

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNING

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O God, You satisfy the longing of our hearts with great mercy and bring us to the fullness of Your grace and favor. Wherever we have been or 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. Sustain us through temptation, and deliver us from trouble that we be sustained in this faith to the day of Christ's return; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" [LSB 782]

In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends.

Refrain Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your fits unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of You blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

Heavenly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! *Refrain*

Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 20, 2020,

✠ WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP ✠

HYMN

"With the Lord Begin Your Task" [LSB 869]

With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.

Let each day begin with prayer, Praise and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, With His presence cheer you.

Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended.
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered 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 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 soiled with sin.

Is this your sincere confession?

I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.

As you believe, so let it be. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

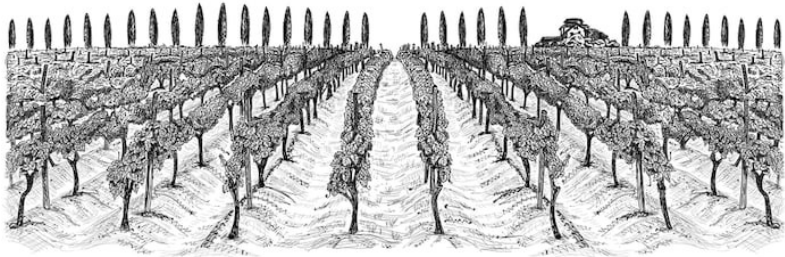
Amen.

May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O blessed Lord, since we cannot count on anything we have done, give us grace to count on Christ and His redeeming work upon the cross. As we delight in His grace, so give us humility to receive Your generosity without offense and trust in Your mercy alone for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen



✠ GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

HYMN

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” [LSB 827]

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
“Who will go and work today?”

Fields are white and harvests waiting—

Who will bear the sheaves away?

Loud and long the Master calleth;

Rich reward He offers thee.

Who will answer, gladly saying,

“Here am I, send me, send me?”

Some take up His task in morning,

To their Lord responding soon;

Some are called in heat of midday,

Others late in afternoon;

Even as the sun is setting,

Some are sent into the fields,

There to gather in the bounty

That God’s Word so richly yields.

Hearken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,

When with His angelic reapers

He in glory shall descend.

Soon the night, the final harvest;

Soon the time for work shall cease,

Then the souls His grace has garnered

Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

SERMON

OFFERTORY

“Thine Forever, God of Love” [LSB 687]

Thine forever! God of love! Hear us from Thy throne above;

Thine forever may we be Here and in eternity!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition will be followed by the response:

Lord, in Your mercy., **hear our prayer.**

LORD’S PRAYER

✠ THE LORD’S SUPPER ✠