

**Days of Pentecost**  
**“Parables: Small Stories...Big Ideas”**  
**September 20, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**PRELUDE** ..... “Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia!” ..... Carla Barrows, Organ  
by Edward Broughton

**WELCOME** ..... Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

**OPENING HYMN** ..... “From All that Dwell Below the Skies” ..... LSB 816

All:            From all that dwell below the skies  
                  Let the Creator’s praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia!  
                  Let the Redeemer’s name be sung  
                  Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.  
                  Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ensemble: *Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
                  Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia!  
                  Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
                  Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
                  Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

All:            All praise to God the Father be,  
                  All praise, eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!  
                  Whom with the Spirit we adore  
                  Forever and forevermore:  
                  Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM** ..... June Finley Johnson

**INVOCATION**

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

**SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** 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.  
**C** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** .....Isaiah 55:6-9

**R** The Old Testament Reading is from the 55<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Isaiah.

**R** <sup>6</sup>“Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; <sup>7</sup>let 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. <sup>8</sup>For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.” (ESV)

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... Matthew 19:27 - 20:16

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Chapters.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed You. What then will we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>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?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>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.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>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.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.” (ESV)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** ..... Matt Meier

**MESSAGE** ..... Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

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## PRAYERS

### 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.

## ORDER OF FIRST COMMUNION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### COMMUNION ANTHEM . . . . . "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Dan Forrest . . . . . Women's Ensemble

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word,  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor men's empty praise,  
Thou my inheritance, now and always,  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun,  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

## DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✝}$  in peace.  
**C** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** . . . . . “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” . . . . . LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**POSTLUDE** . . . . . “Prelude in C Major” by J.S. Bach . . . . . Carla Barrows, Organ  
Edited by Charles-Marie Widor and Albert Schweitzer

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