

Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship ~ September 20, 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 – Golden Breaks the Dawn ¹

Instrumental First Verse

Golden breaks the dawn, comes the eastern sun;
like a rider strong, set the course to run.
Birds above me fly, flowers bloom below;
through the earth and sky God's great mercies flow.

The Litany

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

L: You feed the hungry, clothe the naked and set free those who are bound.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

L: You raise up those whose courage falters and provide for our every care.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

L: You have called us your children and have blessed your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

Prayer of the Day

A Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the [Ninevites] 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.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 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. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And

the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' 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.

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. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 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.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Psalm 145:1-8

L: ¹I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

C: ²*Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.*

L: ³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

C: ⁴*One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.*

L: ⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

C: ⁶*They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.*

L: ⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;

they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

C: ⁸*The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

A Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 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?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his

manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 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." 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? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Reflection

Song: As Saints of Old ²

As world in need now summons us to labour, love and give;
to make our life and offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today.
to serve your cause and share your love will all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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 – On Our Way Rejoicing³

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.

Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.

Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;

who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

On our way rejoicing, as we forward move,

hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Dismissal

L: Go now to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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