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*Matthew 20:1*

*[Jesus said to the disciples:]<sup>1</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.*

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**FM 88.9**

Thank you for joining our service today.

*Please leave your offering in the plate at the door as you enter or leave the service.*

*This worship we will be using WOV Setting 5.*

*You may stand during worship with asterisk (\*) in this bulletin.*

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

**Tena Rackow**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\* Gathering Hymn**

**“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”**

**ELW #669**

**\* Greeting**

**WOV page 28**

**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.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**WOV page 29**

**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God,...**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God...**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

**Glory to God...**

**P:** Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11**

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. <sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 145:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.

**<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

**<sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.**

## Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

<sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, 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, <sup>28</sup>and 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. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**\*Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And 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?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When 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.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <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 the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn Requests

\* Hymn of the Day

“Lord of Light”

ELW#688

\* Nicene Creed

WOV page 32

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith,

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Choir Anthem

## “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”      WOV 671 *(Congregation to sing chorus along with the choir.)*

671      Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

The image shows a musical score for a choir anthem. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;'. The second system continues the melody and bass line with the lyrics: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.' The score includes chord symbols: F, Dm, Gm, C, and F.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

## Prayers of Intercession

*Congregation responds to each petition with the following:*

**L:** Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

*We lift our prayers for*

*Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Sue Kraft, Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Sue Rush, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Justin Yeager, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Jim Clay, Sharon Janicke, Ethan Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman and Dena Rae.*

**Lord's Prayer**

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P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

**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**

**Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

**WOV page 41**

P: The Lord bless us and keep us,  
The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us,  
The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace,  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

**“As Saints of Old”**

**ELW #695**

**\* Dismissal**

**WOV page 41**

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Christ is at work in you.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Tena Rackow**

*Attendance September 10<sup>th</sup>  
In-person 21. Online, not available*