



LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

September 20, 2020

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars

✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another, and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world. We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Welcome

Prelude

Suite in D, I. Overture

George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

Call to Worship

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Psalm 145

I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

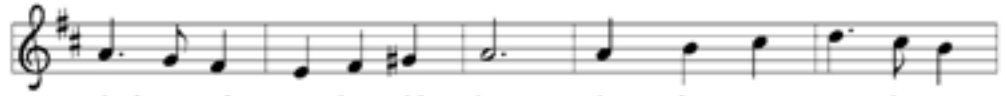
Gathering Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

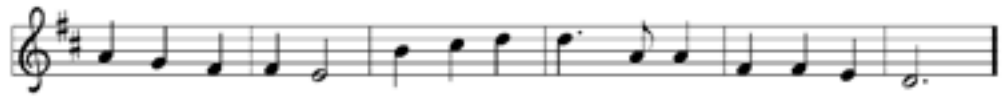
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1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love,
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness 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.

Please be seated.

✧ Word ✧

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

Children's Message

Dismissal Song

Make Me a Servant

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be: Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day." The chords are: F, Dm7, Gm7, C7, Gm7, Bb/C, C7, Bb/F, F, F sus4, F, A, Dm, Dm/C, G7/B, Bbm5, F/A, Gm7, F/A, Gm7, F/C, C7 sus, F2.

Text and music: Kelly Willard
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Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

Reading

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.

Please stand
as you are able.



R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Music: *THY WORD*, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

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Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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.**

God My King, Thy Might Confessing

Richard Mandt/ arr. Parker Ramsay

*God, my King, Thy might confessing, Ever will I bless Thy Name;
Day by day Thy throne addressing, Still will I Thy praise proclaim.
Honor great our God befitteth; Who His majesty can reach?*

*Age to age His works transmitteth, Age to age His power shall teach.
 Full of kindness and compassion, Slow to anger, vast in love,
 God is good to all creation; All His works His goodness prove.
 All Thy works, O Lord, shall bless Thee; Thee shall all Thy saints adore:
 King supreme shall they confess Thee, And proclaim Thy sovereign power.*

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

*Please stand
 as you are able.*

Sermon

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW #659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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 Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard
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Prayers of the Church

P: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world,
 and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last. Where this gospel
 challenges the church,... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of whom we pray,
 trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen



Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with those around you.

Please be seated.

✠ Offering ✠

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news

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Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel, 1690-1749

Give Thanks

Offertory

*Please stand
as you are able.*

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...



Music: Per Harling, b. 1948
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Words of Institution



Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. For give us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.
You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.
You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;
you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

Text: Martin J. Nystrom
Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

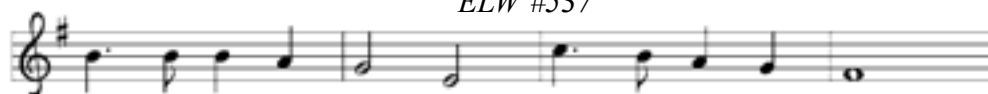
✠ Sending ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

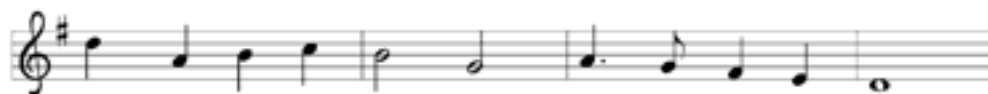
On Our Way Rejoicing

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Sending Hymn



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

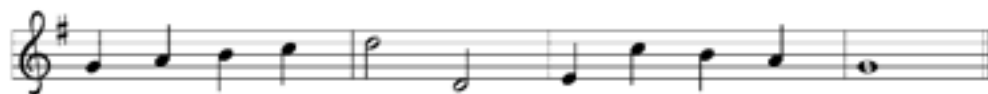


who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Suite in D, V. March – IV Bourrée*

George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music and praise.

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Please be seated.

WELCOME

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again — for prayer and worship and to any of the events our congregation has scheduled. We hope the message of God’s grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

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| Your Worship Leaders Today | Pastor..... | Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug |
| | Organist..... | Dr. Kris Rizzotto |
| | Trumpet..... | Laura Saylor |
| | Worship Assistant..... | Marty Carlson |
| | Reader | David Ackerman |
| | Usher | Linda Nelson |
| Church Officers | President..... | Chanda Olson |
| | Vice President | Jennifer Cook |
| | Treasurer | Ross Bartels |
| | Secretary | Jon Sprain |
| Staff | Director of Music..... | Dr. Kris Rizzotto |
| | Children’s Ministry Director..... | Diane LaMere |
| | Seminarian | Al Aakre |
| | Office Manager | Linda Nelson |
| | Director of Design & Communication..... | Michelle McCreery |
| | Caretakers | Sarah and Trevor Skorburg |
| | Custodian | Fernando Fierros |

