

Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship ~ September 27, 2020

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting

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.*

Song – Dearest Jesus, At Your Word ¹

Dearest Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given draw us wholly up to heaven.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your spirit breaks the night, filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.

The Litany

L: O come, let us praise the Lord,
C: let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

L: We praise you, O God, and bless your name;
C: and tell of your salvation from day to day.

L: We proclaim your glory to the nations,
C: your praise to the ends of the earth.

Prayer of the Day

A Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Psalm 25:2-9

L: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

*C: Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.*

L: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

*C: Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.*

L: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

*C: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.*

L: You are gracious and up-right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

C: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

A Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 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 after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Reflection

Song: Change My Heart, O God ²

Refrain: Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. [*refrain*]

Prayers of the People

We pray: *Lord, in your mercy...* and respond: *Hear our prayer*

The Sending of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us;

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, and forgive 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.

Benediction

Hymn – O Master, Let Me Walk With You ³

Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give, with you O Master, let me live.

Dismissal

L: Go now to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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