

The Season The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. Our series now focuses on *The Believer Hears Jesus' Warnings*.

The Sunday For the past three Sundays we have seen that the narrow path to heaven is marked by division and humility. Yet another warning is heard this week: the life of faith may come at great personal expense. Counting the cost of discipleship leads to true wisdom.

Opening Hymn

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult CW 463



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our
 2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -
 Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and
 help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your o -



vites us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
 kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.
 keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, Serve and love you best of all!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–95, alt.
 Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, alt.

Stand

M: 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.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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 as we
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 around the **Gospel**
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 and
Go
 with the **Gospel**

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

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.

M: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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 AND PRAISE

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;

you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

THE WORD

Grades 1-2 (and friends)

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus (8:00)

First Lesson:

Genesis 12:1-8

Leaving his homeland behind, Abram believed the Lord's promise and moved a second time to the Promised Land of Canaan. Abram left safety, home, and even family behind to take possession of his inheritance. There he lived in communion with his Lord and heard the Lord's promises again and again. So great is our Promised Land that we will willingly carry our crosses and bear any cost to follow Jesus into eternity.

12 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

² "I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

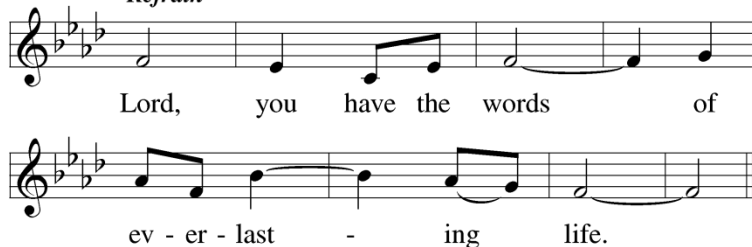
⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19 CW

Refrain



Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone



The heavens declare the glory of God;*
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,*
their words to the ends of the world.

Refrain

The law of the LORD is perfect,*
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,*
giving light to the eyes.

They are more precious than gold;*
they are sweeter than honey.

By them is your servant taught;*
in keeping them there is great reward.

Refrain

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart*
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

**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

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Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-11

When Paul lists his qualifications as a son of Israel, many might have thought it was too much to leave behind and follow the Way. Paul, however, views everything differently in Christ. The NIV uses the polite term of “garbage” to reflect Paul’s analysis of his former way of life and earthly possessions. A closer look at the Greek reveals just how little value Paul placed on such things in comparison to the “surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus “as his+ Lord.” Chasing after worldly gain will only result in the loss of the soul. Rather, with faith firmly rooted in him, follow Jesus and share in his sufferings. Suffering for his sake will miraculously result in a share of his resurrection and eternal inheritance. Paul counted the cost of discipleship and God gave him both the fear of the Lord and true wisdom.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4)

Stand

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns all those who would come after him to count the cost of discipleship. Jesus’ statement may seem hyperbolic to those who have been blessed with doctrinal unity within the family. But the weight of each one’s cross is different. Those whose families have been ripped apart by religious differences know how heavy our Savior’s cross can be. Know this; know well; know now what it takes to follow our Savior. The life of faith is certainly not for the faint of heart. Remember, however, whom we follow. We follow a Savior who carried the cross for us and for our salvation. Remembering his love leads us to follow him at any cost.

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory CW 464



1 Je - sus Christ, my pride and glo - ry, He, the true and
2 Let me live to praise you ev - er, Je - sus, now my
3 Grant me, Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it That in all I
4 From all pain and im - per - fec - tion, Gra - cious Lord, de -



liv - ing light, Strength - ens me with glo - rious might.
heart's de - light; You are lead - ing me a - right.
fol - low him Lest the light of faith grow dim.
liv - er me; Heav - en's glo - ry let me see.



Christ, re - vealed in sa - cred sto - ry, Whom I now as
Let me cling to you for - ev - er, All the flesh - ly
Let me ev - er trust your mer - it; Let your bless - ing
Keep me un - der your di - rec - tion That the grace you



Lord con - fess, Teach - es me true ho - li - ness.
lusts de - ny, And the dev - il's hosts de - fy.
me at - tend; From all e - vil me de - fend.
gave to me I may praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711, abr.; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883–1965, alt.

