



Again, The Kingdom Of Heaven Is Like...  
Matthew 13:45



**Sunday, July 26, 2020**  
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# *Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

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*Sunday, July 26, 2020*  
*9:00 a.m.*

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.  
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill  
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

**“The Hidden Treasure”**  
**Worship Service—Sunday, July 26, 2020**

**AS WE GATHER**

**OPENING HYMN** *“God Himself is Present” LSB #907 vs. 1-3*

**INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

P: Do good, O Lord to those who hold fast to Your name

**C: and to those upright in heart.**

P: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,

**C: The Lord will lead away with evildoers.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C: O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**INTROIT**

(Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: v.1)

P: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name;

**C: make known among the nations what he has done.**

P: Sing to Him, sing praise to Him;

**C: tell of all His wonderful acts.**

P: Glory in His holy name;

**C: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

P: Look to the Lord and His strength;

**C: seek His face always.**

P: Remember the wonders He has done,

**C: His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced.**

P: O descendants of Abraham His Servant,

**C: O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name;

**C: make known among the nations what he has done.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *“Alleluia! Sing To Jesus” #821 vs. 1-3*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love, that, receiving Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT** *Deuteronomy 7:6-9*

*(Because God loves you, he chose you to be His treasured possession)*

**6**For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

**7**The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. **8**But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the

power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. **9**Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** *Romans 8:28-39*

*(God works for the good of those who love Him)*

**28**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **29**For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. **30**And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

**31**What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32**He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **33**Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34**Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. **35**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36**As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." **37**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38**For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39**neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *(Please rise)*

**ALL: Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 13:44-52*

*(The kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure)*

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

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

**44**"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

**45**"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. **46**When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

**47**"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. **48**When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. **49**This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous **50**and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**51**"Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied.

**52**He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *"What do you treasure?"*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"The Church's One Foundation" #644, vs. 1,2,4*

**THE MESSAGE**

**WORSHIP MUSIC** *"Shout To The Lord"*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** *"I've Found A Friend In Jesus"*

**GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD**

**The LWML Gifts from the Heart** is for the Correctional Ministry which helps Christian men and women who have been recently released from prison. The ministry provides housing, jobs, referrals to treatment, welcoming congregations, etc. Until they receive their first paycheck, they have some needs: The LWML is collecting the following items:

- ◆ Used good condition backpacks, duffle bags or luggage
- ◆ Tide pods
- ◆ Socks—men/women tube or crew socks (black or white)
- ◆ Food—complete meal non perishable such as soup, spaghetti, ramen noodles, peanut butter, jelly
- ◆ Bibles



**Prayers:** Ryder Antony, Carroll Behne, Theodore Carnehl, Nathan Behne, Bruce Behne

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**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** Whitney Kassner, Hannah Bliesmer, Edith Gates, Justin Holm, Mike Johnson, Sierra Johnson, Logan Weber, Bruce Hansen, Pat Hanson, Garland Hendrickson, Anita Scherer, Daryl Anderson, Cathy Cain, Cory Ballard, Gracin Hansen, Lance Waldee, Olivia Anderson, Guy Rudolph, Jory Wagenman

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## Precious Gem

Think quick—if your residence were on fire, what would you save first? What would be the most important possession that you'd want to be sure escaped the fire?

One hundred people were asked that question on a survey. The top answer was a family member, usually a child or spouse. Others mentioned pets, jewelry, and their computers. The point of the question was to find out what was most valuable to people. If you had to risk your life to go back into a burning house, what would be worth the risk?

You needed to be rescued. Because of sin, you were in danger of dying and spending eternity separated from God. God sent His Son to rescue You. You are so valuable to Jesus that He didn't just risk His life, He gave it up. He sacrificed Himself on the cross when He died for the sins of the world, when He died for you. His death saves you from an eternity spent in the fires of hell.

Jesus tells the parable of the merchant who spent all he had in order to get a precious gem. You are God's precious gem. He gave all He had—Himself—in order to get you. And He did it purely out of love for you.

Lord Jesus, thank You for loving me so much that You paid the ultimate price to keep me as Yours forever. Amen.