



Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

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Next Parish Council Meeting

Sep. 29, 6:30 p.m.



In Word – Of Priests and Presbyters

During biblical times, the Hebrew high priest had a specific function that set him apart from everyone else. He was the only person who could approach the presence of God within the holiest area of the Tabernacle or Temple on the Day of Atonement on behalf of the Israelites to defer the punishment for their sins. No one else was allowed to enter that area under penalty of death (by God himself, not human punishment).

To reinforce the separation of the sinful Israelites from their holy God, a curtain measuring 60' high by 40' wide and 18" thick blocked the entry into the Holy of Holies.

Grain and animal offerings were brought to the priests as sacrifices for various types of sins or for fellowship. The priests offered the sacrifices as mediators between the Israelites and God.

Jesus' crucifixion was the ultimate sacrifice for a permanent redemption of sin; the animal sacrifices had to be renewed each year. The sufficiency of that sacrifice was demonstrated by the sign coinciding with his death, as described in Mark's Gospel:

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. — Mark 15:37–38 (NRSV)

There was no longer any barrier between the people and God. Jesus had bridged the gap caused by our sin.

Because of that one sufficient sacrifice, given once for all time, there is no need for continued animal or grain sacrifices — and the destruction of the Temple in AD 70 has illustrated that aspect. Likewise, there is no need for priests.

Christian clergy use the term, but, quite frankly, it seems to be a misnomer. The Greek term used to describe elders in the assembly, or community of believers, is *presbyter* (from

which we get Presbyterian). The role and responsibilities of presbyters is quite different from those of the biblical priests.

Jesus, by offering that single, sufficient sacrifice is the last, and greatest, high priest. Because he is from the spiritual line of Melchizedek instead of the human line of Aaron, his priesthood is forever and a higher level.

The author of Hebrews describes it (and I highly recommend reading the entire book, not just the Sunday highlights).

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. — Hebrews 4:12–16

The passage begins with *indeed* (or *for*, depending on your translation), which indicates the sentence is about to emphasize the point the author just made. In the previous verse, he tells about Jesus resting in Heaven with God the Father, in an eternal state of peace that we can enjoy through obedience to him as a disciple of Jesus.

Eternal Sabbath rest with Jesus and our Heavenly Father awaits us after this life, so we make every effort to be obedient to God's will as shown to us in the Bible. God's word has two effects: It shows us how God wants us to behave, and by doing so also shows us where we fall short. Like a double-edged knife it has a dual application. And *knife* or *dagger* is a more accurate description instead of *sword*, because we picture swords as a 3-foot long blade used by pirates and swashbucklers. But the word used

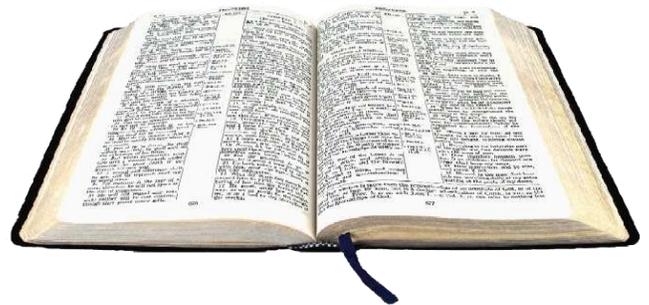
here is the same one as in Acts 16:27 to describe what the jailer planned to use to kill himself when he thought Paul and the other prisoners had escaped. It's also what Jesus tells his disciples to bring, along with a knapsack and money bag, in Luke 22:36. They were the 12 disciples, not the 12 Musketeers. The Roman soldiers would not let Jews walk around with broadswords or sabers strapped to their hips. Daggers, however, are more easily concealed.

Additionally, if you've ever separated chicken parts at a barbecue, you most likely used a large knife rather than a rapier. The Gospel reaches deep inside us, where soul and spirit meet, just as a carving knife reaches deep within a Thanksgiving turkey to where the joints and bones are.

When we read God's word, the Holy Spirit shows us what we've done wrong. Despite our efforts to the contrary, there are no loopholes to be found. It cuts right to our hearts, and we realize we need a savior, because we have fallen so shy of God's expectations. Yet because of the sacrifice made on our behalf by our great high priest we are able to enter into peace with God.

And that is good news indeed.

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Austin



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Season after Pentecost Sunday's Lessons

1st Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm: 90:12-17

2nd Reading: Heb 4:12-16

Gospel: Mark 10:17-3



Please note:
The deadline for newsletter
submission is 9 a.m.
Wednesday. Thank you.

