

**The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**The Dishonest Manager**  
**August 1, 2021**  
**9:00 & 11:00 am**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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# W E L C O M E

*To know and serve Christ by reaching out in love to all.*

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*Tolling of the Bell*

*Please stand as you're able.*

**Confession**

**P:** Let's take a moment to unburden ourselves from any weight we bear by offering a heartfelt confession in the presence of God and one another.  
Do you have any faults, failings, offenses, misdeeds, errors, lapses, crimes, or sins that weigh on your conscience?

**C: I do.**

**P:** Do you desire to do better?

**C: I do.**

**P:** Do you desire forgiveness?

**C: I do.**

**P:** As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, I forgive all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**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.**





1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

**Introit** (*Psalm 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: Psalm 54:4-5*)

**P:** Behold, God is my helper;

the Lord is the upholder of my life.

He will return the evil to my enemies;

in your faithfulness put an end to them.

**A:** O God, save me, by your name,

and vindicate me by your might.

O God, hear my prayer;

give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;

they do not set God before themselves.

For he has delivered me from every trouble,

and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**C: 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.**

**Behold, God is my helper;**

**the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

**He will return the evil to my enemies;**

**in your faithfulness put an end to them.**

**Greeting and Collect**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** We pray: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Hebrew Scriptures** (2 Samuel 22:26-34)

A: A reading from 2 Samuel the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter:

- 26 “With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;  
27 with the purified you deal purely,  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.  
28 You save a humble people,  
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.  
29 For you are my lamp, O LORD,  
and my God lightens my darkness.  
30 For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.  
31 This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.  
32 “For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?  
33 This God is my strong refuge  
and has made my way blameless.  
34 He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual** (Psalm 8:1)

**C: O LORD, our Lord,**

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**You have set your glory**

**Above the heavens.**

## The Christian Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:6-13)

A: A reading from 1 Corinthians the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter:

<sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Verse** (Psalm 112:1)

**C: Alleluia. Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!  
Alleluia.**

## **The Holy Gospel** *(Luke 16:1-13)*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' <sup>3</sup> And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' <sup>8</sup> The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## **The Apostles' Creed**

**A:** Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: 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.**

*Please be seated*





1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

**Hymn of Reflection**

***Rock of Ages***

**ELW 623**



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



## **Announcements**

### **Prayers of the People**

A: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### **Preface and Proper Preface**

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 God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **Sanctus**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**God of power and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution**

**P:** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have  
eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our  
salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we  
proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P:** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able.

We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with your word and holy spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we, and all who share in the body and blood of Christ, may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people, and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Pax Domini**

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### **Distribution**

### **All are welcome**



### **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 Collect**

**A:** We pray: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world, and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Benediction**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**







1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

***Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said***

**J.S. Bach**

### **Contributors to this Service**

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*Music Leader*

*Lynne Morella 9am, Culley Coughlin 11am*

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*Members of Team 1 and 2*

*Audio/Video Dave Kushman 9am, Phillip Sultan, Jeff Campbell, Nate French 11am*

*Flowers under the cross are provided by Pam Macbeth and Jeff Luster in memory of their mother on her birthday.*

*Flowers under the presence candle are provided by Brian and Amy Hofmann in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.*

## **NEXT SERVICES**

July 25, 2021

**9:00 am & 11:00 am**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity / The Cleansing of the Temple

### **READINGS**

Luke 19:41-48 (Jeremiah 8:4-12, Romans 9:30–10:4)

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