Joining Jesus on His Mission

PART 6 (Oct 18) *"What Will Your Story Be?"*

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

People: And with all your strength and with all your mind!

Pastor: And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

People: For God has first loved us with an everlasting, sacrificial love.

Pastor: But who is our neighbor? Is it only the one who looks like us and thinks like us?

People: Our neighbor is anyone whom God places in our path who stands in need of mercy.

Pastor: Jesus calls us to stop hiding behind our religious excuses and cross the road to help.

People: Let us worship the God of mercy, and ask Him to write a story of love through our lives!

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

People: May You begin with me!

Hymn

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (LSB660:1,3-4)

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming,
Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Merciful God, You crossed the greatest distance to rescue us when we were broken and helpless.

People: You came from heaven to earth, from the cross to the grave;

Pastor: On a mission to rescue us.

People: Send us out to cross the small distances in our neighborhoods.

Pastor: Help us write stories of mercy and compassion

People: Stories of grace and authentic friendship with those who think, live, or believe differently than we do;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Leviticus 19:9–18

9 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge,
neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. 10 And you shall not strip your
vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave
them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. 11 You shall not steal; you
shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear by my name
falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. 13 You shall not oppress your
neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the
morning. 14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall
fear your God: I am the Lord. 15 You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the
poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not
go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of
your neighbor: I am the Lord. 17 You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall
reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take
vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your
neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

New Testament: 1 John 4:7–12

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of
God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.
9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the
world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that
he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God
abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Gospel: Luke 10:25–37

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to
inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"
27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And
he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." 29 But he, desiring to
justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going
down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him
and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and
when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the
place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to
where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his
wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an
inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the
innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I
come back.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell
among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him,
"You go, and do likewise."

Creed: Apostle's

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. On 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.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day
"To Love" (Kip Fox)

Message

Offering
"I Need Thee Every Hour" (The Worship Initiative)

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
"There Is a Fountain" (Aaron Shust)

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (LSB740)
I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

"I'm But a Stranger Here" (LSB748)
I'm but a stranger here,
Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear,
Heav'n is my home;
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on ev'ry hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

What though the tempest rage,
Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be over past;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav'n is my home.

Therefore I murmur not,
Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot,
Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand.
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song
"In Christ Alone" (Kristian Stanfill)

Sending
P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God. Amen.