

GRACE AT HOME



17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST

“So the last will be first, and the first last.” – Matthew 20:16

Matthew narrates one of Jesus’ controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God’s mercy we are all beggars.



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's might - y
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den of our
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som has been
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us of our



Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
paid; you now as - cend the Fa - ther's throne
pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pur - i - fied, by mer - cy pur - i - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
our future great reward;
our only glory, may it be
to glory in the Lord!

6 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
through all eternity!

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 145:1-8

ROMANS READING

Matthew 20:1-16

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

1. What catches your attention right away as you read this parable?
2. Why were there so many workers not hired throughout the day?
3. What is the reason that the landowner gives for why he can give to the last workers the same as the first workers?
4. How are we to understand this story in relation to God and to us?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4

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Class Resumes Today! September 13th, 9:15am

Sept 20th...Noah & the Ark
Sept 27th...A Promised Child
Oct 4th...Joseph Forgives
Oct 11th...Baby Moses
Oct 18th...The Passover Lamb
Oct 25th...Luther's Prayers
Nov 1st...Hallowtide
Nov 8th...Rahab and the Spies
Nov 15th...NO CLASS
Nov 22nd...Gideon's Army
Nov 29th...NO CLASS

DAILY READINGS

Mon. – Jn 9:1-23; Rom 8:31-39
Tue. – Jn 9:24-41; Rom 10:1-17
Wed. – Jn 10:1-21; Rom 12
Thu. – Mt 20:1-16; Rom 14:13-23
Fri. – Jn 11:1-16; 1 Cor 1:18-31

GOD'S WORD BY HEART

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.– John 1:1-3

CATECHISM CORNER

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Which sins is a person to confess?

Before God one is to acknowledge the guilt for all sins, even those of which we are not aware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. However, before the pastor we are to confess only those sins of which we are aware and which trouble us.

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 PIRATES
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 WAGES
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 WRONG

FRIEND
 HEAT
 VINEYARD
 STEWARD
 BURDEN
 LAWFUL
 HIRED
 WISH
 THIRD
 SIXTH
 FIRST
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