

**The Days of Pentecost**  
**“Parables - Small Stories...Big Ideas”**  
**September 27, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**PRELUDE**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” arr. Bill Ingram . . . . . Handbell Quartet  
“O Worship the King” by David Cherwien . . . . . Carla Barrows, Organ

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

**OPENING HYMN** . . . . . “For the Beauty of the Earth”

All: For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies;

**Refrain:** Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

Ensemble: *For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child;*  
*Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain*

All: For Thyself, best gift divine, To our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of thine, Peace on earth and joy in heaven: **Refrain**

**INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**
- P** Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,
- C for they have been from of old.**
- P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
- C according to Your steadfast love remember me. Psalm 25:6-7a**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

(There is silence to call to mind your sins.)

- P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.  
When we lack love and tenderness; when we infringe on the unity of the community,
- C forgive us, Lord.**
- P** When we are conceited, when we lack humility, considering ourselves superior to others,
- C forgive us, Lord.**
- P** When we are preoccupied with ourselves instead of thinking of others,
- C forgive us, Lord.**
- P** When our words say “Yes,” and our actions say “No,”
- C forgive us, Lord.**

**P** At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow. *Philippians 2:10 adapted*

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, 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** Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING . . . . . Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

**R** The Old Testament Reading is from the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Ezekiel.

**R** <sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is My way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are My ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.” (ESV)

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE . . . . . Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

**R** The Epistle Reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Philippians.

**R** <sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love,

being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. (ESV)

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** . . . . . LSB 156

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** . . . . . Matthew 21:23-32

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

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

**P** <sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him." (ESV)

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

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

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** . . . . . 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, died and was 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  $\text{✝}$  everlasting. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** ..... Matt Meier

**INSTALLATION OF HALEY DAVISSON**

**MESSAGE** ..... Pastor Michael P. Dorn

**OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** ..... "O Love" by Elaine Hagenberg ..... Ensemble

*O Love, O Love, O Love that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee:  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy, O Joy, O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.  
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, I give thee back the life I owe,  
And in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.  
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O Love, O Love, that will not let me go.  
O Love, that will not let me go.*

**PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**☩** 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**

**☩** 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.

**☩** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** . . . . . “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” . . . . . LSB 848, vs. 1, 4

Lord, whose love through humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Offered mercy’s perfect deed,  
We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Ev’ry gift that You impart.

Called by worship to Your service,  
Forth in Your dear name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May Your mercy know and live.

**POSTLUDE** . . . . . “Love Divine, All Love Excelling” . . . . . Carla Barrows, Organ  
Setting by Jeffrey Blersch

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