

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 2023

God created us in His image. He gave us a spirit which cries for Him. Only in God do we find fulfillment and meaning. What happens if God is removed from the picture? When our spirit reaches out, what will we grab onto if God has been excused? This is the question we've been asking these past few weeks. Today we'll consider what happens when we turn our work into a god.

...Pastor Jason Cashmer

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

With the Lord Begin Your Task

Brass Ensemble

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

The Well

Praise Band

THE OPENING HYMN

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

With the Lord Begin Your Task

LSB #869

1. With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, and when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; be to Him commended.
2. Let each day begin with prayer, praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, with His presence cheer you.
5. Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task be to You commended'
May Your will be done, I ask, until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done to Your praise forever.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Even So, Come

All of creation, all of the earth, make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.
Jesus is coming soon.
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint. Let every nation shout of Your fame.
Jesus is coming soon.

*Chorus: Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church, ready for You,
Every heart longing for our King, we sing
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come!*

There will be justice, all will be new, Your name forever, faithful and true,
Jesus is coming soon. *Chorus*

Bridge: So we wait, we wait for You. God, we wait, You're coming soon
So we wait, we wait for You, God, we wait, You're coming soon.
Chorus twice, ending with:
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS (From Psalm 25)

P: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

P: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;

C: for You I wait all the day long.

P: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,

C: for they have been from of old.

P: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

*C: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O
LORD!*

P: For Your name's sake, O Lord,

C: pardon my guilt, for it is great.

P: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

C: Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.

(Time of silence for individual confession)

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SONG RESPONSE

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God

Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the World

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords,

The Way, the Truth and the Life, Mighty Creator, my Savior and Friend.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 18:25-32
Philippians 2:5-13
Matthew 21:23-27

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 will 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.

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUIT GIVING

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Brass Ensemble

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Scars in Heaven

Praise Band

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR *All services*

Distribution Hymns

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB #851

1. Lord of glory, You have bought us with Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil with Your own unsparing hand.
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.
3. Wondrous honor You have given to our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, that You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4. Lord of glory, You have bought us with Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew.

Be Thou My Vision

Brown Hymnal #468

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within,
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

*Chorus: O come to the altar. The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today, there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.
From the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling. *Chorus*

Bridge: O what a Savior! Isn't He wonderful? Sing alleluia! Christ is risen!
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all.
Sing alleluia! Christ is risen! *Chorus, ending with:*
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown,
Tell the world of the treasure you found.

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON HYMN

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB #783

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
5. Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets,
To look upon the One who bled to save me and walk with Him for all eternity.

*Chorus 1: There will be a day when all will bow before Him,
There will be a day when death will be no more,
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again,
Holy, holy is the Lord*

And every prayer we prayed in desperation,
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear,
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it when He returns to wipe away our tears.

And on that day, we join the resurrection and stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain."
And on that day, we join the resurrection and stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain."
Forever He shall reign."

*Chorus 2: So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord; Holy, holy is the Lord;
Holy, holy is the Lord*

THE SERMON

Pastor Jason Cashmer

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

LSB #644

1. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

4. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
 O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
 That we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.

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ALMS OFFERING *Our regular Alms offering will be collected after all services at the door. These funds go to help the needy in our congregation. Thank you for your generosity.*

| <i>Adult Bible Classes</i> | | |
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| Saturday 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | West Gallery |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | Trenton Rd Gym |

ATTENDANCE REGISTER – Members and visitors please be sure to sign the attendance book at the end of your pew and pass it down. Also, don't forget to sign in your children, even if they're in the nursery. When the last person signs the book, please pass it back.

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| Next Weekend at CTK | October 7 and 8, 2023 |
| Preaching: | Vicar PJ Brooks |
| Music: | Praise Band |

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Ezekiel 18:25-32

²⁵ “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die.

²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰ “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

Philippians 2:5-13

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality

with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-27

²³ And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he

will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.