

Telling the Story:
The Man Who Helped



Weekend of September 16-17, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

OPENING HYMN:

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

LSB 848

Divine Service 3

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (p. 184)

INTROIT FOR THE DAY: (spoken responsively)

Psalm 41 (selected verses)

P: Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;

C: **The Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

P: The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.

C: **As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!"**

P: My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?"

C: **They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."**

P: Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

C: **But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

P: By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C: **But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.**

All: **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY (pg. 189)

Old Testament Reading:

Leviticus 19:9-18

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading:

Colossians 1:3-14

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE (p. 190)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

C: (sung) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading:

Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of All Nations Grant Me Grace LSB 844 (vs. 1-3)

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MESSAGE: Telling the Story – The Man Who Helped Pastor Galligar

OFFERTORY HYMN: Lord of All Nations Grant Me Grace LSB 844 (vs. 4&5)

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

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