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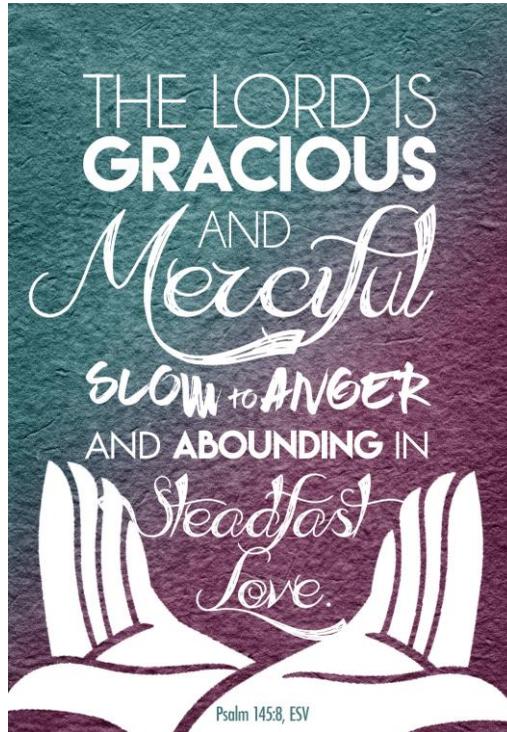


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The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151



AS WE GATHER

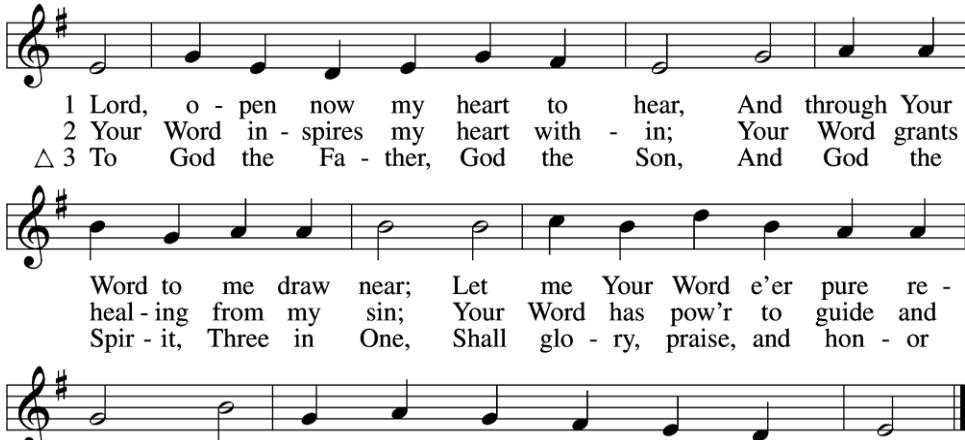
A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is scandalously generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving. Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!

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✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – Sacred Music from Lutheran Public Radio

OPENING HYMN – LSB 908 – Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the

Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or

tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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)

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.

- 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, 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.
- C** Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠ **WORD** ✠ ✠ ✠

INTROIT – Psalm 116:12-16; antiphon: Psalm 116:17

- P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.
- C** **What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?**
- P** I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.
- C** **Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.**
- P** O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.
- C** **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.
I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving*
and call on the name of the LORD.**

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Choir: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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 Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 55:6-9 – Seek the Lord while He may be found.

⁶“*Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let 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.
⁸For 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.

GRADUAL – Psalm 34:9, 19

A Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!
C Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

SECOND LESSON – Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 – Let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

¹²*I 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. . . .*

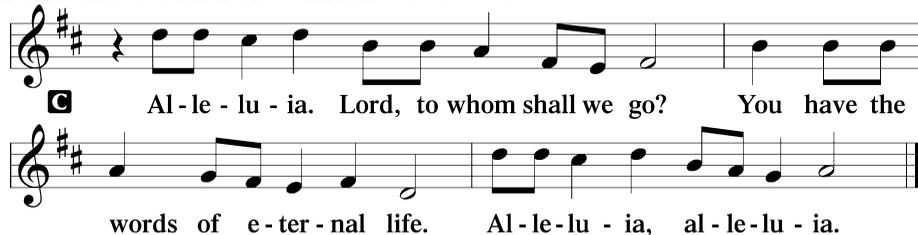
¹⁹*for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 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.*

²⁵*Convinced 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.*

²⁷*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, 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.

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – *John 6:68*



HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 20:1-16 – The last will be first and the first will be last.

