

COS Sunday Devotional Streaming
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
08/16/20
Prelude Music

Welcome

Good morning, and welcome to our phygital worship here at Christ Our Savior. Today we are concluding a three-week series on Miracles of the Church in Matthew. Many commentators have spoken of “parables of the kingdom,” but in these three weeks, we will be talking about how miracles show God's *priorities* in dealing with the church. Last week, we talked about the *priority of the plan* in Matthew 14 with Jesus’ walking on water. Today we will continue with Jesus' healing of a little girl in unusual circumstances.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession of Sins Spoken Together

Dear heavenly Father, You have promised to embrace all who repent and cry out to You for mercy. So, here we are again, to confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We also have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We know Lord, that we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment, but we ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution Pastor Ely

Dear friends, God is gracious, and He has heard your confession, and because of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross, His death and resurrection, God assures you that your sins are forgiven. As an ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I announce to you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music:

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Altar of Praise Chorale

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Oh God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.
Be Thou our guide while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed. ...

6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

8 The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Epistle Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you

not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? ...

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ...

²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21–28

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Children’s Sermon Pastor Ely

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, 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 whence He shall 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.

Offerings

Offering Music

In the morning, when I rise,
In the morning, when I rise,
In the morning, when I rise,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world,
Just give me Jesus.

When I am alone,
When I am alone,
Oh, when I am alone,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world,
Just give me Jesus.

When I come to die,
When I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world
Just give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world,
You can have all this world,
You can have all this world,
Just give me Jesus.

Prayers of the Congregation

Give Me Jesus, Jeremy Camp

The 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.

Music:

Cornerstone, Hillsong

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name. (Repeat)

Chorus: Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm,
He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus 2x

Meditation: "The Priority of Protection" Pastor Ed Giese

Prayer and Benediction

Virtual Sharing of the Peace

Final Music:

You Never Let Go, Matt Redman

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear.
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back; I know You are near.

Bridge: And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me,
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus: O no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm.
O no, You never let go
In every high and every low,
O no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth.

Bridge
Chorus

Yes, I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You (Repeat)

Chorus

Chat Time