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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 12

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Contemporary Service



AS WE GATHER

Jesus famously teaches, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21), and Jesus knows a treasure when He sees one. Listen to the Readings in worship today. From the days of the Old Testament onward, the Lord has clearly declared how He vastly treasures His people. The Son of God gives up everything to reclaim you as His treasured possession.

And it is purely His love for you that gives you true value and limitless worth. Since His treasure is His people, you can be sure His heart remains with His people too, as He visits us here with the priceless goodness of His Word and Sacrament.



FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Your Grace Is Enough”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus, Ending)

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God.

You wrestle with the sinner's heart,

You lead us by still waters into mercy,

And nothing can keep us apart.

Chorus:

**So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, oh God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.**

**Great is Your love and justice, God.
You use the weak to lead the strong,
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.**

Chorus:

Ending:

**Your grace is enough, heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I see Your grace is enough;
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.**

WELCOME

(Please stand)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Romans 11:33; Deuteronomy 7:7, 9; Romans 11:36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

The LORD set His love on you and chose you.

Know therefore that the LORD is God.

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

To Him be glory forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Romans 8:31-32

You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

We confess our unholy thoughts, words, and actions.

Almighty God,

we have not lived up to our calling as Your treasured possession. Our desires are selfish and our love is shallow. We have turned aside from doing good and chosen to treasure things of creation rather than our Creator. In our sinful state we are vulnerable to the devil, death, and darkness. And so we seek Your mercy. We surrender to Your loving kindness in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

“He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”

Indeed, the mercy of almighty God is displayed in the giving of His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

**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.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

(Please be seated)

SONG OF PRAISE

“This Is Amazing Grace”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me**

**Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings Chorus**

Bridge

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy Chorus**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was

raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44–52

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SONG OF THE MONTH: "More Precious Than Silver"

**Lord, You are more precious than silver;
Lord, You are more costly than gold;
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds;
And nothing I desire compares with You.**

**Lord, Your light is shining within us;
Lord, Your light drives darkness away.
Lord, Your light is guiding us onwards,
Preparing us for the coming wedding day.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

“Enough”

(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)

Chorus:

**All of You is more than enough for all of me
For every thirst and every need
You satisfy me with Your love
And all I have in You is more than enough**

**You are my supply my breath of life
And still more awesome than I know
You are my reward worth living for
And still more awesome than I know** Chorus:

**You're my sacrifice of greatest price
And still more awesome than I know
You're my coming King You are everything
And still more awesome than I know** Chorus:

**Bridge:
More than all I want more than all I need
You are more than enough for me
More than all I know more than all I can say
You are more than enough (repeat) Chorus:**

MESSAGE

OFFERING *(Please fill out the fellowship pad beside you)*

(Please stand)

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder.)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“One Thing Remains”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus, Bridge)

It is higher than the mountains that I face.
It is stronger than the power of the grave.
It is constant in the trial and the change.
This one thing remains. This one thing remains. [Chorus]

Chorus: Your love never fails, never gives up,
Never runs out on me. [3x]

On and on and on and on it goes.
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never, ever, have to be afraid.
This one thing remains. This one thing remains. [Chorus]

Bridge: In death, In life, I'm confident and
covered by the power of Your great love.
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can
separate my heart from Your great love. [Chorus]

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“You Are My All In All”

(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus)

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name;
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all;
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool, You are my all in all. Chorus

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again, I bless Your name, You are my all in all;
When I fall down, You pick me up,
When I am dry, You fill my cup, You are my all in all. Chorus**

(Please stand)

PRAYER OF THANKS

Amen

BLESSING

(Please be seated)

SONG TO DEPART

“To the Only God”

(repeat once, then ending)

**To the Only God
Who is able to keep us
Able to keep us from falling
To the Only God
Be all glory and honor
Majesty and power
For all ages now and forevermore.**

**Ending:
Forevermore. Be all glory, and honor,
majesty and power.
For all ages now, and forevermore.
Forevermore**

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