



The Stories Jesus Tells

The Master & His Gifts

*“Those who are faithful in
little, will be faithful in much more!”*

Pentecost 16

September 28, 2025

Prelude

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

*P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that
confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust
in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.*

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

**C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you
and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to
repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace
and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be
strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to
your will and your way.**

*P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love.
[Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus
Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

God Whose Giving

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1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Treas-ure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.



Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

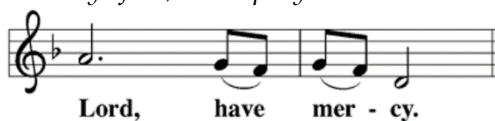
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2





1 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.



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



2 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.



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



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Heavenly Father, You give us many blessings; the gifts of community, the benefits of applying our skills, the resources that sustain us, and faith in Your Word.

Strengthen us in our trust of Your blessings, that we will be free from anxiety and empowered to use our blessings in service to others as a witness of Your presence and as foretaste of the glory of Your coming Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 43

Isaiah, a great prophet of God, spoke the Word of God to God's people who had been in exile for their sin, but God was about to bring them home . . .

Thus says the Lord who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior - they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick - "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing. Now it springs forth! Do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me - the jackals and the ostriches - for, I give water in the wilderness - rivers in the desert - to give drink to my chosen people - the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Praise the Lord!

*Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in the Lord's commandments.*

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

*Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.*

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

*It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.*

**For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

*They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.*

**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

*They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.*

**The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

Second Lesson

I Peter 4

The fulfillment of everything is coming very soon! So, be sure you take an evaluative point of view that is well grounded and be levelheaded in your prayers. Above all, have intense wholistic love for one another, for wholistic love covers a plethora of sins. Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. Like good stewards of the manifold and diverse grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. If someone speaks, speak God's Word. If someone serves, serve as out of the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified

in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Children's Sermon

Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 16

One day when Jesus was getting ready to enter Jerusalem for the last time, he told the crowd this parable because the crowd thought that when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, the kingdom of God was to immediately come to light.

Snce upon a time, a well-born, dignified, courageous and open-minded man went to a distant country to be given his kingdom and then return home with new authority. Before he left, he called his servants and gave each of them one mina (which is about \$1,500) and told them to, 'Do what seems practical with these while I am away.'

However, some of this ruler's citizens hated him and they sent a delegation to protest his becoming the King, saying 'It is not our will for him to be king over us.'

After the ruler received his kingdom, he returned and commanded that his servants share the results of what happened with the mina.

The first servant came forward and said, 'Lord, your one mina has produced ten more mina!'

The king then said to her, 'Good job, good servant! Because you have been faithful in what is insignificant, I now promote you to having authority over ten communities.'

Then the second servant came forward, saying, 'Lord, your one mina made five more mina.'

And the king also said to him, 'And I put you in authority over five communities.'

Then the third servant came forward, saying, 'Lord, behold! Here is your one mina which I have removed from service and wrapped up in this cloth that is usually used to cover the face of a dead person, for I am afraid of you, because you are an austere and emotionless man. You take what you did not put there, and harvest what you did not plant.'

Then the king said to this servant, 'Now by the words from your own mouth I will judge you, you evil slave. You have been thinking that I am an austere and emotionless man, taking what I did not put there and harvesting what I did not plant? So, then, if this is what you thought, why didn't you at least give my silver to the bankers and then, when I returned, it would have earned interest?

The king said to those standing around him, 'Take the mina from him and give it to the servant who has ten minas, for I tell you, to all who already have faithful understanding, more will be given, but from those who have no faithful understanding, even what they have will be taken away. Nevertheless, those hostile of me - those not willing me to be reigning over them--bring them here and slay them in front of me.'"

And having said this, Jesus goes ahead, advancing into Jerusalem.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

We Give Thee But Thine Own **686**

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
 what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers & Passing of the Peace

Offering / Offertory

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We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
 of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.



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A: Let us Pray

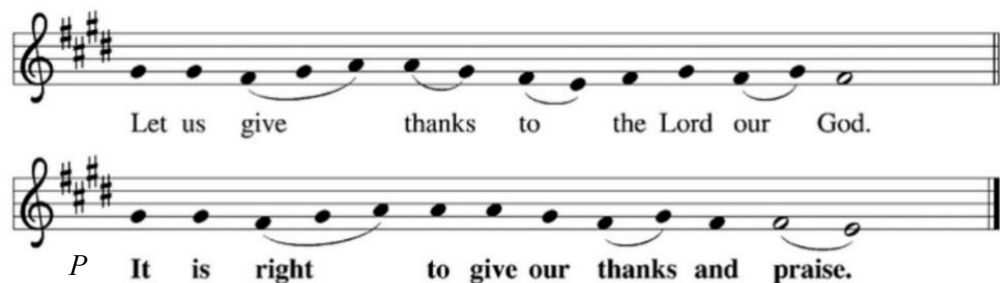
C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting 2

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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It is indeed . . .

