actuality you might even say there are three miracles included in our Gospel today but I will help you figure out the third one a bit later in my message.

We know that people are hearing reports of what Jesus is doing around the Sea of Galilee and all the miracles that are taking place. They believe that he truly is someone special and must indeed have God with him in order to do such things. No matter where Jesus turned he seemed to be in the midst of a storm of some sort. Of course he's literally in the middle of the storm when he calms the sea for the disciples in the boat. Another time he calms the storm by casting out demons and healing people of diseases. He deals with the storm when He feeds and cares for all people in every way and people feel saved by what he is doing for them. He calms the storm – whatever that storm may be – in their lives and gives them new life in the process. And that's not just what he did for those over 2,000 years ago but what he continues to do for us each and every day. He can calm storms in our lives as well.

Now every time that Jesus crosses the Sea of Galilee and attempts to go ashore he is surrounded by people. Crowds and crowds of people waiting to see him, to hear him and to be near him, just be with him. Our Gospel tells us that he first meets a local ruler of the synagogue, Jairus (Jeye rus), who comes in a panic pleading for Jesus to come and heal his very sick daughter. Jesus hears his plea and as he is traveling to their home he is touched – yes, simply touched – by a very sick woman who hopes and longs for healing merely by touching Jesus as he walks by. Both of these people – and all of those that are gathering and following him – are coming to him because of all the reports and stories that they are hearing. These reports – or in actuality the Word of God, these reports are simply the Word – is not only “gathering” people around Jesus but is also developing faith in all those that come.

Can you imagine if the word had not spread – if no one had heard about what Jesus was doing? He would've come to the shore of Galilee to an empty beach. No one seeking his help, Jarius (Jeye-rus) not out looking for his saving powers, truly no three miracles to report in this passage whatsoever. Jesus would've gotten out of the boat and simply went on his way without anyone really taking any particular notice in him being there at all. Thank heavens that wasn't the case and Jesus' reputation did go out before him. People of faith, and even those who weren't quite sure yet, were coming to see what all the commotion was about – who this man was that was doing amazing things.

In these stories today Jesus is able to reveal the nature of God to them – revealing God to be a loving God who desires to give life and salvation to all. For God, any sickness, disease, social problem, personal storm really is almost like a death. He hates to see us deal with them and knows that they can bring us down and destroy our lives. Think for a moment about the woman in our Gospel today – she would've been a social outcast because of the horrible disease that she had. People would have avoided her at all costs, walked on the other side of the road, no one would've comforted her or helped her in anyway. This horrible life would've been going on for her for years and years and in that time her disease would've continued to get worse and worse. Surely she wasn't the only one dealing with this type of situation either. People suffering, needing helping, calling out for help and being ignored – there was a lot of that going on.

Our world today is filled with many voices calling for help as well. There are voices asking for donations – blood and money, food and clothing, time and talents. There are calls to for us to help our world be safe during these pandemic times. The list of help needed can go on and on but truthfully this list is painful and distressing in the sight of God. God wants us all to have life and an abundant life at that. For each and all of us. So to hear and see all the need that there is troubling for God.

By the lakeshore Jesus not only healed the woman of her disease but also her social problems as well. He right there forgave her all of her sins. He gave her peace and restored her back in a community. She would now be a member of society no longer an outcast. Jesus conquered her “death” and gave her new life. While doing this however something terrible happened, Jarius' (Jeye rus) daughter died. Jesus wasn't worried though – in fact he really showed no concern at all when he

went to the girl and simply told her to “get up.” The state of being dead was of no concern or worry for him – he simply gave her her life back.

Like these two that were saved in our passage today, God is interested in giving our lives back to us too. Our third miracle in our Gospel today is the fact that all of those gathered – the crowds that were swarming around and about Jesus – actually DIDN'T follow him when he went to Jarius' (Jeye Rus) home. Remember just a week ago he actually jumped into the boat simply to get away from the crowd always following him around. But not in our passage today. Jesus wanted no part of a funeral procession – which is what everyone thinks is happening when they tell him he's “too late”. Jesus he is all about giving life. He is the victor over death and in no way does he want this death to ruin his reputation by participating in a grieving parade of people. He commands the crowds to stay and they actually do just that. It's only Jesus and the disciples who go forward to do God's work and give life to those who have called upon Him. He enters the room and raises Jairus' (Jeye rus) daughter from death into life. Jesus reveals to everyone the true nature of God through this and God's will for all of us to restore life and have life abundantly.

