

King of Glory Lutheran Church, Boise, Idaho  
Ninth Sunday of Pentecost  
July 30th, 2023

# *The Consequences*

## OF OUR ACTIONS

### GATHERING

#### Prelude

#### Welcome

We start worship understanding that we are here to learn about our Creator, God, and to give thanks for our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and to acknowledge the Holy Spirit who we ask to be among us now. **AMEN**

We welcome those in our balcony watching by Live Stream or a recording. You are important to us and you are a wonderful part of our worship experience.

Please know that you may want to gather a few items for worship, a bulletin from our website, [KOGlutheran.org](http://KOGlutheran.org) or a lit candle or some celebratory food like wine/juice and some bread, etc for communion later on in this service. We are grateful that you are worshipping with us.

#### Announcements

### **Confession**

Leader: Speaking to God about our stumbles in life is difficult. This congregation has made a place during worship to confess to God together. We all make mistakes. We may strive to be perfect, but that is not something that we are able to accomplish. We are grateful to have a loving God who listens to our confessions and gives us forgiveness.

*(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

**All: O Holy One who is filled with light and love, we try each day to keep your commandments. We find ourselves making mistakes. This doesn't mean that we are failures, but that at times we fail in our goals to love you and to love our neighbors. Help us to let go of guilt and shame. "Help us to take failing, not as a measure of our worth, but as a chance for a new start." We turn our mistakes over to you and ask that you forgive us. In Jesus name we pray. AMEN** *(CWE and the Book of Common Prayer)*

Leader: Jesus told us that we are to forgive seventy times seven. We are forgiven each time that we ask. Thank you, God for your healing power of forgiveness. This lifts us out of our shame and guilt. Help us now to forgive ourselves. In Jesus name we pray. **AMEN** *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

**Gathering Hymn** - ELW 523 "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

### **Pastoral Greeting**

This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad that Jesus died for our sins and that we have been blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Holy and everlasting God, we wonder if you are constantly frustrated at us humans. We sometimes immediately respond to another's jab at us with words we are surprised that we spoke them out loud. We make decisions without looking at how our words or actions are affecting other people. We don't stop and look at our decision from many angles to see how our words and actions can have consequences for ourselves and others.

Help us to pause and slow down. Help us to lean on you and your guidance. In your name we pray, **AMEN.**

**Hymn of Praise** - ELW 875 Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord *(2 times)*

## Judges 11:1-11, 29-40

Now Jephthah the Gileadite, the son of a prostitute, was a mighty warrior. Gilead was the father of Jephthah. <sup>2</sup> Gilead's wife also bore him sons, and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah away, saying to him, "You shall not inherit anything in our father's house, for you are the son of another woman." <sup>3</sup> Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. Outlaws gathered around Jephthah and went raiding with him.

<sup>4</sup> After a time the Ammonites made war against Israel. <sup>5</sup> And when the Ammonites made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah from the land of Tob. <sup>6</sup> They said to Jephthah, "Come and be our commander, so that we may fight with the Ammonites." <sup>7</sup> But Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "Are you not the very ones who rejected me and drove me out of my father's house? So why do you come to me now when you are in trouble?" <sup>8</sup> The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "Nevertheless, we have now turned back to you, so that you may go with us and fight with the Ammonites and become head over us, over all the inhabitants of Gilead." <sup>9</sup> Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If you bring me home again to fight with the Ammonites and the LORD gives them over to me, I will be your head." <sup>10</sup> And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "The LORD will be witness between us; we will surely do as you say." <sup>11</sup> So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and commander over them, and Jephthah spoke all his words before the LORD at Mizpah. <sup>29</sup> Then the spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh. He passed on to Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed on to the Ammonites. <sup>30</sup> And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, <sup>31</sup> then whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return victorious from the Ammonites, shall be the LORD's, to be offered up by me as a burnt offering." <sup>32</sup> So Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them, and the LORD gave them into his hand. <sup>33</sup> He inflicted a massive defeat on them from Aroer to the neighborhood of Minnith, twenty towns, and as far as Abel-keramim. So the Ammonites were subdued before the Israelites. <sup>34</sup> Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah, and there was his daughter coming out to meet him with timbrels and with dancing. She was his only child; he had no son or daughter except her. <sup>35</sup> When he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low; you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my mouth to the LORD, and I cannot take back my vow." <sup>36</sup> She said to him, "My father, if you have opened your mouth to the LORD, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, now that the LORD has given you vengeance against

your enemies, the Ammonites.”<sup>37</sup> And she said to her father, “Let this thing be done for me: grant me two months, so that I may go and wander<sup>l</sup> on the mountains and bewail my virginity, my companions and I.”<sup>38</sup> “Go,” he said, and he sent her away for two months. So, she departed, she and her companions, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains.<sup>39</sup> At the end of two months, she returned to her father, who did with her according to the vow he had made. She had never slept with a man. So there arose an Israelite custom that<sup>40</sup> for four days every year the daughters of Israel would go out to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.

