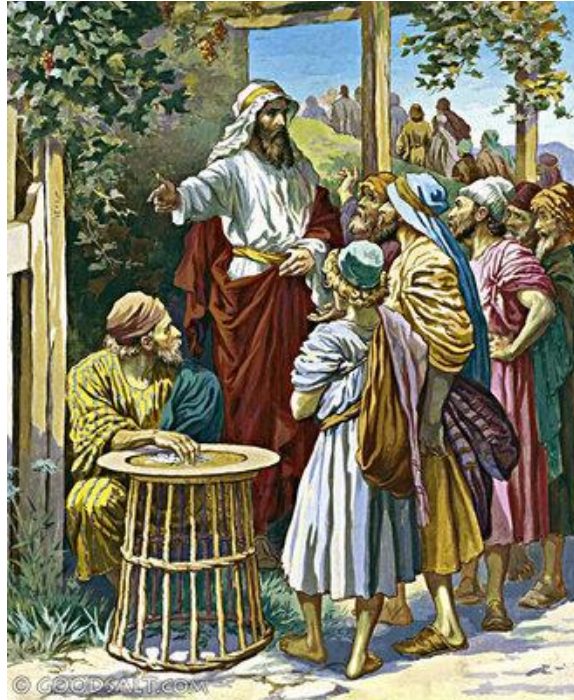


The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – September 19, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship
Sunday – September 20, 2020 – 8:15 am. & Live-Streamed
10:45 am. Worship



"Or is your eye evil because I am good?"

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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 868 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly
3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -
4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and
freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from
sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

Invocation

LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the †† Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151 1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 151 [John 20:19–23]

P 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, by His authority and by His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the †† Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 49

P ¹Hear this, all peoples!
C **Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,**
P ²both low and high,
C **rich and poor together!**
P ³My mouth shall speak wisdom;
C **the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.**
P ⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb;
C **I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.**
P ⁵Why should I fear in times of trouble,
C **when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,**
P ⁶those who trust in their wealth
C **and boast of the abundance of their riches?**
P ⁷Truly no man can ransom another,
C **or give to God the price of his life,**
P ⁸for the ransom of their life is costly
C **and can never suffice,**
P ⁹that he should live on forever
C **and never see the pit.**
P ¹⁰For he sees that even the wise die;
the fool and the stupid alike must perish
C **and leave their wealth to others.**
P ¹¹Their graves are their homes forever,
C **their dwelling places to all generations,**
P though they called lands by their own names.
¹²Man in his pomp will not remain;
C **he is like the beasts that perish.**
P ¹³This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
C **yet after them people approve of their boasts.**
P ¹⁴Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
C **Death shall be their shepherd,**
and the upright shall rule over them in the morning.
P Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.
¹⁵But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
C **for he will receive me.**
P ¹⁶Be not afraid when a man becomes rich,
C **when the glory of his house increases.**
P ¹⁷For when he dies he will carry nothing away;
C **his glory will not go down after him.**
P ¹⁸For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed,
C **—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—**
P ¹⁹his soul will go to the generation of his fathers,
C **who will never again see light.**
P ²⁰Man in his pomp yet without understanding
C **is like the beasts that perish.**
AlL **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.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155 Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

6“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
 call upon him while he is near;
*7*let the wicked forsake his way,
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
 let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸*For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as 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. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only 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, ²⁸and 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. ²⁹For 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, ³⁰engaged 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.

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Matthew 20:1-16

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn # 565 "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"



1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad-ness to this heart;
 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;
 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load;
 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;
 5 Thy right-eous-ness, O Christ, A-lone can cover me;



They tell me all is done, They bid my fear de-part.
 Thy stripes, not mine, con-tain The balm that makes me whole.
 Of sins that none could bear But the in-car-nate God.
 Ten thou-sand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.
 No right-eous-ness a-vails Save that which is of Thee.



Refrain
 To whom save Thee, Who canst a-lone For sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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Sermon "The Urgency of the Harvest!" Matthew 20:1-15

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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 men 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will 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 in 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.

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Hymn # 618:1 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
Refrain
Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to
You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on
this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way
of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of
heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Hymn # 618:3 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
Refrain
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, . . .
 . . . To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

- 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.

The Words of Our Lord Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25 LSB 162

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **"Take, eat; this is My ~~✠~~body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."**
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ~~✠~~blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."**

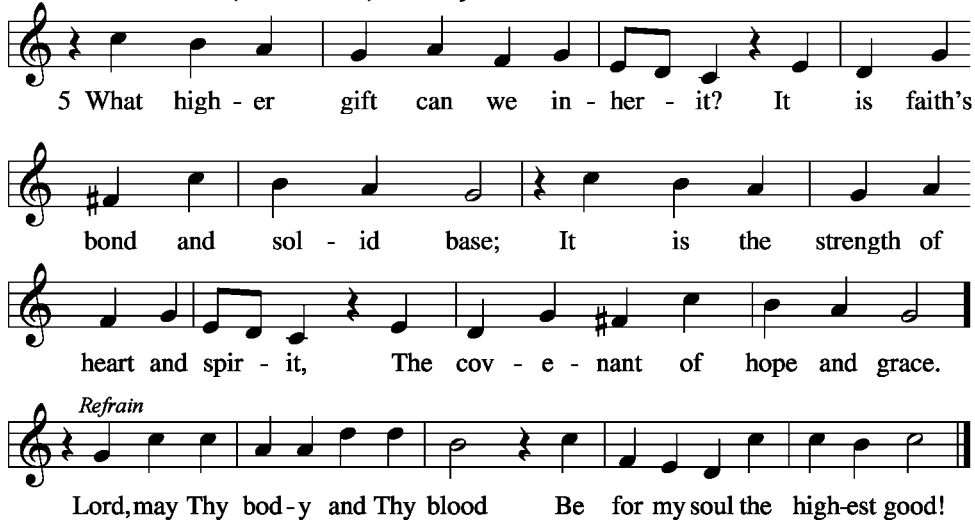
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John 20:19 LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - men.

Hymn # 618:5 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain
Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endures forever.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

LSB 166 Numbers 6:24-26

- P** 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.



C A - men.

Hymn # 643:1 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing,
The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.

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