CTR Prayer Project

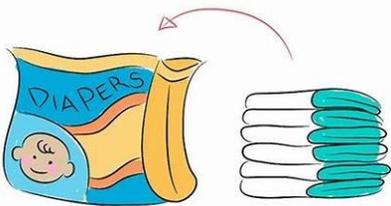
The Lord proclaims: Cursed are those who trust in mere humans, who depend on human strength and turn their hearts from the Lord... Happy are those who trust in the Lord, who rely on the Lord. — Jeremiah 17:5, 7



Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open their hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Carrie Ruse, Al Manning, Dale, Scotty Haskell, Julie Corral, Bill and Judy Fletcher, Zachary Kircher, Katy Mize, Lina, Bruno Hildebrandt, Kara, Eric, Ella & Timothy, Gerry Pyper, Sandra Pyper, Steven Fischer, Ann Traverso, Neil, Pat Galloway, Dorothy Green, Denise, Connie, Sue, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Kim Henehan, Kathy Watson, Jim and Wendy Music, Maureen Light, Tim Harris, Emily Carlisi, Stan Watowich, Lety, and Linda.

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Diaper Drive

We are collecting diapers all this month to help moms and babies in these difficult economic times through New Life Ministries. The biggest need is for sizes 4, 5, and 6. You can bring them to church on Sunday. For more information call Ann Traverso at 928-287-7668.

If we had read this passage in 2018, we likely would have thought to ourselves, “I don’t have to worry about being cursed. I’m trusting and relying on the Lord, not on other humans.” That was BEFORE the pandemic. Are we still trusting in the Lord and relying fully on Him? Several years ago, I led a high school VBS program, and we were the FROGS. The theme of the program was Fully Rely on God---F R O G. We talked about all the ways in our daily lives that we can practice fully relying on God: Beginning our day with prayer and turning the day over to the Lord; reading our Bibles daily, to see what message God wanted us to pick up on; serving God in some way each day—whether it be making a new friend, running an errand for someone without transportation, taking a meal to a sick neighbor, or the like; forgiving someone with God’s help whom we might otherwise not be able to forgive; trusting God to help us meet our financial obligations; or reconciling with someone we have become estranged with. In 2019 and 2020, this idea of trusting in the Lord and relying on Him became harder for us, didn’t it? We faced a pandemic like few in the world had ever faced before. And this one was not only killing people, but the symptoms didn’t appear for 10-14 days, so you didn’t know if you had it or didn’t have it. There was no nationwide testing in the beginning, and once testing began, false positives made its reliability questionable. We experienced a Presidential Election that was unlike any we had experienced previously, mostly because election laws were changed at the last minute to accommodate the pandemic. We turned to the nightly news to learn what we should be doing and how we should be dealing with this strange intruder. And we depended on the government to provide everything the states were lacking: respirators, hospital beds, masks, testing

equipment, and ultimately, vaccines. But the more we depended on the government for these things, the less we depended on our Sovereign God. The more we focused on Wuhan, the less we focused on our Savior. The more we listened to CNN, MSNBC, or FOX, the less we listened to the Holy Spirit. Now, reread Jeremiah 17:5 and 7, and ask yourself, “Whom do I trust? On whom am I relying? And look around at the world today? Does it appear to be cursed? Do you want to be happy again? The solution lies in these short, prophetic verses in the Book of the Weeping Prophet, Jeremiah.

Praying in One Accord When we pray in one accord with the prophetic words of Almighty God, we find we are able to not only recognize God’s hand at work in the world, but also to face any hardships He may be calling on us to endure.

Accord Prayer Lord Christ when adversity strikes, help us remember not to ask You “WHY?” but “WHAT?” “What do YOU want me to learn from this adversity?” Then help us remember to ask in Your precious Name. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Heavenly Father, thank You for speaking to our hearts through the Old Testament prophets. Thank You for making their words, written so long ago, applicable to the events of today. Amen.

A Rich Young Man (Mark 10:17-31)

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HOUSE	JESUS	KINGDOM
LAST	LEFT	LIFE
LOOKED	MANY	MOTHER
POSSESS	SAID	SETTING
SISTERS	TEACHER	THING

Mark Your
CALENDAR 

Sunday, Oct 10
11:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, Oct 12
6:30 a.m. Bible Study (Matthew)
6:30 p.m. Grief Share

Wednesday, Oct 13
2 p.m. Bible Study (1 John)
5:30 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, Oct 17
11:30 a.m. Worship Service