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And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ Service of Holy Communion +

9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is scandalously generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving. Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!*

PRESERVICE MUSIC “*What God Ordains is Always Good*” by Kevin Hildebrand

WELCOME

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

With the Lord Begin Your Task



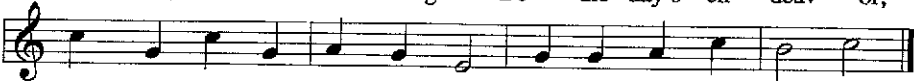
1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
 Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
 All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
 Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;
 Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
 Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
 Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
 You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.
 Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 27:9

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- P** *Hide not Your face from me.*
- C** **Turn not Your servant away in anger,**
- P** *O You who have been my help.*
- C** **Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Let us confess our sins to God our Father.*
- C** **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.**
- P** *Is this your sincere confession?*
- C** **I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.**
- P** *As you believe, so let it be. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

- P** *I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving*
- C** **and call on the name of the LORD.**
- P** *What shall I render to the LORD*
- C** **for all his benefits to me?**
- P** *I will lift up the cup of salvation*
- C** **and call on the name of the LORD.**
- P** *Precious in the sight of the LORD*
- C** **is the death of his saints.**

P O LORD, I am your servant;

C I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

C and call on the name of the LORD.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 55:6–9

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Ephesians 2:8

All: Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

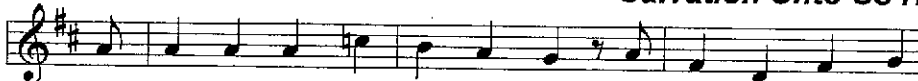
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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Salvation Unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and

3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had

4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -

5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -

fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They

giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And

ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our

spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's
hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the

Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our
Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's

world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.
ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

6. Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.
10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow. Amen.

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SERMON

"NEVER EMPTY HANDED"

Matthew 20:1-16

- I. The Master in Jesus' parable seems to treat his workers unfairly.
- II. God actually treats us unfairly—He gives us way more than we ever deserve.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Lord God, You have promised to hear the prayers of Your people, and so we come to You this day offering You petitions and supplications for all manner and needs of people. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *We delight in dwelling in Your house, O Lord. Bless Your Church and those who minister to us in Your name. Guide them to preach faithfully the whole counsel of Your Word so that we be steadfast in faith in the face of temptation, threat, and trial. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *You are our light and our salvation and in You we rest our fears. Lord, grant Your aid, comfort, and strength to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be especially with the sick for whom we pray this day, [especially . . .]. Heal them in accordance with Your will and sustain them through their afflictions until the perfect healing comes in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Your power is greater than all and Your mercy is without limit. Lord, look with compassion upon our world of violence and terror. Bless those who govern here and everywhere that they protect the weak, promote the cause of virtue, administer justice to the criminal, and act with mercy toward those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *You have given us a place at Your Son's Table and grace to receive His very body and blood. Lord, grant that we come with repentance and faith to receive all that Christ has accomplished for our salvation in this blessed communion with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *All these and whatsoever other things we need, we ask You to grant us in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Into Your hands, O gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.* **C** **Amen.**

PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.* **C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Lift up your hearts.* **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

SANCTUS

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that
cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

by Wilbur Held

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Altar Guild..... Karen Batt & Marcella Marshall
 Counter..... Carl Kurth
 Communion Assistant..... Bob Sees
 Organist / Music Director Beth Buss
 Special Music Trio: Carolyn Harder, Kristen Hatton, Viola Wilson
 Sanitation CEO (Clean Every Object)..... Al Axford
 Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming..... Stuart Ruwet
 Usher Phil Vandre

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### THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE

**KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am**

#### September 27: “Room at the Table”; Rev. Dr. Jason Broge; Guest Speaker

Open doors and loud tables—places where God does His quiet work of changing lives, one dinner invitation at a time. God made room as His table for us so that we can make room at our tables for others. New Series: “Households of Faith.” (1 Peter 4)