

Lessons for The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2017

Psalm 91:1–16 [*Antiphon: Ps. 91:1*]

Jeremiah 20:7-13 ~ *Jeremiah had to proclaim God's destruction in the face of persecution.*

Romans 6:12–23 ~ *Christ has conquered sin for us so we may serve Him in righteousness.*

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33 ~ *Jesus warned His followers of persecution and promised His support.*

GATHERING THE TEXTS: What are You Afraid Of?

Jeremiah was afraid of the abuse he suffered at the hands of the people of Jerusalem, but he was more afraid of God's displeasure if he were to abandon the mission to which he had been called. Through the cross of Christ, we don't even have to fear the slavery of sin or death which is ours as a result of Adam and Eve's first sin! Even those who are called to God's mission and embraced by the life of Christ can expect abuse at the hands of this world, but they can also count on God's care and protection in all circumstances.

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE: Lord God, my Fortress and my Strength, you deliver me from danger and guard me from evil. Help me respond to your call and be faithful to Christ my Lord so that I may not fear the terrors of this world but rejoice in your promise of eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Merciful God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live securely and be content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*LSB, A65*)

OFFERING PRAYER:

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

CONVICTION AND COMFORT: