



“Laborers and idlers”

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WORSHIP PLAN WOV BREAD OF LIFE SETTING 5

LBW (*Green*) Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV (*Blue*) With One Voice

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS WOV p. 10

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

C **Amen**

P *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

C **Amen**

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

P *Most merciful God,*

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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.**

Amen

P *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen**

OPENING HYMN “*In The Morning When I Rise*” WOV# 777

GREETING WOV p. 28

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 WOV p. 28 (*spoken*)

HYMN OF PRAISE “*Glory To God*” WOV p. 29

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

C Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8 (unison)

¹I will exalt you, my God and king,

and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day will I bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!

There is no end to your greatness.

⁴One generation shall praise your works to another

and shall declare your power.

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty

and all your marvelous works.

⁶They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,

and I will recount your greatness.

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;

they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your

salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—
³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Jesus Loves Me" (1st verse only)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION WOV p. 31 (Sung)

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

P *The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.*

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "You Have Made Them Equal To Us!"

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" WOV# 763

APOSTLES' CREED WOV p. 33

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *“Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”* WOV p. 35

OFFERTORY PRAYER WOV p. 35

P *Let us pray. Merciful Father,*

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P *.....Lord in your mercy,*

C Hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER (WOV p. 52)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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.

BLESSING

P *Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.*
WOV p. 41

C *(Sung)* Three Fold Amen

SENDING HYMN *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”* WOV# 765

DISMISSAL

P *Go in peace. Serve your neighbor.*

C Yes we will. Thanks be to God.

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East Nidaros fuel fundraiser.
We will be offering soups and meals
for curbside pick up on
November 7th & 8th.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Baltic	9:00 Worship
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship 10:30 Online Worship

Things Happening This Week

- Wed Sept 23 6:30-7:30 **7th grade** Confirmation @ East
Thu Sept 24 9:00 Bulletin & Newsletter Assembly
Sat Sept 26 1:30-2:30 Food Bank Open

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

Baltic	9:00 Worship
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship 10:30 Online Worship

Things Happening Week of September 26th

- Wed Sept 23 6:30-7:30 **6th grade** Confirmation @ East
Thu Oct 1 9:00 Bulletin Assembly

