St. James

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity 8 17 25

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn 14 in The Lutheran Hymnal

1 All people that on earth do dwell, 3 Oh, enter, then, his gates with praise,

sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. approach with joy his courts unto,

Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell; praise, laud, and bless his name always,

come ye before him and rejoice. for it is seemly so to do.

2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; 4 For why? The Lord our God is good!

without our aid he did us make. His mercy is forever sure!

We are his folk, he doth us feed, His truth at all times firmly stood!

and for his sheep he doth us take. and shall from age to age endure.

 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

 the God whom heaven and earth adore,

 from men and from the angel host

 be praise and glory evermore.

CONFESSION

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord, R. who made heaven and earth.

V. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. R. And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

ALL :

Most merciful God and Father, to you I confess my sins. As a descendant of Adam, I came into the world a sinner from the start. All along now I have be corrupting my way. Even though I was born of water and of the Spirit, even though I cling to your Son Jesus Christ and in him have become a new creature, my Old Adam remains my enemy within, so that I now appear before you worthy of your fullest condemnation. Yet I beseech you, dear Father, for Jesus’ sake, and for the infinite value of his grace, forgive all my iniquities and count me righteous. Impress upon your servant your lovingkindness, and so enable me to walk uprightly before you.

*Pastoral Reply: Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven. Jesus Christ is your righteousness. Let him be your joy as he is your salvation. Rely on his sacrifice, exult in his resurrection, and avail yourself daily of his intercession on your behalf; so will his peace sustain you. This is told you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INTROIT with Gloria Patri

Behold, God is mine helper. The Lord is with them that uphold my soul. He shall reward evil unto mine enemies. Cut them off in thy truth, O Lord.

Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Introit stirrings (to melody of 596 in TLH) on next page.*

1 When Eve and Adam felt God’s wrath 2 To God the Father glory be,

and turned to walk the gated path, to God the Son, who set us free,

they knew that they had also heard and to the Spirit on us poured,

the saving mercy of his Word. three persons, one true God and Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

V. Glory be to God on high. R. And on earth peace, good will toward men.

All. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord God, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

COLLECT

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

LESSONS

1 Chronicles 29:10-13, 1 Corinthians 10:6-13, Luke 16:1-9

APOSTLES’ CREED

 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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

 I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 366 stanzas 1– 4 in TLH

1 One thing’s needful. Lord, this treasure [1 *cont.*] Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,

teach me highly to regard. no true lasting happiness ever deriving.

All else, though it first give pleasure, The gain of this one thing all loss can requite

is a yoke that presses hard. and teach me in all things to find true delight.

2 Wilt thou find this one thing needful? 3 How were Mary’s thoughts devoted

turn from all created things her eternal joy to find.

unto Jesus and be heedful As intent each word she noted

of the blessed joy he brings. at her Savior’s feet reclined!

For where God and man both in one are united, How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,

with God’s perfect fulness the heart is delighted. while hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!

There, there is the worthiest lot and the best, For Jesus all earthly concerns she forgot,

my one and my all and my joy and my rest. and all was repaid in that one happy lot.

 4 Thus my longings heav’nward tending,

 Jesus, rest alone on thee.

 Help me, thus, on thee depending,

 Savior, come and dwell in me.

 Although all the world should forsake and forget thee,

 in love I will follow thee, ne’er will I quit thee.

 Lord Jesus, both spirit and life is thy word—

 and is there a joy which thou dost not afford?

 SERMON

Luke 16:1-9, “He also said to his disciples.”

OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn 366 stanzas 5-7 in TLH

5 Wisdom’s highest, noblest treasure, 6 Naught have I, O Christ, to offer,

Jesus, lies concealed in thee. naught but thee, my highest good.

Grant that this may still the measure Naught have I, O Lord, to proffer

of my will and actions be. but thy crimson-colored blood.

Humility there and simplicity reigning, Thy death on the cross hath death wholly defeated

in paths of true wisdom my steps ever training. and thereby my righteousness fully completed.

Oh, if I of Christ have this knowledge divine, Salvation’s white raiments I there did obtain

The fulness of heavenly wisdom is mine. and in them in glory with thee I shall reign.

 7 Therefore thou alone, my Savior,

 shall be all in all to me;

 Search my heart and my behavior,

 root out all hypocrisy.

 Restrain me from wand’ring on pathways unholy

 and through all life’s pilgrimage keep my heart lowly.

 This one thing is needful, all others are vain;

 I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.

PRAYER

Help us, we pray thee, O God and Father, creator and sustainer of both heaven and earth, to manifest here, there, and everywhere, as a matter of course, thy saving truth and grace. Help us plant our steps more firmly in the footprints of Jesus. For his sake forgive our distortions, errors, lapses, and, especialy, every trace of willful rebellion. Bear with us, cleanse us, bless us, and draw us ever closer to thee.

 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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen. Amen. Amen.