

Pastor's Bible Class

July 7, 2024

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 9

Hymn #465 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!” Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru - ly
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!” Al - le -
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -
say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Al - le -
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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Read Ezekiel 2:1-5

1. God addresses Ezekiel with the title, "Son of man." How does the meaning of this phrase in Ezekiel differ from the way Jesus use it throughout the Gospels to describe Himself? See Daniel 7:13 and Matthew 25:31.
2. What is the setting for the divine commission given to Ezekiel in today's reading? See Ezekiel 1:1-3.
3. What prophetic task does God give Ezekiel in verses 3-5?

Read Mark 6:1-13

4. Where had Jesus been and what had Jesus done just prior to today's reading? See Mark 5:21-42.
5. Why were the people in verse 2 astonished?
6. What compounds their astonishment and to what does this lead? See verse 3.
7. How is the statement of Jesus in verse 4 a commentary on the Old Testament prophetic office? See Ezekiel 2:5.
8. About verses 5-6, Harold Buls writes, "Unbelief is an amazing thing. It's...like cutting off the limb behind you, like preferring the darkness to light. And if the Son of man was amazed at unbelief, is it any wonder that we do the same thing? But the "impossibility" noted in verse 5 was not the fault of Jesus but the sin of the people. Unbelief makes it impossible for God to give." What is faith and how does it work to receive God's gifts?
9. When Jesus sends the 12 "out two by two" what authority does He give them?
10. How is this sending a foreshadowing of the Great Commission and the work of the Apostles in the early Church?

Devotional Thought (The Lutheran Study Bible)

Two very different astonishments stand side by side: Jesus' teachings amaze His hometown neighbors; yet their close-minded hard-heartedness leaves Jesus amazed. We see similar contrasts today as people experience so much goodness from God and yet remain unthankful and unbelieving. But Jesus did not retaliate or write people off, even when they scornfully dismissed Him. He took the world's rejection and through His sacrificial death, reconciled all people to God (TLSB, 1666).

Prayer

Lord, give us eyes to recognize You, ears to receive Your Word, and hearts to receive Your promises. By Your grace, bring us to the fullness of Your glory in heaven. Amen.