

Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [Lectionary 25]—September 20, 2020

11:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTION

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

— **GATHERING** —

WELCOME & WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adorn your sacred space with flowers and other beautiful signs of life.

SABBATH REFLECTION "This Is My Father's World" —setting, Sondra Tucker
Handbell Trio: Heather & Mark Boyer, Stacy Hughes

MORNING DIALOGUE

O Lord, open my lips

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,

That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,

Who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.

Alleluia!

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

GATHERING SONG "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

ELW # 669;

Stanzas 1, 4, 5-All; stanza 2-Women; stanza 3-Men

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God,

you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10--4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8 (*read responsively*)

¹I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**²Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

**⁴One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

**⁶They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY “Not Fair”

Pastor Dave Helfrich

SONG OF THE DAY "All the People Said Amen" –M. Maher, T. Morgan, P. Moak

VERSE 1

1. You are not a-lone if you are lone-ly. When you feel a-fraid,
 you're not the on-ly. We are all the same, in need of mer-cy,
 to be for-giv-en and be free. It's all you got to lean on, but thank

CHORUS

God, it's all you need... And all the peo-ple said, "A - men." Whoa.
 And all the peo-ple said, "A-men." Give thanks to the Lord, for His love

2nd time to Coda

— nev-er ends. And all the peo-ple said, "A - men."


VERSE 2

2. If you're rich or poor, well, it don't mat-ter. Weak or strong, you know
 love is what we're af-ter. We're all bro-ken, but we're all in this to-geth-er.

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God knows we stum - ble and fall, and

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Go back to the CHORUS \oplus Coda

He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all. men." Bless-ed are

30 **BRIDGE**

the poor in spir-it who are torn a-part. Bless-ed are the per-se-cut-ed and the

33

pure in heart. Bless-ed are the peo-ple hun-gry for an-oth-er start, for

36 **CHORUS**

theirs is the king dom, the king-dom of God. And all the peo-ple said, "A -

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men." Whoa. And all the peo-ple said, "A - men." Give

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thanks to the Lord, for His love nev-er ends. And all the peo-ple said "A -

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men." And all the peo - ple said "A - men."

APOSTLES' CREED

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last. Where this gospel challenges the church, equip it for its works of service. Strengthen those who suffer for Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and great cities—nothing in creation is outside your concern, mighty God. In your mercy, tend to it all. Surround us with your presence as we encounter life-threatening conditions, especially hurricanes and wildfires.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Where we find envy and create enemies, you provide enough for all. Bring peace to places of conflict and violence, especially Portland, Kenosha, Rochester and Atlanta. Inspire leaders with creativity and wisdom. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing. Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime and those serving sentences. Give fruitful labor and a livelihood to those seeking work.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need, especially to those affected by COVID-19.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

—THANKSGIVING—

*Collect an **OFFERING** for God's mission. Financial gifts can be made online www.lcrmarietta.org/give, Canned food can also be collected.*

LCR Musicians also have a musical offering to glorify God

MUSICAL OFFERING “Agnus Dei” (Lamb of God)

—setting, Tom Crawford

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth.

We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word, we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life.

Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ;

Renew in us the living fountain of your grace;

And raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life;

For you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,

And with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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**

— SENDING —

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✚ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



SENDING SONG "May the Peoples Praise You"

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VERSE

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1. You have called us out of dark - est night, in -
 (2. May our) ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that
 (3. All the) earth is Yours and all with - in, each
 (4. May the) seeds of mer - cy grow in us for
 (5. This our) ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your

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to Your glo - rious light, that we may sing the won - ders of the_
 broke in - to our strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with
 har - vest is Your own, and from Your hand we give to_ You, to_
 those who have not heard, may songs of praise build lives of_ grace to_
 prais - es and Your Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe and tongue Your

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1. 3. Back to VERSE 2. 4. 5. to CHORUS **CHORUS**

ris - en Christ. 2. May our life. May the peo - ples praise You, let the
 end - less_ make Christ known. 4. May the spread Your_ Word.
 church pro - - - claim.

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na - tions be glad! All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may

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1. 2. Back to VERSE

3. to BRIDGE

praise the Name of Je - sus.

3. All the 5. This our Je -

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BRIDGE

sus. Ho - ly, ho - ly, is the Lord Al might - y.

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1. Repeat BRIDGE

2. to ENDING

Wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain. praise Your glo - ri - ous
All cre - a - tion

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CHORUS

Name. May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be glad! All Your

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bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of ___

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Je - sus. May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be

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glad! All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may

60

praise the name of ___ Je - sus.

DISMISSAL

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

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