Tune: ACH, WAS SOLL ICH SÜNDER MACHEN (877 877) *Schäffer-Belustigung . . . Hirthen-Lieder*, Altdorf, 1653, alt.

Sermon

Count The Cost Of Following Jesus

Luke 14:25-33

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not

made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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; 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

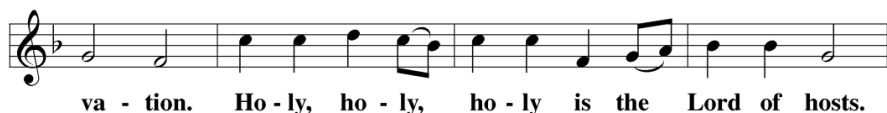
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Be Seated

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith and warns us against the dangers of not understanding what communion is, we practice close communion. WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor before communing. If you would like to learn more about communing with us in the future, please contact pastor.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

I Gave My Life for Thee CW 454

1 I gave my life for thee; My pre - cious
 2 My Fa - ther's home of light, My rain - bow -
 3 I spent long years for thee In wea - ri -
 4 I suf - fered much for thee, More than my
 5 And I have brought to thee Down from my

blood I shed That thou might'st ran - somed be
 cir - cled throne, I left for earth - ly night,
 ness and woe That an e - ter - ni - ty
 tongue may tell, Of bit - t'rest ag - o - ny,
 home a - bove Sal - va - tion full and free,



And quick - ened from the dead. I gave my
 For wan - d' rings sad and lone. I left it
 Of joy thou might - est know. I spent long
 To res - cue thee from hell. I suf - fered
 My par - don and my love. Great gifts I



life for thee; Come, give thy - self to me!
 all for thee; Come now and fol - low me!
 years for thee; Come, spend thy years for me.
 much for thee; Come, bear thy cross with me.
 brought for thee; Come, bring thy gifts to me.

6 Oh, let thy life be spent,
 Thy years for me be giv' n,
 As I for thee was sent
 To bear thee home to heav' n.
 I gave my life for thee;
 Come, give thy life to me.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79, alt.
 Tune: OLD 120TH (66 66 66) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1592.

Stand

Thank The Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

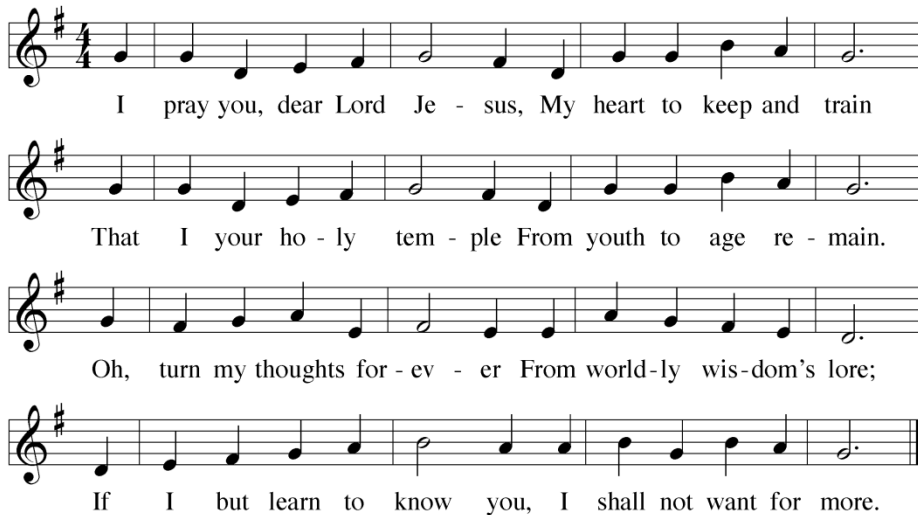
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

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Closing Hymn

I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus CW 510



I pray you, dear Lord Je - sus, My heart to keep and train
That I your ho - ly tem - ple From youth to age re - main.
Oh, turn my thoughts for - ev - er From world - ly wis - dom's lore;
If I but learn to know you, I shall not want for more.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Norman A. Madson, 1886–1962, alt.
Tune: JEG VIL MIG HERREN LOVE (76 76 D) *Koral-Melodier*, 1801.