

21st Sunday After Pentecost
My True Identity 6 – “Mercied” & Forgiven
Vicar Joel Rockemann
October 17, 2021

Scripture: Hosea 2:16-23, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Luke 7:41-50

Welcome & Invocation: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit – Based on Psalm 48 & Psalm 34

P: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise,

C: in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

P: I will extol the Lord at all times,

C: his praise will always be on my lips.

P: My soul will boast in the Lord,

C: let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

P: Glorify the Lord with me;

C: let us exalt his name together.

P: I sought the Lord, and he answered me;

C: he delivered me from all my fears.

P: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

C: he delivers them from all their troubles.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit;

P: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen

P: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise,

C: in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

Collect

Heavenly Father, open our hearts and minds by Your Spirit, so that just as Jesus promised, we may be led into the truth of Your Word. Amen.

10:00 a.m. - Opening Songs: Stacey Minor
Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone
Living Hope
Goodness of God

The Old Testament Lesson ... Hosea 2:16-23

Hosea 2:16-23, “And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ 17 For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. 18 And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. 19 And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. 20 I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

21 “And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth, 22 and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel, 23 and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’; and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

The Second Lesson ... 1 Peter 2:9-10

1 Peter 2:9-10, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” ESV

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
Chapter 7, beginning at verse 41

Luke 7:41-50, ““A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them

will love him more?” 43 Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” 44 Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” 48 And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” 49 Then those who were at table with him began to say among[h] themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” 50 And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” ESV

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and

I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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vs. 10b - “Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

The verb in this sentence is not the Greek word, *received*, but it is a form of the verb, *to mercy*.

“At one time *not* “_____,” but now “_____.”

Story of Hosea - No Mercy / Not My People

Hosea 2:23 - “And I will *mercy* No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’; and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

I am _____.

I am _____.

God will never _____ you! But He totally forgets your

You can say this:

I *am* in Christ –

I am chosen;

I am royalty;

I am valuable;

I am holy;

because... I am mercied and forgiven.

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you - from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted. (1 Peter 2:9-10 MSG)

(Notes: mercied, mercied, mercied, forgiven, forget, sin)

Offering (collected online)

Holy Communion
Confession & Absolution
Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those that 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, For ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you
May the Lord, lift up his countenance upon you
And give you peace. Amen.

10:00 a.m. – Closing Song – Stacey Minor
You Are Good

Announcements

BVCA is having their next Dine & Donate at Panera on Tuesday, October 19 at 2512 Naglee Road from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Pick up a flyer in the Church entryway. Our school receives a portion of all sales.

Trunk or Treat! Join us on Sunday, October 31 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm for an evening of fun, family, and candy! Sign-up sheets are in the Church entryway. We have the following needs; volunteers for concessions and games, plus people to host a trunk. This is an awesome outreach event. Contact Marybeth Muldowney at mmuldowney@stpaulstracy.org for additional information.

Holiday Craft Faire on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in the Life Center. Holiday shopping. Lunch items available for purchase. Donations needed of chips, sodas, hot dogs & water. Sign up sheet in Church entryway to donate items & volunteer your time for

the event. Also, in need of a bbq. Contact Michele Loomis at micheleloomis@comcast.net for more info.

OCC Packing party on Wed., November 10, 6:00 pm in the Life Center. This is a fun event for the children to pack shoeboxes. We need helpers to set up before & to monitor the Packing Party. We will also need help for National Collection Week on Nov. 15-22. If you have questions or want to help in either event, please email Michele Loomis at occmichele@gmail.com. We continue to collect donations for the packing party. Drop items off in the box in the Church entryway or office.

Prayer Partner Ministry. Prayer Partners are still needed for the 8:30 am service and occasionally during holiday services. Call Julie Vehrs at 209-612-2825 or check the prayer partner box on the Connection Card.

This week at St. Paul's

Sunday, 10/17

8:30 am & 10:00 am - Worship Service - Church
10:00 am - Live Stream of In-Person Church
11:00 am - Youth Group Game Day - Youth Room

Monday, 10/18

6:30 pm - Grief Share - Parish Hall

Tuesday, 10/19

4:00 pm - Dine & Donate @ Panera - Offsite

Wednesday, 10/20

10:00 am - Loomis/Alvarez Bible Study - Parish Hall
6:00 pm - ESL class - Parish Hall
7:00 pm - Mellick Bible Study - Admin Conference Room/Zoom

Thursday, 10/21

9:00 am - His Scoop Bible Study - Parish Hall
10:00 am - Pastor Kal's Bible Study - Admin Conference Room/Zoom

Sunday, 10/24

8:30 am & 10:00 am - Worship Service - Church
10:00 am - Live Stream of In-Person Church
11:00 am - Youth Group - Youth Room

Join us as a church body as we **read through the scriptures**. Here is our reading schedule (Year 2) for the week of October 18:

Monday, October 18

Psalm 107 & Daniel 3

Tuesday, October 19

Psalm 108-109 & Daniel 4

Wednesday, October 20

Psalm 110-111 & Daniel 5

Thursday, October 21

Psalm 112-113 & Daniel 6

Friday, October 22

Psalm 114-115 & Daniel 7

Saturday, October 23

Psalm 116 & Daniel 8

Sunday, October 24

Psalm 117-118 & Daniel 9

Remember in Prayer

To the family of Russ Waetzig upon his passing (father of Pr. Kal Waetzig)

Elfie Broadwater - Upcoming surgery

Robert Brown - Healing & recovery

Jim Buckley - Healing & recovery (friend of Ramirezs)

Darralee - Healing (friend of Jo Culberson)

Fran Demar - Strength & healing (friend of Laura Mohr)

Carol Devine - Recovery

Kelly Ferree - Treatments (brother of Janis MacDonald)

Gale Heinrich - Healing

George Horne - Restored health

Earl Hove - Healing

Shawn Kilgore - Deployment (brother of Shawn Kilgore)

Vi Kramer - Healing

Megan Krause - Treatments (wife of Matt Krause)

Leah - Recovery (daughter of Marjorie Maciel)

Dennis Maddix - Bone cancer, strength & healing (husband of Martha Maddix)

Steve McCain - Recovery

John McLaughlin - Restored health

Joan Mehring - Recovery

Maggie Pedersen - Healing (mother of Aimee Gates)

Joyce Pulliam - Recovery

Maria Rhodes - Recovery

Quentin Rios - Successful treatments for cancer (extended family of Gamaches)

Rockemann family - Prayer for housing

Olivia Scheuerlein - Recovery & medical discernment (great grandchild of Gayle Scheuerlein)

Jon & Debbie Schmidt - General prayers

Ruth Ann Shimoi - Surgery recovery (sister of Pr. Kal Waetzig)

Rolly Skarloken - Restored health

Stipp family - Healing

Marla Terry - Successful treatments

Barbara Vierra - Healing (friend of Jo Culberson)

Edith Walker - Celebrating her 100th birthday (mother of Chuck Walker)

Wright Family - Loss of son & illness in the family (friends of Traci McClain)