

Great Is God's Faithfulness

21st Sunday After Pentecost
October 9, 2022 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

Ruth is faithful in her commitment to care for her mother-in-law Naomi. One of the ten men set free from leprosy responds faithfully to Jesus' healing by returning to give Him thanks. These examples of faithfulness are excellent examples for us to follow. But still we struggle to be faithful in all our ways.

What a blessing to hear our Lord's gracious promise that no matter what we may do or not do, He will always remain faithful to us!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE SING

"Your Grace Is Enough"

Matt Maher

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS CONTINUES THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: The Lord is good and His love endures forever;

C: His faithfulness continues through all generations. (Ps. 100:5)

P: His compassions never fail. They are new every morning;

C: Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord! (Lamentations 3:22-23)

P: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to Your name, O Most High,

C: To proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night. (Ps. 92:1-2)

P: The Lord is good and His love endures forever;

C: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

WE SING

"You Never Let Go"

Redman

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 1:1-19a

Trusting God's faithful care for her, Ruth reflects that faithfulness by staying at Naomi's side.

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ²The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶When she heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of His people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. ⁹May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them and they wept aloud ¹⁰and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."
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¹¹But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands?" ¹²Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—¹³would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has gone out against me!"

¹⁴At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." ¹⁸When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Jesus remains faithful to us, even when we are not fully faithful.

¹You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. ³Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. ⁵Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with Him, we will also live with Him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with Him. If we disown Him, He will also disown us; ¹³if we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for He cannot disown Himself.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus faithfully ministered even to those who would fail to give a faithful response of thanks.

¹¹Now on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As He was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met Him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴When He saw them, He said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then He said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

KIDS' TIME

DCE Liz Peters

MESSAGE

"God Remains Faithful"
(2 Timothy 2:13 & Today's Readings)

Pastor Aaron Asmus

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

P: We confess our sinfulness before our Lord:

C: Dear Lord God, forgive us for not being fully faithful to You. Forgive us for leaving our hearts and minds open to the influences of a world that does not acknowledge You as the Lord. We allow ourselves to stray from Your ways and fail to hold one another accountable as well. For the sake of our Savior Jesus who was fully faithful in His work to win salvation for us, forgive our sins. Renew our hearts and minds that we might faithfully follow Your ways with steadfast faith. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

WE PROFESS OUR FAITH -- APOSTLES' CREED

WE SHARE IN OUR LORD'S SUPPER

PREPARATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF OUR LORD'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD

WE SING

"Who Am I?"

Mark Hall

"Goodness Of God"

Jenn Johnson

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

OUR OFFERINGS - *God's faithfulness empowers us to a faithful response in using all of God's gifts in life to share His saving name with all people.*

WE SING

"Good God Almighty"

Ben Glover | David Crowder | Jeff Sojka

CLOSING BLESSING