

Sunday, September 24, 2023
Lectionary 25, Year A

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PRELUDE

HYMN OF THE MONTH ***O God Beyond All Praising***

No. 880

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 145:1-8

- L: I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
C: **Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**
L: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.
C: **One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**
L: I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
C: **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**
L: They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
C: **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

HYMN: ***Praise and Thanksgiving***

No. 689

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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.

A READING FROM: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30 *Standing firm in the gospel*

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**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MATTHEW 20:1-16 *The parable of the vineyard workers*

C: 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."

P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

BLESSING OF TEACHERS – STUDENTS & BACKPACKS

MESSAGE Pastor Kris Ferkin

HYMN: *Lord of All Hopefulness*

No. 765

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day

APOSTLES CREED

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.

INVITATION TO PRAYER – PRAYERS P: Lord in your mercy: **C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE: P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings go to one of our global mission partners.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of power, God of plenty,
C: **all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,
C: **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION – *Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.*

- 1 **Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 **Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 3 **Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**
- 4 **Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.**
- 5 **Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.**
- 6 **Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

COMMUNION BLESSING — PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**
P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus,
the joy and delight of our hearts.
C: **Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P: The God of Glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word*

- 1 **Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
Send forth our Creator's call, heaven's gifts extend to all.**
- 2 **Tell of our Redeemer's grace, who, to save our human race
and to pay rebellion's price, gave himself as sacrifice.**
- 3 **Tell of God the Spirit giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
strong and holy, just and true, working both to will and do**
- 4 **Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all see your light and heed your call.**

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- DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. God is at work in you.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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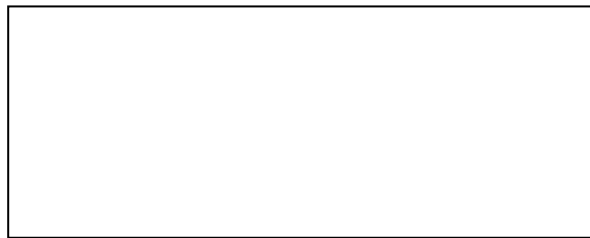
SUN/SEP 24	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & Live-streamed
	10 AM	Sunday School
	10 AM	Coffee
	7 PM	AA
WED/SEP 27	6 PM	Wednesday Worship – BYO Chair
THU/SEP 28	1 PM	Love Day
	7 PM	AA
SAT/SEPT 30		SEMN Synod Women's Convention – Red Wing
SUN/OCT 1	9 AM	Worship – In person & Live-streamed
	10 AM	Sunday School
	7 PM	AA

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