



A Home for Every Heart

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Rev. Kory Janneke, Pastor

Welcome to St. Matthew! It's a blessing to gather with you for this morning's service as we receive God's gifts in His Word and Sacrament. Today's sermon, "Learning from the Master," will focus on Jesus' parable for us in Matthew 20:1-16. If you are attending in-person, please note that we continue to follow coronavirus health protocols, including the use of face coverings. If you are participating from your vehicle, please tune your radio to 93.5 FM. If you have any questions, prayer requests or other needs this morning, please speak with Pastor Kory.

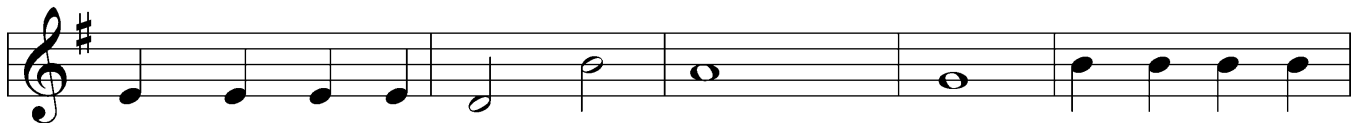
Welcome & Introduction to Today's Service

We Sing: "God Himself is Present"

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1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 27:9

- 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!**

Confession and Absolution

- 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. 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.**

Kyrie

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- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- P O blessed Lord, since we cannot count on anything we have done, give us grace to count on Christ and His redeeming work upon the cross. As we delight in His grace, so give us humility to receive Your generosity without offense and trust in Your mercy alone for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Children's Message

We Sing: "This Is My Father's World"



1 This is my Fa - ther's world, And
2 This is my Fa - ther's world; The
3 This is my Fa - ther's world; Oh,



to my lis-t'ning ears All na - ture sings, and
birds their car - ols raise; The morn - ing light, the
let me ne'er for - get That, though the wrong seems



round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.
oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world; I
This is my Fa - ther's world; He
This is my Fa - ther's world; Why



rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of
shines in all that's fair. In the rus - tling grass I
should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let the



skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.
hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

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Old Testament Reading (Seek the Lord while He may be found.)

Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Epistle Reading: (Let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel.) *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,
¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my
imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my
imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for
my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with
full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me
to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet
which I shall choose I cannot tell. 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 on your account.
²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the
faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you
again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you
or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by
side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to
them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that
for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the
same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading: (The last will be first and the first will be last.) *Matthew 20:1–16*

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning
to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into
his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to
them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going
out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went
out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to
him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And 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.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of
them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but
each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,
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 a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give
to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or
do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”



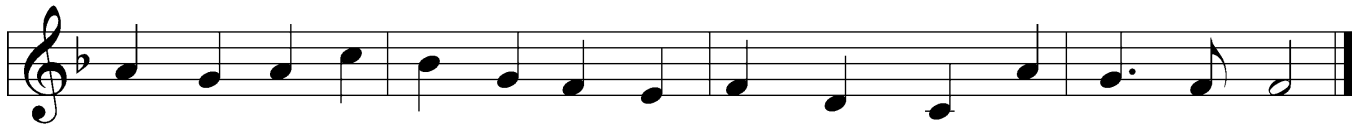
1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
 2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;
 3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
 Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;
 Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
 When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
 E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
 So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
 Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
 There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
 Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
 Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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Sermon: "Learning from the Master" (Matthew 20:1-6)

We Confess the Christian Faith: 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 men 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 worshiped 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 for our Neighbors & Ourselves

Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

Benediction

**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 favor and give you peace.
C Amen.**

We Sing: "Lord, from Your Hand"

**1 Lord, from Your hand I take the bread,
And from Your cup I drink the wine.
You serve forgiveness for my need.
You serve Your holy life for mine.**

**2 Now from Your lips I hear the words:
"This is My body and My blood."**

I see the mercy in Your eyes.
I see the pain. I see the love.

3 I see the cross. I see Your face.
My God, what agony and grief!
I see You suffer as You die.
I hear You pray. It is for me.

4 O Jesus, Savior, Holy God!
I live and breathe in Your embrace!
Lord, every moment draw my heart
To love and serve You face to face.

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Announcements

The Lord's Supper

will be celebrated immediately after the closing song. If you have concerns about illness, please know that there is no obligation to commune at this time.

Statement of Belief

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and yet desire to receive the sacrament are asked to speak first with the Pastor. Thank you!

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.**

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Distribution:

(Beginning with those sitting on the north side of the church, please come forward to the front step as individuals or families. After receiving Christ's body and blood, please return directly to your seat.)

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

We Sing: "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

Christian Worship 327

- 1 God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you -
God be with you till we meet again.
- 2 Refrain: Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, Till we meet – God be with you till we meet again.
- 3 God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you -
God be with you till we meet again. Refrain

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Sending

- P Go in peace to grow in Christ.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Offering

(Offering baskets are placed at the back of the sanctuary. Please see the announcements for details about E-giving options as well. Thank you!)

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