

Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 12 A

June 21, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church

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Focus on the Season: The Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 12 A

In today's gospel, Jesus gives a brief overview of discipleship: do not be afraid, for I am with you; tell others what you hear me say; give your life to the good news and you will discover the riches of life. This seems simple, yet Christ speaks it in an anxious and troubled world where it's easier to be fearful than courageous, more common to look out for oneself than to care for the neighbor in need. Yet we do not fear, for we are God's in Christ, and so we go and serve.

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Centering and Gathering

Light your candle. **[Start the video by clicking here](#)**; it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: "Children, Blessed of the Lord" (*Ach wie selig*), from *Athalie* Felix Mendelssohn
Ellie Demetrius and Lora Harding-Dundek, soloists; recorded June 17, 2020.

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 796, "How Firm a Foundation"

Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 12 A, June 25, 2017.

Word

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Apostolic greeting is on the video)

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21; reader – John Gidmark, lector

⁸The child Isaac grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the

voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow.

²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

PSALM: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 *Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there.*

Recorded on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

¹ Bow down your ear, O LORD, and ¹ answer me, * for I am poor ¹ and in misery.

² Keep watch over my life, for ¹ I am faithful; * save your servant who ¹ trusts in you.

³ Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you ¹ are my God; * I call upon you all ¹ the day long.

⁴ Gladden the soul ¹ of your servant, * for to you, O Lord, I lift ¹ up my soul.

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good ¹ and forgiving, * and abundant in mercy toward all who ¹ call upon you.

⁶ Give ear, O LORD, ¹ to my prayer, * and attend to the voice of my ¹ supplications.

⁷ In the time of my trouble I will ¹ call upon you, * for you will ¹ answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like ¹ you, O Lord, * nor anything ¹ like your works.

⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship ¹ you, O Lord, * and glori- ¹ fy your name.

¹⁰ For you are great; you do ¹ wondrous things; * and you a- ¹ lone are God.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mer- ¹ cy on me; * give your strength to your servant, and save the child ¹ of your handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ¹ put to shame; * because you, Lord, have helped me and com- ¹ forted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11; reader – assisting minister David Anderson

Paul writes: Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 175, "Alleluia"

Sung before and after the Gospel reading.

Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve, ²⁴ "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him

who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

SERMON

Ishmael

Pr. Joseph Crippen

Silence for reflection

HYMN: ELW 400, “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

Sung at Mount Olive on the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 20 C, August 14, 2016.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, David Anderson, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.*

OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

Sending

LORD’S PRAYER AND BLESSING

The Lord’s Prayer is sung to the setting by Nikolay Kedrov, Sr., edited by D. Cherwien. Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.

*The benediction is on the video. Response: **Amen***

HYMN: ELW 757, “All My Hope on God Is Founded”

Sung at Mount Olive on the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 14 A, July 9, 2017.

DISMISSAL *Someone may lead the dismissal for the others:*

☞ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Praeludium in C Major (BuxMV 137)

Dietrich Buxtehude

Recorded on June 17, 2020.



In Our Prayers

• Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Dan Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Julie Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Victor Gebauer; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Dan & Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, Reba Zumberge, relatives of Nancy Anderson; Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Bill Hatten, Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Nancy Stelling, friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Kinndlee Lund, pastor of King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley, CA, friend of Beth Gaede; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Asher Strong, friend of Gene Janssen; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders and Ann Clark, daughter and friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Mark, Lawanda, and Ramiyah Dean, friends of Matt McCuen & Katie Krueger; Martha & Dennis Johnson, sister and brother-in-law of Rhoda Nelson and aunt and uncle of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Todd Erickson, friend of Jean & Doug Parish; Gloria Johnson, mother of Doug Parish; Becky Steinert, friend of Cynthia Prosek; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Richard Reyer, father of Chuck Reyer; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Scott Kingman, father of Anna Scott; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Levi Boswell, son and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephew, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Becky Groska, Trisha Niemi-Haapoja, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes, Jan Harper (spouse of former Mount Olive vicar, the late Jean Hay); Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.

• **At the death of:** Lydia Wiechman, mother-in-law of Grace Wiechman, and Ellen White, sister of Allen Dundek.

• **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.

• **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.