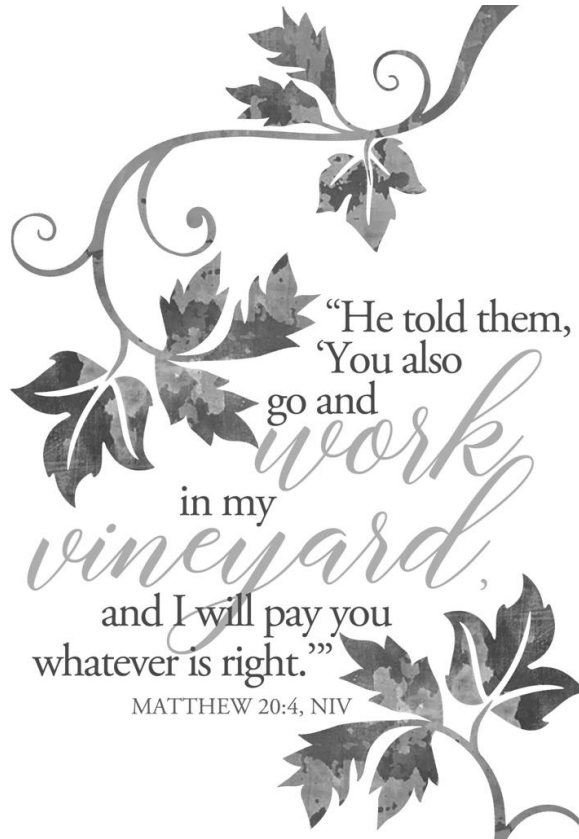


September 19, 2020 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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MATTHEW 20:4, NIV

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Our Mission:

To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.

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AS WE GATHER

We find it hard not to notice others—what they have, what they earn, and how they live. What is worse, however, is that we constantly compare ourselves to others. Most of the time we figure that we are on the short end of the stick. But when it comes to the kingdom of God, there is no room for quick comparisons. Instead, we stand in awe of God's rich mercy and generous grace. This is far more than we deserve. If we insist upon comparing our situation to others and complaining, God's response is clear. Take what you have been given and leave. But if we let go of the comparisons, we find ourselves blessed beyond measure with His forgiveness, life, and salvation.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

HYMN

“This is the Day the Lord Has Made”

(v 1, 4, 5)

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This is the day the Lord has made;
He calls the hours his own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad,
Let praise surround the throne.

Blest be the Lord, who comes to us
With messages of grace;
Who comes in God his Father's name
To save our sinful race.

Hosanna in the highest strains
The church on earth can raise.
The highest heavens, where he reigns,
Will give him nobler praise.

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES (*Old testament reading*) Isaiah 55:6–7

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

People: **call on him while he is near.**

Pastor: Let the wicked forsake their ways

People: and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Pastor: Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,

People: and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. 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. I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

BAPTISM HYMN

“See This Wonder In the Making”

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See this wonder in the making:
God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping,
His to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens
As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Beloved,
Heir of gifts a king would covet!"

Far more tender than a mother,
Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place him,
With Your love and peace embrace him.

Here we bring a child of nature;
Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
Born again by Word and water.

BAPTISM: *Martha Anne Royal*
Parents: Nathaniel & Ana (n. Zarob) Royal
Sponsors: Michael Zarbo & Emily Santos

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

EPISTLE: *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

¹²Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. ⁹for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 20:1–16*

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O God of Mercy, God of Light”

(v 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)

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O God of mercy, God of light,
In love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in Your sight,
To live our lives in You.

You sent Your Son to die and for all
That our lost world might hear Your call;
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
We rest our hope in You.

Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
To feel for those His blood has bought,
That ev’ry deed and word and thought
May work a work for You.

For all are kindred, far and wide,
Since Jesus Christ for all has died;
Grant us the will and grace provide
To love them all in You.

And may Your Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till you receive in heav’n above
Those who have lived to You.

SERMON: "God's Counter-Intuitive Gracious Economy," *Matthew 20:1-16*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: Lord, You are our rock and our refuge. Grant Your peace to all those who live in fear, especially immigrants, refugees, and all who are oppressed. Be their light and their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon those who are homeless, unemployed, or underemployed. Grant them patience in the midst of suffering and meaningful vocations in Your perfect timing. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we know that Your ways are not our ways, but sometimes we fail to understand Your will. Strengthen the hearts of those who are coping with disappointment, and those struggling with despair. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special petitions) Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Finally, Lord, guide Your Church to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, standing firm in unity and truth as a witness to the world of Your light and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these and whatever other things we need, we ask You to grant us in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Into Your hands, O gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Be Unto Your Name”

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We are the moment. You are forever.
Lord of all ages, God before time.
We are a vapor. You are eternal.
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Holy, holy Lord, God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises honor and glory,
Be unto Your name. Be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer.
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Holy, holy Lord, God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest Praises honor and glory,
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