

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Service – September 13, 2020
Worship Service Two p.3 from our black binders.

Hymn Of Confession: Awesome God

WF 25C

When He rolls up His sleeves he ain't just puttin' on the ritz, Our God is an awesome God. There is thunder in His footsteps and light'ning in His fists, Our God is an awesome God. And the Lord wasn't jokin' when He kicked 'em out of Eden, It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood. His return is very close and so you better be believin' – that our God is an awesome God.

Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from Heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love, our God is an awesome God.

And when the sky was starless in the void of the night, Our God is an awesome God. He spoke into the darkness and created the light, Our God is an awesome God. The judgment and the wrath He poured out on Sodom, The mercy and grace He gave us at the cross, I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten that our God is an awesome God.

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INVOCATION:

P: O God, Father, creator of Heaven and earth,.

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O Son of God, Redeemer of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O God, the Holy Spirit, one who brings us into His eternal kingdom,

C: Have mercy on us.

PSALM 51 CONFSSION:

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love: according to Your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.

C: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

C: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

P: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

C: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS:

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶ “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our
God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are
higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts
than your thoughts.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really
served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the
whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.
¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my
imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .
¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ
this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope

that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 20:1-16

¹ [Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn: Seek Ye First

WF 20C

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, And His righteousness. And All these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask and it shall be giv'n unto you, Seek and ye shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!
3. Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Gehrke

Prayers

- P: Let us pray to the Lord:
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Holy Communion

You will be dismissed by individual pews. When dismissed, you may come forward to the altar railing, but do NOT kneel. We will commune you while you are standing up.

Distribution Hymns: Amazing Grace

WF 8A

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found. Was blind but now I see!
2. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; His grace has brought me safe so far, His grace will see me home.
4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease, Amazing grace shall then prevail in heaven's joy and peace.

Crown Him With Many Crowns

WF 9A

1. Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake, my

soul and sing, Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity..

2. Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn; Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown Him the Lord of love, Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified. No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bend their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

As the Deer

WF 17B

1. As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone desire, and I long to worship Thee. You alone are my strength my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and You are my brother even though you are a King. I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. You alone are my strength my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

3. I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. You alone are my strength my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee. *Rit. (You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.)*

Post-Communion Collect

P: Oh Lord, let Your mercy be upon us.

C: As our trust is in You.

P: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: And let our cry come unto You.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn:**God Is So Good****WF33A**

1. God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me.
2. He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He's so good to me.
3. He loves me so, He loves me so, He loves me so, He's so good to me.
4. I praise His name, I praise His name, I praise His name, He's so good to me.

Soli Deo Gloria

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