



Sunday, July 30, 2023
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 801 (Maroon): How Great Thou Art
10:30am This is the Day

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 125)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¹ Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

² **As the mountains surround Jerusalem,**
so the LORD surrounds his people
both now and forevermore.

³ The scepter of the wicked will not remain
over the land allotted to the righteous,
for then the righteous might use
their hands to do evil.

⁴ **LORD, do good to those who are good,**
to those who are upright in heart.

⁵ But those who turn to crooked ways
the LORD will banish with the evildoers.
Peace be on Israel. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

HYMN G630 (Green): You Are My All in All

Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Arlene Benshoof; 10:30am Phyllis Hecht

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

▲ Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to His Name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to His Name.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:44-52

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord**

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." (ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED - 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 everlasting. Amen.

The Treasure! Text: Matthew 13:44-52

- a. Who's the Treasure? (treasure hidden in a field)
- b. What's most precious to God?
- c. What's the Treasure? (pearl of great value)
- d. What's most precious to us?

SONG: Hallelujah

I heard there was a secret chord
That David played and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really know the music, do you?
It goes like this: the fourth, the fifth,
The minor fall, the major lift
The king of old composing: Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

I know that there's a God above
There's evidence in all His love
Creation is enough to prove it to you
And when He said "let there be light"
And then there was both day and night
Everything He made was Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

The angels sang for the Savior's birth
The Shepherds proclaimed He came to earth
God incarnate lives to seek and save you
The babe was brought with so much care
Below all things, but God was there
So we can sing forever: Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly angels sing:
With nothing on our tongues but Hallelujah!
To God the Father, God the Son
And God the Spirit, three in One
All glory, never ending, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Sermon: Pastor Meyer

Predestination? Predestination is always a word full of grace! **Text:** Romans 8:28-30

OFFERING PRAYER

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

6:30pm & 8:30am AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God), page 198 (Maroon)

HYMN 712 (Maroon): Seek Ye First

HYMN 702 (Maroon): My Faith Looks Up to Thee

10:30am Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

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 give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN 805: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)