

*TODAY'S FOCUS*

Pastor Jerry McNamara continues our summer-long teaching series through the 1 Corinthians, "Eagerly." The world is watching the amazing athletes at the Summer Olympics as they strive for gold medals. Through Paul's letter, God reminds us there is a prize we are to pursue: to use the grace given us to help more people come close to God.

**+ PREPARATION +**

*LSB 794 THE LORD, MY GOD, BE PRAISED*

sts. 1–3

- 1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.
- 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.
- 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,  
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

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*INVOCATION*

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

**C** Amen.

- P** Jesus is the bread of life, come down from heaven to give life to the world.
- C** **Lord, we hunger for Your presence.**
- P** If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- C** **Lord, we hunger for Your forgiveness.**
- 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.**
- P** In the wilderness of this world we forget Your presence.
- C** **We grumble and complain about Your provision.**
- P** We focus too often on our wants and needs of this world.
- C** **We fail to rejoice in the daily giving of Your grace and mercy.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Lord, we hunger for You. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. . . . Jesus said, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.’” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, the bread of life, 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** **Lord, You fill us with forgiveness. Amen.**

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st. 4

△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,  
To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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*SALUTATION*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## *PRAYER OF THE DAY*

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **+ GOD'S WORD FOR US +**

### *EPISTLE*

1 Corinthians 9 NIV

<sup>9:1</sup>Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord? <sup>2</sup>Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>This is my defense to those who sit in judgment on me. <sup>4</sup>Don't we have the right to food and drink? <sup>5</sup>Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas? <sup>6</sup>Or is it only I and Barnabas who lack the right to not work for a living?

<sup>7</sup>Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk?

<sup>8</sup>Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? <sup>9</sup>For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? <sup>10</sup>Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. <sup>11</sup>If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? <sup>12</sup>If others have this right of support from

you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

<sup>13</sup> Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? <sup>14</sup> In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

<sup>15</sup> But I have not used any of these rights. And I am not writing this in the hope that you will do such things for me, for I would rather die than allow anyone to deprive me of this boast. <sup>16</sup> For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

<sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

<sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. <sup>27</sup> No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### *HOLY GOSPEL*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?

<sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

<sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## *LSB 826 HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CRYING*

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, “Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting— Who will bear the  
sheaves away?”  
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment’s dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children To the Savior’s waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion’s wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off’ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet’s hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”  
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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## *MESSAGE EAGER FOR THE PRIZE (1 CORINTHIANS SERIES, PART 9)*

### *NICENE CREED*

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

**God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were  
made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,**

**whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*OUR PRAYERS*

**+ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER +**

## *INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION*

### *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.**

### *WORDS OF OUR LORD*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**+ COMMUNION HYMN +**

*LSB 547 THE LAMB*

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

**Refrain**

**ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own!**

**The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to  
sing. **Refrain**

3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their  
shepherd kill

So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.  
**Refrain**

5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

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*BENEDICTION*

John 6:26–27a; Numbers 6:24–26

**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.

**☐ Amen.**

*LSB 680 THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE* sts. 1–2, 4–5

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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