

COS Sunday Devotional Streaming
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Prelude Music

Welcome

Good morning, and welcome to Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, in San Antonio, Texas. Whether you are worshiping in person, through Zoom, or listening in on mixlr.com, we hope and pray that you have a blessed Sunday in the Lord Jesus!

Today we continue our five-week series on **Authority** in **Matthew's gospel**. It's important to understand authority, because without it, we will never reach anyone with the gospel, nor are we likely to take God as seriously as we ought to. There are different kinds of authority, and each of them has its own problems. Today we look at **social** authority. Most of us will go to great lengths to avoid being considered "bad" by most of the people we know. It can be good, but it isn't always enough. Jesus' parable today shows us one reason why.

Invocation

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

Confession of Sins Spoken Together

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, and pray together to our heavenly Father.

O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

Absolution

The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn - O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Sword of the Spirit Worship

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing / My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, / The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, / Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, / The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, / That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, / 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; / He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; / His blood avails for me.

Look unto Him, ye nations; own / Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, / Be justified by grace.

He speaks, and, list'ning to His voice, / New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, / The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, / Your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come, / And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Epistle Reading – Philippians 4:4-13

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:1-14

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that

place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

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 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.

Brief Announcements

Offertory - These Things, Ross King

Those things that keep me from the truth / Leading me far away from You,
They are dark, and cold, / And still I find that I am holding on, holding on

To those things keep me standing still / Binding me here against Your will.
But I am sure that life is more than quietly surrendering / To all those things.

So whatever is true, whatever is noble / Whatever is right, and pure and full of love,
If it is worthy of praise, and worthy of You, / I will think about these things.

Those things, I wear them like a mask
Blinding, until the chance has passed.
But You are light to me,
A lamp unto my feet to guide my way,
And I can hear You say,

That whatever is true, whatever is noble
Whatever is right, and pure and full of love,
If it is worthy of praise, and worthy of You,
I will think about whatever is true, whatever is noble
Whatever is right, and pure and full of love,
If it is worthy of praise, and worthy of You,
I will think about these things,
I will think about these things,
Help me think about these things.

Prayer 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.

Sermon Song - Ancient of Days, Shane and Shane

Blessing and honor, glory and power / Be unto the Ancient of Days,
From every nation, all of creation, / Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in heaven and earth / Shall declare Your glory.
Every knee shall bow at Your throne / In worship.
You will be exalted, oh God, / And Your kingdom shall not pass away,
Oh Ancient of Days.

Blessing and honor, glory and power / Be unto the Ancient of Days,
From every nation, all of creation, / Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in heaven and earth / Shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne / In worship
You will be exalted, oh God / And Your kingdom shall not pass away
Oh Ancient of Days / Oh Ancient of Days

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth.
Sing unto the Ancient of Days!
For none shall compare to Your matchless worth.
Sing unto the Ancient of Days!
Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth.
Sing unto the Ancient of Days!
For none can compare to Your matchless worth.
Sing unto the Ancient of Days!

Every tongue in heaven and earth / Shall declare Your glory.
Every knee shall bow at Your throne / In worship.
You will be exalted, oh God, / And Your kingdom shall not pass away,
Oh Ancient of Days, / Oh Ancient of Days,

Oh the Ancient of Days.

Meditation – “*Social Authority and the Insanity of Distraction*” – Pastor Ed

Prayer and Benediction

Virtual Sharing of the Peace

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross, Concordia University Schola Cantorum

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Raise us and let Your cross the magnet be. [Refrain]

So shall our song of triumph ever be;
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

Chat Time