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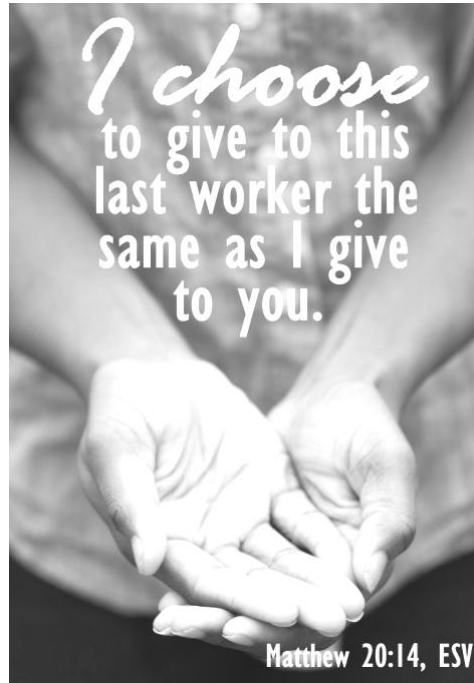
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## **The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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### **Preparing for Divine Service**

As you prepare for God's action in your life today, set aside the busy-ness and distractions of your everyday routine. We invite you to

- in your Bible or Hymnal, read through today's appointed psalm: **PSALM 27:1-9**
- Review today's Scripture readings in the bulletin
- Focus on the Lord in prayer. Sample prayers are on the inside front cover of the hymnal, or feel free to use our usual pre-service prayer:

#### **Prayer before Worship**

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

*Please feel free to participate further in this modified service  
by reading aloud the lines in bold marked for congregational participation*

## **Invocation**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## **† Confession and Absolution †**

- P From where does my help come?  
C **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

- P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God does not matter and as if I matter most. My Lord’s name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been polluted with sin.**

- P Is this your sincere confession?  
C **I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.**

*(In Service Absolution)*

- P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
C **Amen.**

# † Service of the Word †

**Entrance Hymn “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”**

**v. 1 LSB 941**

**1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.  
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:  
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we cannot stand before You today or for eternity by relying on anything we have done.

C **Help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## **Epistle Reading**

*Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.

<sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus

Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,<sup>20</sup> as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

<sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 20:1–16*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘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.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

- C 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.

<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	<b>“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”</b>	<b>LSB 853</b>
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## Sermon

**“Your Miracle, Their Miracle”**

*Matthew 20:1–16*

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

## Closing Collect

- P O God, You satisfy the deepest need of our hearts with Your great mercy. You bring us to the fullness of Your grace and favor. However long it has taken for us to hear and believe Your Word, teach us to

rejoice that we are Yours and to rejoice over those who are still hearing and still believing in Christ through Your Church's proclamation.

**C Sustain us through temptation, and deliver us from trouble so that we are always kept in this joyful faith to the day of Christ's return;**

**P** through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Benedicamus and 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 on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C Amen.**

<b>Closing Hymn "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" vs. 1-2, 5    LSB 680</b>
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## **Sending**

**P** Go in Peace; serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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