CALENDAR

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|--------------------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------|
| Sunday, September 20 | 9:30 am | <i>Worship with Holy Communion</i> | Sanctuary |
| | 10:45 am | <i>Virtual Coffee Hour</i> | Church Patio/Zoom |
| Monday, September 21 | 12:00 pm | <i>UN International Day of Peace Gathering</i> | Church Patio |
| | 7:00 pm | <i>AA</i> | Patio/Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday, September 22 | 9:15 am | <i>Prayer Ministry</i> | Zoom |
| | 7:00 pm | <i>Men’s AA Group</i> | Patio/Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday, September 23 | 10:00 am | <i>Bible Study</i> | Zoom |
| | 12:00 pm | <i>Staff Meeting</i> | Zoom |
| | 4:00 pm | <i>Confirmation</i> | Patio/Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday September 24 | 7:30 pm | <i>Growlers & Theology</i> | Zoom |
| Friday, September 25 | 5:00 pm | <i>Women’s Book Group</i> | Zoom |
| Sunday, September 27 | 9:30 am | <i>Worship with Holy Communion</i> | Sanctuary |
| | 10:45 am | <i>Virtual Coffee Hour</i> | Church Patio/Zoom |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Bruce Kuehn, Jim Jodie, cousin of Carolyn Hagford; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **Bruce Payne and Mike Payne**, cousins of Michelle McCreery; **Mary McCarthy**, friend of Nancy McCutcheon; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell, **Deb Benson**, mother of Kayla Hoel; **Trevor Daniel**, prayer request by Cheri Moe.



*Pamela Aagaard 9.20 Kathy Bracken 9.20
Charlie Gruys 9.20 David Hagford 9.22
Miles Gruys 9.23*

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Haug leads a virtual Bible study by **Zoom** for the regular 10:00 am Wednesday morning Bible study group. If you would like to participate, please contact [Pastor Haug](#). He will send you a link and invitation to the group meeting.

Fall Confirmation Schedule

Confirmation Education for 7th and 8th graders, as well as 9th graders, preparing for the Rite of Confirmation on **Sunday, October 25th** meets on **Wednesdays**, from **4:00-5:00pm** on the Church Patio. Confirmation this fall will be a hybrid of Zoom and in-person classes. New confirmands can register with [Pastor Haug](#).

Returning to In-Person Worship

Beginning September 13, Worship Service will be aired via livestream on YouTube. We welcome a limited number of members to attend.

Members are sent an email invitation on Monday morning. Registration in advance through the email prompts or by phone is required. Those registered will be called on Thursday to confirm.

Doors will open at 9:20 am on Sunday mornings with the Service beginning at 9:30. Attendees must follow the September 2020 In-Person Worship Protocol. Holy Communion is celebrated after the livestream has ended. At that time, distribution by individual cups will take place as attendees depart.

For those who do not feel comfortable worshipping in person, but would like to participate in Holy Communion, we will prepare Home Communion packets that may be picked up at the church on Thursday and Friday each week. The packet will include a glass communion cup, the worship bulletin, as well as a vile of consecrated communion wine and bread. This may be reserved through the church office for your family and may be delivered to those who are homebound.

We know that these times can be stressful, and we want to remind you that the church sanctuary is open and available for quiet time and spiritual reflection during the week. Please call the church to make an appointment if you would like to come and spend time in the sanctuary for prayer, meditation, or to light a candle in the light globe. A guided meditation folder will be available upon request.

International Day of Peace



You are invited to attend **Monday, September 21 Church Patio 12:00 TO 1:00 P.M.**

Shaping Peace together. All are welcome.

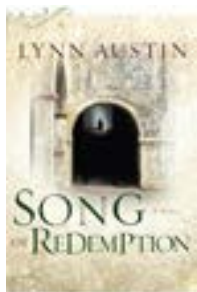
[Learn more about event details and registration here](#)

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Women's Book Group

You're Invited to Read with Us!

Our next selection is
Song of Redemption,
by Lynn Austin



We'll meet **September 25, 5:00pm**
on the **Church Patio**, weather per-
mitting, otherwise we'll use **Zoom**.

Contact [Deb Gilroy](#) to be added to the participants
list, if you have not yet joined us.

Growlers & Theology

The informal study of the-
ology and adult beverages
will be begin again this
fall. Following the mod-
el of Luther in his home
in Wittenberg, Germany,
Pastor Haug will lead a
twice monthly gathering on the Church Patio. The
first gathering will be at on **Thursday, September
24th, at 6:30pm**. Please note the new time.



Blessing of the Animals



All are welcome to join us after
worship at **10:30** on **October 4**
for the annual blessing of the
animals. You can bring live and/
or your huggable favorite stuffed
animal. We've added a service
project to support the Animal
Humane Society this year. If
your family is interested in mak-

ing some easy projects at home to bring to the event,
contact [Diane LaMere](#) for details and supplies.

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Women's Bible Study

This season's text is *First Cor-
inthians: Living Love When We
Disagree*, by Melissa Spoels-
tra. ISBN 978-1-5018-0168-6,
available on amazon.com in
paperback or Kindle, or at local
booksellers. (If you would like



Linda to order the book for you, contact her by
Thursday, September 3. Cost is \$13.59.)

Our next sessions will be online via **Zoom**,
October 1st & 15th at 7:00pm.

Contact [Deb Gilroy](#) if you would like to be added to
our participants list. Feel free to invite others.

All are welcome!

Virtual Coffee Hour

If you are interested in participating in a virtual
coffee hour after Worship on **Sundays**, contact
[Michelle McCreery](#).



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