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

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

¹[Jesus said:] “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.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘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.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 555 – Salvation unto Us Has Come (vs. 1-5)



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -
 5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our
 spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's
 hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our
 Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.
 ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

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SERMON – *Fair Wages* – Matthew 20:1-16

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 555 – Salvation unto Us Has Come (vs. 6-10)



6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal-
 7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be
 8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con-science-
 9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un-
 △ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And
 bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No
 strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The
 ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With
 Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear
 false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your
 sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust
 love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can
 glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Lord, I plead, Your death is now my
 pre - cious name, My faith can - not be
 Christ, and live; The Law no peace can
 jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor
 heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.
 put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.
 ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.
 and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.
 sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

A ...for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

The
Apostles'
+ Creed +



CLOSING HYMN – LSB 853 – How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find
 3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,



When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures
 In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or



to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind
 put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name
 ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,



That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
 And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 The cross You hung up on— All You en - deav - ored done.

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued below)*

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* (arr. Mark Steffens)



We are thankful that you are with us today!

Please take a moment this week to let us know that you were here.

Please allow those who backed into their parking spots to leave first.

You may leave your offering at the mailbox as you enter the mission field.

[Download this form](#) if you would like to set up automatic withdrawals.

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✝ ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝



Sunday School is now on [YouTube](#) – tune in each week for a lesson presented by one of our Sunday School teachers! [Today's lesson – A Merciful Substitute \(Abraham and Isaac\)](#) – can be viewed [here](#). An additional [video from CPH is here](#).

Parents – we hope you are helping your child/ren make use of the materials mailed to them at home in the last week or two (you may find this week's [activity and coloring pages here](#) as well). If your child did not receive the first mailing, please [contact us!](#)



[Hoosiers Outrun Cancer](#) (HOC)

It's not too late to join Team *Faith Lutheran Church* and walk or run in support of local cancer care. We will meet in the parking lot **at Faith at 9am THIS Saturday morning, September 26** for a brief devotion and prayer and will then head out [our own 3-mile route](#) to Olcott Park and back. [Contact Pastor Beck](#) with any questions. We hope you will join us!

PARENTING TIPS FOR CHALLENGING TIMES
Three Live Zoom Events followed by Q&A with Dr. Scott Turansky

September 28, 8:00 pm ET	October 12, 8:00 pm ET	October 26, 8:00 pm ET
Getting it All Done	Managing Emotions	Navigating Electronics

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[Free Online Parenting workshops](#)

[Register online](#) for any or all of these events:

Getting it All Done

Monday, September 28, 8 pm

Managing Emotions

Monday, October 12, 8 pm

Navigating Electronics

Monday, October 26, 8 pm

Outdoor Hymn Sing TODAY (and alternating weeks)



- 6:00-6:30 pm
- Wear your mask
- Request any hymn! (Hymnals provided, or bring your own.)
- Park in designated areas (back rows)
- Choose a chalked square to put down a blanket or set up lawn chairs

Choirs have resumed! [Contact our Cantor, Dr. Priscilla Gabriel](#), for more details or to get involved. New participants are always welcome.

- **Preparatory Choir / K-2nd graders** – Tuesdays (outdoors)
- All others – **older children, youth, and adults** – are invited to join the Virtual Senior Choir and/or virtual music literacy and singing training.

Meet at the Metz (Carillon Recital) – Saturday, October 10 | Noon

Join Dr. Gabriel and other members of Faith at the IU arboretum for the weekly Metz carillon recital. If you haven't heard the newly renovated instrument, this is your chance.

LWML

NEXT Sunday, **September 27:**

- Mites collected
- LWML Sunday



LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission

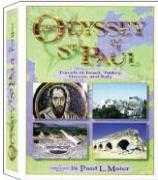
Thursday, October 1 (6:30 pm) – local planning meeting for Spring Rally

Saturday, October 17 – Fall Zone Rally – Shepherd of the Hills, Bean Blossom

Bible Studies

Wednesdays through September 30

Click the class title for the Zoom link. Class handouts are available on our [website](#).



NOON

The Odyssey of Saint Paul

Explore the mission journeys and epistles of the Apostle ([Pastor Beck](#))



7 PM

Revelation

Explore the final book in the Bible ([Pastor Edwards](#))

Devotionals Available

Portals of Prayer (October-December), *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*, and other devotionals are available under the lower canopy, in a small red plastic box. Help yourself anytime, 24/7.



Pantry 279 donations

Food and supplies for Pantry 279 are collected at Faith each Sunday. **Cash or checks** (*payable to Pantry 279*) are also welcome and may be placed in the offering basket, clearly marked for Pantry 279.

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5 pm

- Ensure you are healthy.
- Sign up to attend.
- Bring and wear a mask, and maintain social distancing.

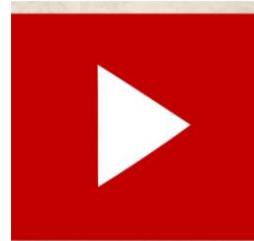
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SAFER

DRIVE-IN
9 am

- Stay in your car.
- Tune your radio to 91.7 FM.
- Follow along with the order of service found on our website.



SAFEST

ONLINE
any time

Each week's service is posted on Sunday morning, and remains archived on our YouTube channel.

WIFI is available throughout the building. No password is needed; simply connect to one of these Guest signals:



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