

Joining Jesus on His Mission

PART 4 (Oct 4) *"Seeking What's Already Happening"*

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow.

People: They neither toil nor spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Pastor: Do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?'

People: For your Heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

Pastor: Open your eyes to see the unseen reality of His kingdom all around you!

People: The chariots of the Lord surround us; His presence is closer than we think.

Pastor: Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

People: And all these things will be added to you. Let us seek what our King is already doing!

Pastor: Show us how to take up the cross daily to follow You on Your mission.

People: May You begin with me!

Hymn

"Sing to the King" (Joey Witham)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: O Lord, our vision is often clouded by our own anxieties and daily to-do lists.

People: Help us slow down and seek Your active presence in our daily lives.

Pastor: Open our spiritual eyes to see what You are already doing in the hearts of those around us,

People: so we can step in and encourage them and point them to Jesus.

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: 2 Kings 6:15–17

¹⁵When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that

he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

New Testament: Philippians 4:4–9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, 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. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Matthew 6:25–34

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Creed: Nicene

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into

heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"Only a Holy God" (The Worship Initiative)

Message

Time of Dedication & Offering – 2027 TTT Forms are presented to the Lord

"Take My Life" (Norton Hall Band)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"You Set a Table" (Kip Fox)

"Seek Ye First" (LSB712)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

“What Is the World to Me” (LSB730)

What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest
What is the world to me!

The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
What is the world to me!

The world seek after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!

What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.

Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

“When Peace, like a River” (LSB763:1,3-4)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.