

Jesus is Better

“Remember Your Leaders”

August 6, 2023

As We Gather

As we come to the concluding chapter of this letter, the writer turns his attention to offering practical guidance in living the Christian life. We are followers of Jesus; therefore, how should we live?

Today’s focus is on remembering our spiritual leaders. The text encourages us to imitate them and have confidence in them that their service might be a joy. Why is this important? What does this mean for spiritual leaders? What does it mean for those being led?

Welcome

+ Gathering +

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” LSB 827

1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting--
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?

2 Some take up His task in morning,
To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting.
Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
That God’s Word so richly yields.

3 For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.

4 Hearken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered
Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

“King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting
without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory majesty
Praise for ever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

Prayer

+ Service of the Word +

First Reading: Psalm 134

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD
who minister by night in the house of the LORD.

² Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the LORD.

³ May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:7-8, 17-19

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. ¹⁸ Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹ I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ!

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.

Sermon

"Remember Your Leaders"

Blessing of Ellen Burmester as she enters retirement

Offering

"Build My Life"

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever
breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever
breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me
who
You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around
me

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the chat.

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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Jon, Emma, & James Keyes
Ryan, Amanda, Ronni, & Finnli Proctor
Cory, Katie, & Vince Wagner

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

People: **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.**

Benediction

“How Firm a Foundation” LSB 728

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the
Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has
said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not
dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you
to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for
repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor

to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway
will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to
refine.

5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people
will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples
adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be
borne."

Offering

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Memory Verse for This Week

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Hebrews 13:7

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