

MT SI LUTHERAN WORSHIP INSERT

March 5, 2023 - 9:30am

Welcome to this faith community. It is joy to worship with you today

SERMON SONG Just A Closer Walk Red Hymnal #697
SENDING SONG Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Red Hymnal #802

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lector

L: Let us pray, Generous God, you have promised to open your kingdom to all people, despite their circumstances. Bring us close to you, and help us to proclaim the goodness of your generosity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 84

Lector

Our first lesson comes from Psalm 84. We will read responsively.

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**All: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

L; Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Selah

L: Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**All: As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

L: They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

All: O Lord GOD of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Selah

L: Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

L: For the Lord GOD is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

NARRATIVE LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

Pastor

¹For 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." **The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God**

Serving THIS Week— March 5th

Lector: Haycox Family
Communion Assist.: Erica H.
Accompanist: Dave S.

Assisting Minister: Haycox Family
Ushers: Haycox Family
AV/Sound Board: Terry A. and Mike B

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 5—Children and Youth Education following worship

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