If you and I are serious about restoring our own lives in times of storms – whatever that storm or struggle may be - then it is important that we hear and listen to the reports of Jesus and his amazing works. Allow yourself to immerse in the Word of God and tell others about how God has worked through the life of Jesus and how God has worked in your life as well.

We can be assured that God will continue to reveal himself and his loving nature in our lives if we live our lives for him and with him. By simply allowing Jesus to help us in our life, God is glorified. He is glorified each and every time that Jesus' calms the storm in our lives and that's something to praise him for and shout from the mountain tops about. So let's end this message with the words that Jesus had for Jarius (Jeye rus) and the words that Jesus had for the woman. *“Do not fear, only believe.” (one more time) Amen.*

Hymn of the Day: Great is thy Faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

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 Christian/catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the people: (Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Almighty God, we give you thank for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us all to protect what you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical and mental illness. We pray for all of those touched by the horrific collapse of the condominiums in Florida. Be with the families of those who have died and those who are still unaccounted for. Embrace those who are sick, today we especially lift up Marlis and Kirk, Sonya and Roger, Terry and Jeff, Evonne and Byron, Whitney and all of those that we now name silently in our own hearts.....Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We pray for this assembly and those that are gathered with us together in-person and on-line today in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. Amen

Meal

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

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. 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

Invitation to Communion and Offering

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

After Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen**

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, +be upon you now and forever. In the Name of the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Sending Song: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Dismissal – Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sunday, July 4th – Services at 9am on-line only.
- Sunday, July 11th – Services at 9am at Kirkebo, (live streamed and in-person)
Council meeting will follow service.

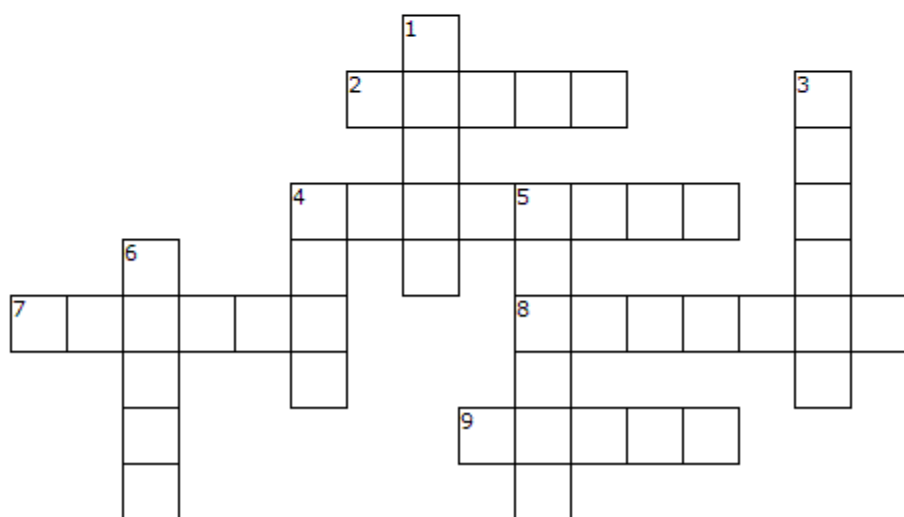


Touching the Garment
Mark 5:24-34

There Is Power in a Touch

"If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:28

Based on Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To put the fingers lightly on something
4. Losing blood from a cut or a sore
7. To be cured or restored to health
8. The things you wear to cover your body
9. A human adult female

DOWN

1. Physical strength or force
3. To experience physical or mental pain
4. The main, physical part of a person
5. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
6. To believe in something you cannot see

FAITH
DOCTOR

BLEEDING
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"If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:28

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 19-18-10-10-16-17-24-21 _____
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