

+ *The Ninth Sunday after Trinity* +
+ *Sunday, August 9, 2020* +



✠ **Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Soest** ✠

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Worship Services: Thursdays @ 7:00PM and Sundays @ 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

The Steward's Shrewdness Sanctified

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (Luke 16:1–9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26–34).

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PASTORAL GREETING/EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OPENING HYMN: “How Great Thou Art ”

LSB 801



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!

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OPENING VERSICLES

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord, 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.

PSALM (*Congregation speaks bold*)

Psalms 51:1-12 (antiphon: v.18)

- P** ¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good | pleasure; *
build up the walls of Je- | rusalem;
- C** ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love; *
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.
- P** ²Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity, *
and cleanse me | from my sin!
- C** ³For I know my trans- | gressions, *
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
- P** ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight, *
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.
- C** ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity, *
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
- P** ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being, *
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.
- C** ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; *
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
- P** ⁸Let me hear joy and | gladness; *
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.
- C** ⁹Hide your face | from my sins, *
and blot out all my in- | iquities.
- P** ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, | O God, *
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
- C** ¹¹Cast me not away from your | presence, *
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
- P** ¹²Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation, *
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
- 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
- P** ¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good | pleasure; *
build up the walls of Je- | rusalem;

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 22:26-34

²⁶“With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; ²⁷with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. ²⁸You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. ²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. ³⁰For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. ³¹This 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? ³³This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. ³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.”

[P] This is the Word of the Lord. **[C]** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:6-13

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now 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. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No 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.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord. **[C]** Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

¹[Jesus] 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. ²And 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.’ ³And 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. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then 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.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager
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for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And 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.

¹⁰“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. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No 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 This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

SERMON

HYMN: “Today Your Mercy Calls Us

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1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

OFFERING *(Please place your offering in the plates as you leave the church)*

DEDICATION/BLESSING OF THE TEACHERS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR - (7:30)

(Stand)

KYRIE

P O Lord, **C** have mercy.

P O Christ, **C** have mercy.

P O Lord, **C** have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

APOSTLE'S CREED

C 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.

VERSICLES

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C **let my cry come to You.**
- P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You;
C **for You answer me.**
- P** Hide Your face from my sins,
C **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C **my lips will praise You.**
- P** For You have been my help,
C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
- P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
- P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition:)

[P] Lord, in Your mercy,
[C] hear our prayer.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

[C] I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

[P] Let us bless the Lord.
[C] Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

[P] The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
[C] Amen.

(Sit)



CLOSING HYMN: "What is the World to Me"

LSB 730



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER



In Our Prayers This Week

For our Shut-in members:

Vi B, Sharon B, Robert B, Jake & Arlene B, Ida G, Ned & Ruth K, Robert M, Ruth M, Alice S, Louva H and June S.

For all others in our prayers this week:

DeWayne D, Jim M, Shanna M, Chris S, Ruth M, Paul G, Ava S, Mike R, David M, Cindy H– continued recovery

Malinda S, Jim M, Larry S, Bob S (Lora A's father), Philip B (Katherine H's father), Karl H (Josh H's uncle) Kyle E, Mike P (Jill G's father), Marshall S., Lorna M. (Brenda F's mother) and Ryan B – health issues

Mike M (Michelle B's father) and Diane D– cancer treatments

Taylor S – Deployment for 6 months

Sue S and Miranda G. – recovering from surgery