

# Gospel Treasures

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost | July 26, 2026 – 11:00 AM

## AS WE GATHER

In our Gospel reading for today Jesus challenges His disciples and us today to consider how we fit into the Kingdom of Heaven. And the answer is surprising. Because, out of all that is His creation... we are His treasured possession.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE SING

**"10,000 Reasons"**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Lord, hear my confession:

**C: Dear Heavenly Father, I sometimes fail to see the value of all You have done for me. I easily take Your gifts for granted. I turn my selfish desires into my most valued pursuits. My desire to please myself takes the place of Your call for me to love You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength and to love other people as I would love myself. I too easily set aside Your Kingdom life-style.**

**For the sake of Your Son Jesus, forgive my sins. Let Your Kingdom come and be established in my heart. Make me new and refresh me for living by the power of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.**

### WE HEAR GOD PROCLAIM FORGIVENESS THROUGH JESUS

### WE SING

**"Here I Am To Worship"**

### WE PRAY

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Deuteronomy 7:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup>But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath He swore to your forefathers that He brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands.

## **EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 8:28-39**

<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup>And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is He that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 13:44-46**

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup>When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

## **KIDS' TIME**

*DCE Liz Peters*

## **MESSAGE**

**“His Treasured Possession”**

*Pastor Doug Slavens*

## **WE PROFESS OUR FAITH – 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 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

## **WE PRAY (PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH)**

# **WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**PREPARATION**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF PEACE**

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

C: And also with you.

**DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD**

**"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"**

**"Hear The Call of the Kingdom"**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**CLOSING BLESSING**

**WE SING**

**"Build Your Kingdom Here"**

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## **OUR OFFERINGS**

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!

We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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