

## 2020 09 27 Service of the Word.

### IN THE NAME

P: "Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

**C: For You are the God of my salvation, for You I wait all the day long."**

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 25:1-9

P: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**C: O my God, in You I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;  
teach me Your paths.**

Lead me in Your truth and teach me,  
for You are the God of my salvation;  
for You I wait all the day long.

**Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to Your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

**Good and upright is the LORD;**

**Therefore, He instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**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 humility.

**C: Merciful God, give us the same attitude as Jesus, who emptied Himself and was obedient to You all the way to His death on the cross. Make us eager to put others before ourselves, and their needs before our own. 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 **Philippians 2:1-13**

**“So, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”**

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **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 **Philippians 2:1-13**

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

## **Sermon “Very special people.”**

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**

O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession, and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear Your people who cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favour You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Make us to know Your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in the path of salvation made known in Your Word. Hear our complaints and quiet them by Your merciful deliverance, that we may respond with trust and thanksgiving.

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

Encourage us, O Lord, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not lose heart but, being of one mind and one will, may serve You with gladness, doing the works of Your Kingdom and speaking Your Word of witness throughout the world.

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

Help us, O Lord, to hold fast to Your Word and bless us with faithful pastors who will preach and teach Your eternal Gospel, that we may rejoice in doing Your will. Guide

those considering church-work vocations, and bless them as they are formed by Your Word and Your Spirit for Your service.

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

Enlighten us with godly knowledge and wisdom, O Lord, and bless those who pursue science to improve our lives and the lives of those in greatest need. Bless all honourable vocations and all honest labour, and lead the unemployed to good jobs and noble work not only for their own interests but for the good of us all.

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

Show us Your compassion, O Lord, and in Your mercy grant healing, comfort and peace to all those who suffer. Deliver them from all their afflictions, pain, sorrow and fear. We especially pray for Margaret Moll, for Pat and Bob Taplin, for Joy Graetz, for Edna Stiller, for pastor Darrin Kohrt, and for all those we now name silently in our hearts before You ... .

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

Unite us, O Lord, that we may be of one mind and one will in doctrine, witness and service. Bless us as we come at Your bidding to receive the body and blood of Your Son at His table. Grant that what we receive in this Holy Communion we may keep in holy hearts and holy lives.

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

Help us, O Lord, to remember the faithful who loved and served You and who now rest from their labours. Bring us with them to that most blessed day when together we shall dwell in Your presence on high forevermore.

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

Grant to us all good things needful for this body and life and profitable for our salvation, and keep from us all things harmful, that sustained in time of want and guarded in time of prosperity, we may endure to the day of our Lord's coming and be judged worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **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.**