### **Psalm 119:129-136**

<sup>129</sup>Your de- | crees are wonderful;  
 therefore I obey them with | all my heart.  
<sup>130</sup>**When your word is opened | it gives light;  
 it gives understanding | to the simple.**  
<sup>131</sup>I open my | mouth and pant  
 because I long for | your commandments.  
<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,  
 as you always do to those who | love your name.**  
<sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps | in your word;  
 let no iniquity have dominion | over me.  
<sup>134</sup>**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,  
 and I will keep | your commandments.**  
<sup>135</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant  
 and teach | me your statutes.  
<sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed | streams of tears,  
 because people do not | keep your teaching.**

### **Romans 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.<sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

<sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.<sup>30</sup> And those whom he

predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation** - ELW 860 I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (*verses 1 & 3*)

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." <sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Kids Sermon**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW 709 When Our Song Says Peace *(all 3 verses)*

#### **Statement of Faith** - Gloria Dei

We believe that the way we treat one another is the fullest expression of how we live out our faith.

We find our approach to God to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ who is our model for living and we recognize the faithfulness of other paths which may also lead people to an experience of God.

We stand in God's grace and we live that grace in our attitudes and actions toward one another.

We understand the church as a community of people, who together make up the body of Christ as we strive to serve the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of others.

We are inclusive, as Christ was, and welcome all people seeking a closer relationship with God.

We believe that the questions are as important as the answers, that living the mystery is a more sacred position than church dogma and doctrine, and we strive to "love all, serve all, in Jesus' name" as we proclaim our mystery of faith that:

Christ died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

by [ProgressiveChristianity.org](http://ProgressiveChristianity.org) on May 24, 2013

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#### **Intercessory Prayers**

Jesus, you are the prince of peace and we look to you for guidance to bring healing to our world. Our world is violent and at times it seems like we each individually cannot do much to change it. Give us the courage and bravery to join with others who are worried about our children and grandchildren and all those who come after us. Provide us resources to be true peacemakers. Send your Holy Spirit to bind the wounds of those in pain. We ask you to help us create a world of peace.

Gracious God, heal those who are hurting from gun violence, relationship violence and cruelty. Provide us with tools to bridge our divides and create peace in a troubled land.

Sacred Healer, we place in your hands the people and situations who we know need your care and healing. *(pause)* We turn all our concerns over to Jesus. **AMEN**

*(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

**Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offering****Offering Prayer**

We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful, cheerful hearts.

Thank you that you meet our needs on the journey, providing what we need when we need it. Trusting you, we can share what we have with others, and we do this joyfully, together, today, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.** (*Carol Penner, leadinginworship.com*)

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

This story begins long ago when God created the heavens and the earth and all that lives on the earth. God created and is still creating plants, animals and humans. God communicates to us through the gift of the sun rising each day, colorful plants and forests, animals that roam the earth, through people and our interactions with them and finally through the setting of the sun.

The story of God has been thousands of years in the making. One of God's powerful moments was sending to us a baby named Jesus. Jesus lived, ate, healed, taught, forgave and loved. He died on a cross for each of us. But the story continues after he was resurrected and gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit. (*Connie Winter-Eulberg*)

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "take and eat, this is my body given for you. After supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Drink this and remember me."

Pastor: When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life. (*Flames of the Spirit, pg. 103*)

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### Notre Pere

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
Que ton règne vienne,  
Que ta volonté soit faite  
sur la terre comme au ciel.  
Donne-nous aujourd'hui  
notre pain de ce jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses  
comme nous pardonnons aussi  
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.  
Et ne nous laisses  
pas entrer en tentation,  
mais délivre-nous du mal.  
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le  
règne,  
la puissance  
et la gloire,  
aux siècles des siècles. AMEN**



### Communion

**Invitation to Table:** All are invited to receive the bread and wine/juice. Jesus welcomed all. Jesus said, "Take and eat. Take and drink."

For those on Livestream and those with us by viewing the recording, take whatever bread/cracker and wine/juice that you have. Take and eat, this is the gift Jesus gave you. Take and drink, this is the cup of salvation.

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, his love for all of God's people and the compassion of the Holy Spirit keep you in God's grace. **AMEN**

### Prayer after Communion

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose, enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, who was truly whole. **AMEN** (*Ruth Duck, "Bread for the Journey" pg. 61*)

### Benediction

As you go, listen to the invitation of Jesus to move

- from comfort to being uncomfortable
- from what we know to what we have yet to discover
- from where we have been to where we have yet to go
- from safety to a place of risk

Go like the Israelites with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

Go as Sarah and Abraham left to go where God led them.

Go like Paul who preached, taught and healed in foreign lands,

Go in the name of Jesus who said, "follow me" without saying where he was going.

Know that as you go on your way the peace of Jesus will be with you and you will be transformed by God. **AMEN** (*CWE and the UCC Northwest Ohio Association for Faith Formation.*)

**Sending Hymn** – ELW 535 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

### Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Go in peace to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### A Moment with Bishop Elect Meggan Manlove

### Postlude