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Luke 20: 9-20



✝ **Sunday, April 6, 2025** ✝
✝ **Fifth Sunday in Lent** ✝
✝ **Praise Service – 10:30 am** ✝

Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration form in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert.

Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2nd & 4th Sunday during the 10:30am service. We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

To Our Guests

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

Restrooms

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

*Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by
Karen Schmohe for blessings received*

Prelude by Mark and Phil

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

(Chorus)

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne!

(Chorus-2x)

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

- P** Holy and gracious God,
C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**
P By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Let us go forth now in His peace and serve Him as redeemed, forgiven, and loved children of God.
C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:16-21

- A** God works wonders even in the midst of what we believe is an impossible situation. God is the only one that can bring forth water into the wilderness, and life in the midst of sin. The Old Testament is from Isaiah chapter 43:

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

¹⁹Behold, I am doing 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.

²⁰The wild beasts 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, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 3:8-14

A Could you lose everything and still consider yourself rich? Could you suffer a great deal and still express true joy and happiness? Paul recognizes that Christ is the only thing that matters in life, and he wants us to understand. The joy that awaits us in heaven far surpasses any joy of this world. The Epistle is from Philippians chapter 3:

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Song

Above All

Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things.
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the word began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders of the world has ever known,
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what You're worth.

(Chorus)

Crucified, laid behind a stone.
You lived to die, rejected and alone.
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all.

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let

us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

P In faith we believe; in faith we trust! Therefore, let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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.

Please be seated

Song

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams;
Now, one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
We will gladly live our lives.

Sermon

Would we recognize the son?

Offering

Please stand

Give thanks with a grateful heart
 Give thanks to the Holy One
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
 Let the poor say, "I am rich"
 Because of what the Lord has done for us"
 Give thanks

Versicles

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- P** Jesus said, "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites.
- C** **For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others.**
- P** Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.
- C** **But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.**
- P** And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- C** **And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.**
- P** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."
- C** **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**
- P** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- C** **Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,**
- P** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- C** **And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.**
- P** And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.
- C** **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
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.**

Closing Versicles

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- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
C **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Benediction

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- 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, amen, amen.**

Closing Song

Blessed be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Tho' I walk thru the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Tho' there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.
You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

The Dismissal

- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord
- C** **Building bright futures, Anchored in Christ.**

Postlude by Mark and Phil

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- ✠8:30 am – A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.
- ✠9:30 am – Sunday School / 9:30 am – Adult Bible Study
- ✠10:30 am – Praise Service – A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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