

**SERVICE INFORMATION: August 6, 2023**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Pastor Tom Olson; Minnesota Valley Free Lutheran Church**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP SONGS:** Ruth Antal-send them to Marretta for PowerPoint

**ACCOMPANY HYMNS:** Ruth Antal (Osthus Sing)

**READER:** Justo Pillman

**SERVICE LEADER:** Jacob O'Flanagan

**SERMON:** Dave Fischer

**COMMUNION LEADER:** Dave Fischer

**PRELUDE:** Ruth Antal

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 8*

*LEADER: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.*

*ALL: From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.*

*LEADER: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,*

*ALL: what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?*

*LEADER: You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.*

*ALL: You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:*

*LEADER: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, & the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.*

*ALL: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

**HYMN #136 "Praise Ye the Father"**

**CONFESSION OF SIN:** *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.*

*Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ's sake, grant us forgiveness 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 come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**PRAYER**

**Reader: Justo Pillman**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** *2 Samuel 22:26-34*

*26 "To the faithful you show yourself faithful,*

*to the blameless you show yourself blameless,*

*27 to the pure you show yourself pure,*

*but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd.*

*28 You save the humble,*

*but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them low.*

*29 You are my lamp, O LORD;*

*the LORD turns my darkness into light.*

*30 With your help I can advance against a troop;*

*with my God I can scale a wall.*

*31 "As for God, his way is perfect;*

*the word of the LORD is flawless.*

*He is a shield*

*for all who take refuge in him.*

*32 For who is God besides the LORD?*

*And who is the Rock except our God?*

*33 It is God who arms me with strength*

*and makes my way perfect.*

*34 He makes my feet like the feet of a deer;*

*he enables me to stand on the heights.*

**GOSPEL LESSON:** *Luke 16:1-13 Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. 2 So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' 3 "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg- 4 I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'*

*5 "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'*

6 "Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.'

7 "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

8 "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

13 "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And is seated on the right hand of the Father, And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen*

**GLORIA PATRI: Ambassador Hymnal p. 4 (please put on screen)**  
*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, Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER FOR OFFERING**

**PRAISE SONGS:** songs chosen by Ruth Antal

**SERMON TITLE: "The Most Hated Christian Doctrine"**  
**Text: Romand 3:23-24; Speaker: Dave Fischer; August 6, 2023**

**HYMN #278** "According to Thy Gracious Word"

**LORD'S PRAYER:** *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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION: Tune "Edelweiss" May the Lord, Mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever-- Grant you peace, Perfect peace, Strength in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face, Feel His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.**

**POSTLUDE: Ruth Antal**