

COS Sunday Devotional Streaming
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Prelude Music

Welcome

Good morning, and welcome to Christ Our Savior's Phygital worship! Whether you are worshiping in person, through Zoom, or listening in on mixlr.com, we hope that you have a great morning in the Lord!

Matthew's gospel emphasizes "the Kingdom of God" as one of its major themes. This kingdom, though, is more than that. Just like the kingdom of Israel, the kingdom of God is also one big family. Matthew draws from the experiences and lessons of family life also to illustrate what life in the kingdom is like. During this series, we are looking at **Family Life in God's Kingdom** from five different angles. This week, we look at *family issues*. Different families have different styles, but every family has issues, including of course the family of God. There are also different strategies for dealing with issues, and some of them are not very healthy. Do we ignore trouble, or insist on our own way, or act passively? Jesus shows us how the Christian family differs from all others.

Invocation

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

Confession of Sins

Spoken Together

Dear Father in Heaven, forgive me for my weakness in embracing your plan. I am happy when I hear of Your will for my life and Your salvation. But I often pull back when you tell me that this means pain and struggle in the short term. Or, I get bored with a dull task and turn aside to pursue empty pleasures. Forgive my shallow faith, and build me up by Your Holy Spirit to get behind Your Son and follow. In His name. Amen.

Absolution

Jesus says, "if you want to come after me, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me." But He has led the way, going alone when he needed to, and died for all your sins, putting them to shame on the cross so that you might live without shame. Because that work is accomplished, you can rest secure as a child of God, a member of God's own family by adoption. For this reason, listen to my words as a servant of that word, and know that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music - *My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Dallas Christian Choir*

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

Old Testament Reading - *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

Epistle Reading - *Romans 12:9-21*

9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” 20 To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading - *Matthew 16:21-28*

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” 23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. 28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Children’s Sermon – Pastor Ed

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 thence 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.

Ed:

- Thank you for offerings
- Midweek Bible Study
- Prayer Concerns
- Invite a friend

Offering Music - *Your Name; Phillips, Craig and Dean*

As morning dawns and evening fades,
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name.

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower,
Your Name is a shelter like no other,
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name.

Jesus, in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name.

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Your Name, let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your Name.

Prayers of the Congregation

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 - *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Cambridge Singers*

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down.
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Meditation

Family Issues in the Family of God – Pastor Ely

Prayer and Benediction

Virtual Sharing of the Peace

Final Music - *Mighty to Save, Laura Story*

Everyone needs compassion,
A love that's never failing,
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior,
The hope of nations.

Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation;
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures,
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in;
Now I surrender
Yes, I surrender.

Chorus

Shine your light and let the whole world see
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Chat Time