

Old Testament Reading:
Exodus 19:2-8

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Epistle: Romans 5:6-15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through

sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

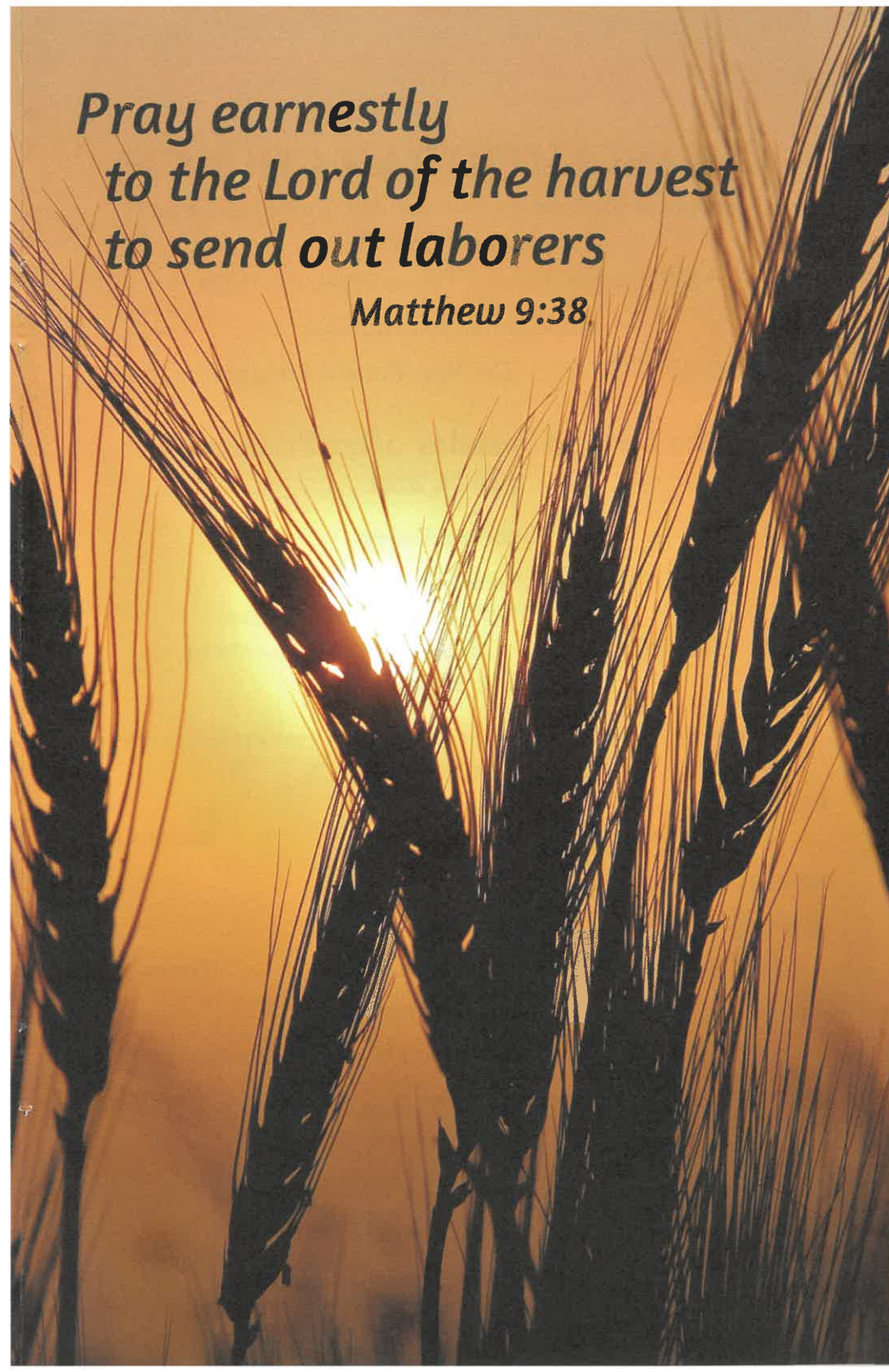
³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay."

*Pray earnestly
to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers*

Matthew 9:38



About the Cover: As our Lord looked upon the crowds, He did so with a compassionate desire to draw them all to Himself. That compassion led Him to the cross, where He died in order to bring forgiveness and life to them and to us. Christ is also calling us to share His compassion with people who have not yet heard the Gospel by going out as "laborers into His harvest."

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

The Lord's My Shepherd

Kevin Norris

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)
God Loved the World So That He Gave

Hymnal p. 571

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (t) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (t) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may

rule and direct us according to Your will, strengthen us in all our

temptations, afflictions and sorrows, defend us from all error, and

lead us into all truth that we might continue steadfast in faith, may

increase in all good works and in the end join You in Your

everlasting kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (t) give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal p. 837

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Joyful Song"

David Lasky

'The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:22-23. We take heart that the

absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are

saved. Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of

faith in the one, true, triune God.

'Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Hymnal p. 594

SERMON³

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

CONFESSION¹

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: **Yes, so I believe.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Beautiful Savior

Hymnal p. 537

**Beautiful Savior, King of Creation
Son of God and Son of Man!**

**Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**
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COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets
You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe
Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation, through Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

L: The first reading for the Second Sunday after Pentecost is from
Exodus 19:2–8

God makes His covenant with Israel at Mount Sinai

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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PSALMODY

Psalm 100

L: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
C: and His faithfulness to all generations.

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

L: Know that the Lord, He is God!

C: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the

sheep of His pasture.

L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

C: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

L: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

C: and His faithfulness to all generations.

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was

in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

C: and His faithfulness to all generations.

Romans 5:6–15

SECOND READING

L: The second reading is from chapter five of Romans.

We are reconciled to God through Christ

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35–10:8

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, chapter nine.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus sends out the Twelve.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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