

**The master . . .
forgave him
the debt**

Matthew 18:27



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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

We are weak and sick, O Father, and the temptations of the flesh and the world are great and many. O Father, keep us, and let us not fall again into temptation and sin. Give us grace that we may remain steadfast and fight bravely to the end. Without your grace and help we can do nothing, Amen. (M. Luther, 1483-1546)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

Access Services Online

If you would like to see a service that you missed or would just like to see it again, please visit our website at planolutheran.com/resources/bulletins-and-services for past videos and bulletins.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM (12:30 PM masked only)

Divine Service II – *LSB 167*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

LSB 845 sts. 1–5



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let
5 Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess; And let us love each
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry
Christ, His on - ly Son; As mem - bers of His



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.
bod - y joined We are in Him made one.

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Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 167

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b, [18-20]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways 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. 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. *John 20:19-23*

C **Amen.**

+++Service of the Word+++

Introit

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9



Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

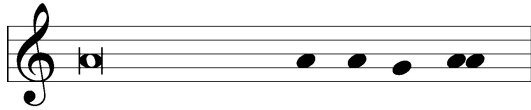
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Kyrie

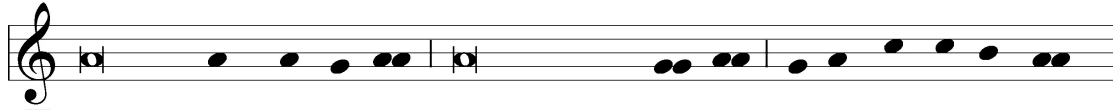
Mark 10:47; LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



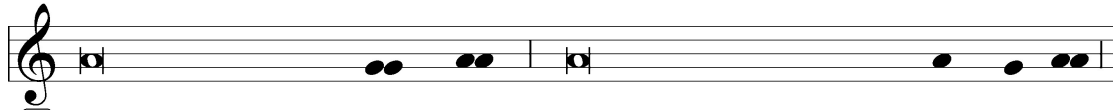
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



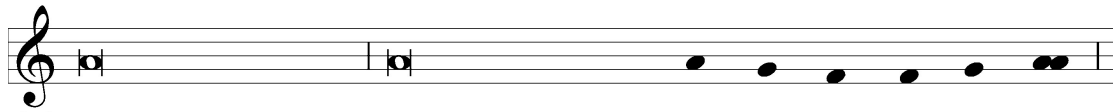
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



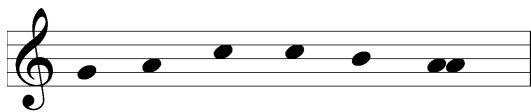
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



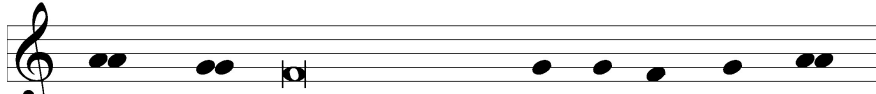
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



G A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14, John 1:29; LSB 170



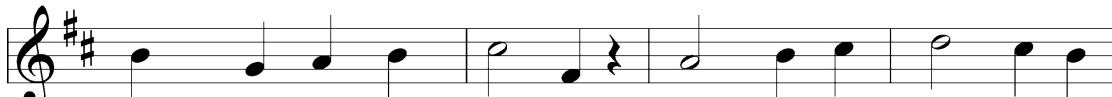
A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



G Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



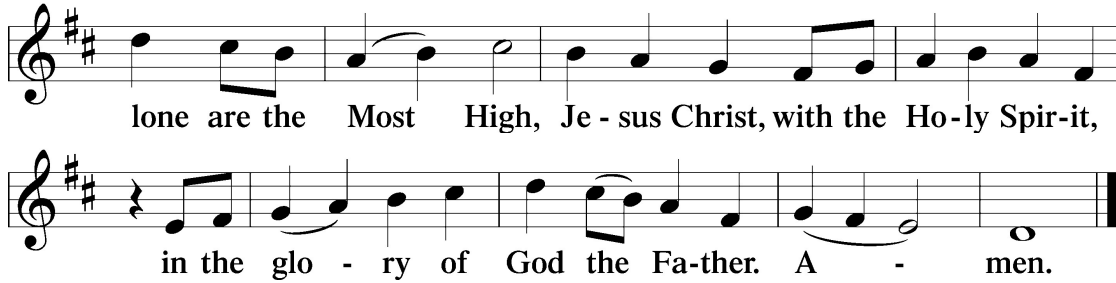
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -



Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 172

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68; LSB 173

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and

I will pay you everything.’²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



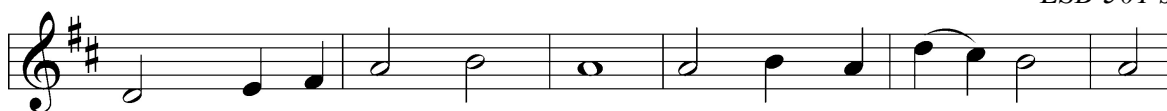
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

LSB 501 sts. 1, 3–4



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

LSB 175

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.

Prayer of the Church

Each petition concludes with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Offering Omitted

(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, a basket has been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link. Please take this time to reflect on your own sacrificial giving, praying these words as we sing the Offertory.)

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 176



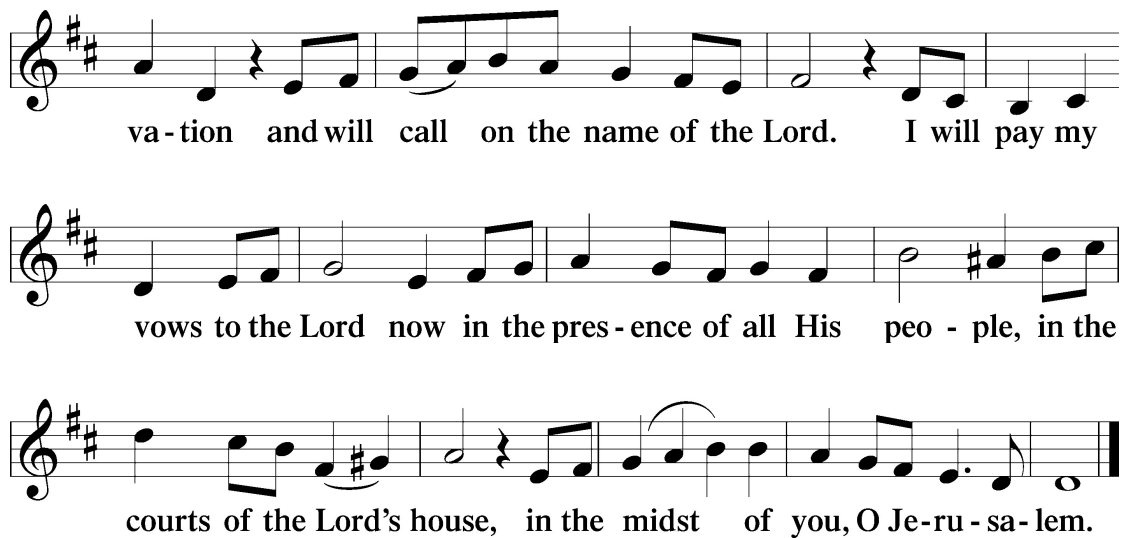
C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; LSB 179

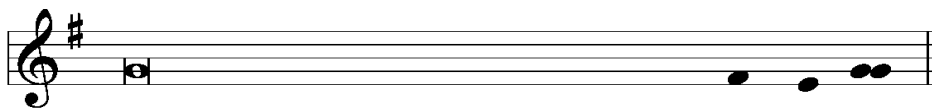
- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Peace

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26; LSB 183



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Recessional Hymn

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

LSB 816 sts. 1, 3



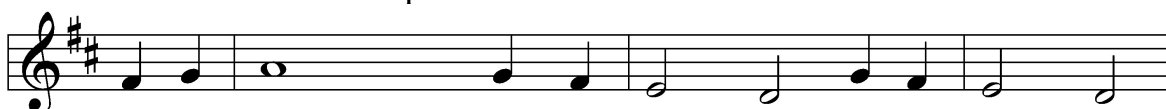
1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
 Δ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the basket as you exit.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Regular classes have been canceled until further notice. There is an online Adult Bible study over 1 John Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Please watch your email for how to participate using Zoom.

