

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HYMNS: 555 (1-5), 555 (6-10), 622ff, 567

LITURGY: 8am: p. 184, Divine Service, setting three  
10:15am: p. 219, Matins

### THE INTROIT *(Psalm 116: 17, 12-13, 15-16)*

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

**And call on the name of the Lord.**

What shall I render to the Lord

**For all his benefits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation

**And call on the name of the Lord,**

Precious in the sight of the Lord

**Is the death of his saints.**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.

**You have loosed my bonds.**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son...***

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**And call on the name of the Lord.**

### THE COLLECT

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.

AMEN.

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING + Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 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. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord*

***C: Thanks be to God.***

### THE GRADUAL *(Psalm 34:9,19)*

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

**For those who fear him lack nothing!**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**But the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

### THE EPISTLE READING + Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear... for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, 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. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. 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, 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. 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, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord*

***C: Thanks be to God.***

(Stand)

### THE ALLELUIA VERSE *(Ephesians 2:8)*

Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith.

**And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL + Matthew 20:1-16

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

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

*C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

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**Acolytes for September:** 8am Sean Werling 10:15am Sam Albert

**Greeters:** 8am Mike, Paula and Sean Werling

10:15am Ethan, Cori and Liam Brege

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