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The third line of musical notation is in G major and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

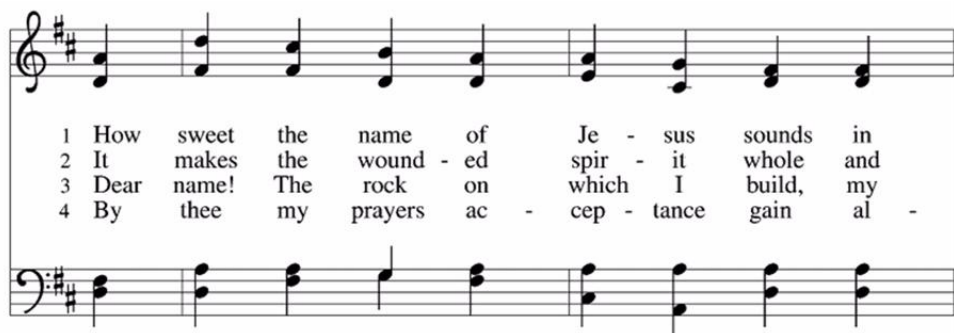


take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my al -
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

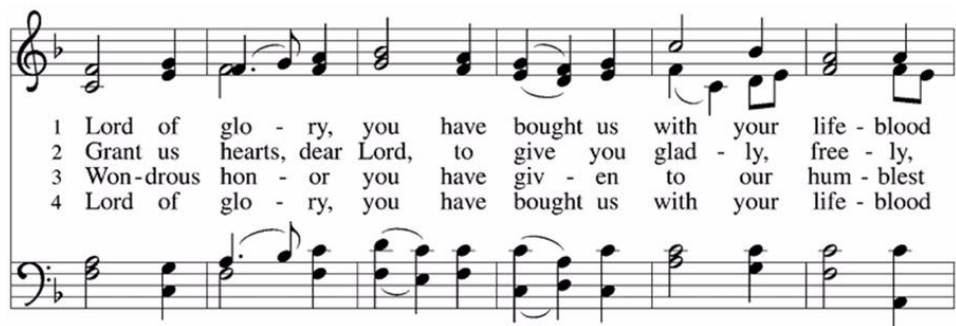
7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death!

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer & Benediction

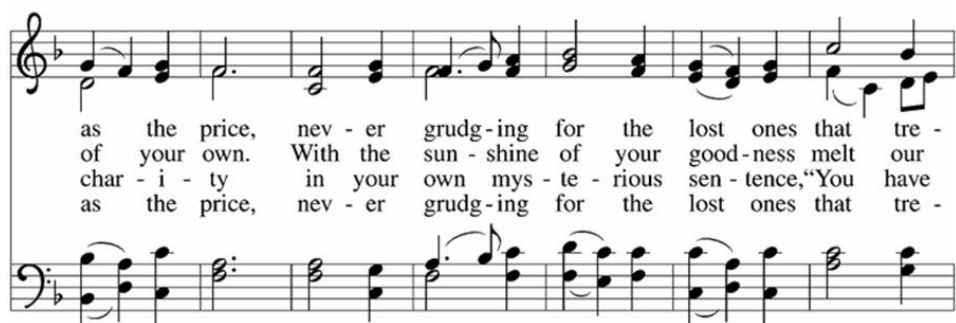
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Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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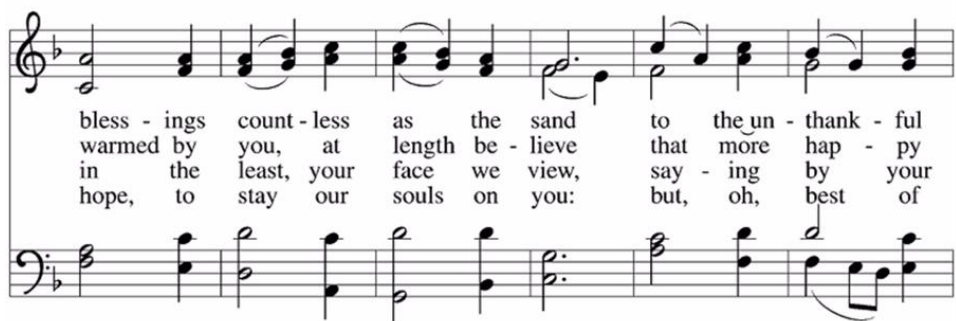
1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won-drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



Postlude & Dismissal



Sunday, September 28

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation classes

9:45 a.m. Post Confirmation

Student Group Meeting

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal in

the sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, September 30

6:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Chris - hybrid

3:30 p.m. Bible Study Lite 101 w/Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Chris - online only

Wednesday, October 1

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

Sunday, October 5

Name Tag Sunday/Last Day to Donate to Winter Gear Drive

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation classes

9:45 a.m. Post Confirmation Student Group Meeting

9:45 a.m. Oktoberfest brunch in the fellowship hall

10:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Worship



Come to the fellowship hall on October 5th for our annual Oktoberfest celebration. This year there will be a brunch between services at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite dishes to share. Beverages will be provided.



You are invited on Friday, 10/17 @ 7:00 p.m. to join with other women from Grace for an enriching evening filled with conversation, wisdom & of course, wine & snacks! A guest speaker will provide helpful insights on how to be our best selves.

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