

## 2020 09 20 Service of the Word.

### IN THE NAME

P: "I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

**C: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever."**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: We confess that we are born in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We deserve Your eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession and prayer I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

**C: Amen.**

### PSALM 145:1-8

P: I will extol You, my God and King,  
and bless Your name forever and ever.

**C: Every day I will bless You  
and praise Your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and His greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall commend Your works to another,  
and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,  
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare Your greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

**The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

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

### **GREETING**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P: Let us pray for the gift of generosity.**

**C: Loving and righteous God, You are far more generous to us, and to all who work in Your kingdom, than we desire or deserve. Make us generous to others as You have been to us. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **READING**

**P: Our Scripture reading for today comes from Matthew 20:1-16**

**“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘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.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So, the last will be first, and the first last.”**

**P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

**C: Praise be to You, O Christ!**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**SERMON** for today is based on **Matthew 20:1-16**

**P:** Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **Sermon “So unfair... is it?”**

**P:** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray!

**C: Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what You have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions — as signs of Your goodness and symbols of our love. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered Himself for us. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You invite us to die to sin each day through our Baptism and to rise to new life with You, through Your life-giving Son and Spirit. Knowing that You desire the repentance and conversion of all, cause us to rejoice in Your gifts and testify to Your goodness that welcomes every outcast and sinner into Your kingdom for the sake of Jesus.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, as You watch over Your Church and all Christians with Your holy angels, continue to guard us from all evil, that no affliction or temptation would cause us to depart from the places where You deliver Your gifts of faith and forgiveness: the altars, fonts and pulpits where You make and keep us Your own.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, all authority that exists derives from You. Bless those whom You have placed into positions of public authority, that by their good works they might bring

about justice, defend the helpless, punish evildoers and provide for the welfare of all people.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, by Your mercy lavished upon us in Holy Baptism, You have made us Your children. Because You desire to draw all people to Yourself eternally through Your Word and Sacraments, use us, Your children, as lights in the world to cause others to see our hope and good works and desire to know You, our merciful Father.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, everything that exists has its source in You, our creator. Bless those whose vocations are to study Your creation in the fields of scientific and medical research, that by their efforts we might exercise loving dominion over Your creation.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your Son humbled Himself to the point of shameful death on the cross for our eternal good. Until the day of His return, You provide for all our needs of body and soul. In mercy, abide with those who suffer afflictions of mind or body, who suffer pain, sorrow, depression, anxiety or other maladies. Remember especially our fellow saints Bob and Pat Taplin, Margaret Moll, pastor Darrin Kohrt and all who have requested our prayers.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have given Jesus the name that is above all other names, at which we bow the knee and confess that He is our Lord and God. At His Supper, give us reverent devotion and inspire in us true worship of Him who comes humbly — hidden beneath the forms of bread and wine — to give us His body and blood for our forgiveness, life and salvation.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P: 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 favour †, and give you peace.

**C: Amen**