LWML Mites

Share your thankfulness on LWML's **GivingTuesday**, September 15. You have the opportunity to share your blessings by contributing to the 2019–2021 LWML Mission Goal. Two out of every three people do not know Jesus as their Savior. Your donation can help reach them and will be matched by a generous donor's gift on GivingTuesday. Donate online at lwml.org/givingtuesday or through LWML Facebook. (If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note GivingTuesday with your contribution.)

LWML Grant #14 for the 2019-2021 biennium is Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln for \$50,000. This grant will help with the renovation of the University Lutheran Chapel, where anyone can go to be loved, to be healed with the help of Christian counselors, and to receive hope through Word and Sacrament. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-14. Your mites count! Mite offerings will be collected on the second Sunday of each month or may be turned into the office. Each member of LOL is encouraged to collect their mites as the widow in the Bible, and prayerfully support the mission service projects of the LWML. LOL contributed \$566.98 to LWML Mites in 2019.

Annual Men's Retreat is Coming Soon

Annual Lord of Life Men's Retreat will be Friday 9/25 - Saturday 9/26. All men of the congregation and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend this fun getaway at All Saint's Retreat Center on Lake Texhoma. We will spend some time in devotion on Friday evening and Saturday morning and the rest of the time will be relaxing and just hanging out with the guys. Trails for hiking are available and the lake is accessible for fishing. Cost is \$75 and includes a grilled steak dinner Friday night, as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Due to Covid-19, the sleeping arrangements will be spread out in order to observe social distancing. Contact Ben Scarth (Benjaminscarth@yahoo.com) if you are interested in attending.



Community Rewards

If you shop Kroger regularly, link your Kroger Plus Card to Lord of Life (**BW594**) in their Community Rewards program, then your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. This selection **must be renewed every August** (www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards) or it is dropped from your Kroger Plus Card – check your receipts if you're not sure where your rewards

are going. We received \$47.57 from Kroger purchases between **May, 2020 and August 26, 2020** from **19** households! Thank you!

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Today the good Lord has a good Word for those of us who have participated in abortion. He forgives that. He forgives you. “[A]s far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103:12). What’s more, He redeems every sinner. He redeems all our failures. “[Y]ou meant evil ... but God meant it for good” (Genesis 50:20). Who could you counsel or comfort with what you’ve learned from this mistake (Romans 14:7)?

This week on KFUE.org

Hear the new format for Concord Matters: Care of Souls with Pastor Sean Smith (9/15 at 2:00 p.m. CT), continue in Proverbs on Sharper Iron with Pastor Timothy Appel (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and continue in 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word with Pastor AJ Espinosa (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!



Salvation Outline

The following seven points summarize the basic information about the human condition and God’s saving grace. You may want to memorize these points so that you may share them with someone who does not yet believe in Jesus as his or her Savior.

1. *God loves you!* “For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (**John 3:16**).
2. *You are a sinner.* “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (**Rom. 3:23**).
3. *God punishes sin.* “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (**Rom. 6:23**).
4. *Jesus took our punishment.* “But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (**Rom. 5:8**).
5. *Jesus rose from the dead.* “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures” (**1 Cor. 15:3–4**).
6. *Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to those who believe in Him.* “Then he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household’” (**Acts 16:30–31**).
7. *Salvation is free—a gift from God.* “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (**Eph. 2:8–9**).

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Rev. Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Victoria Frinsko
Altar Guild: Nevelle Vess, Lynda Abbott, Charis Bennett, and Laurie George
Elder: Greg Moudy

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Sept. 13

8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Worship Service
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Masked Worship Service

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Thursday, September 17

7:00 pm Admin Council

Friday, September 18

9:00 am Comfort Makers

Next Sunday's Readings September 20, 2020

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:6-9
Epistle: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16



The flower arrangements on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Donovan & Nancy Cawood in memory of Don Fiedler; and by Carol Nance in memory of Bob Nance on what would have been their 50th wedding anniversary.



Pentecost

About the Cover: The parable of the servant who could not forgive his fellow servant's small debt reveals that to refuse forgiveness for others is to refuse forgiveness first given. What a great debt we have been forgiven in Christ Jesus! We deserve only punishment and would still be dead in our sins without Him. But Jesus suffered in our place, died, and rose to pay the great debt that we owed in order that we may be forgiven freely.