

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession & Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sin to God our Father:  
O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.

**C** We pour out our souls to you because by our own efforts we have failed.

Nothing we have tried has worked. We have tried again and again and still we have failed.

**P** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.

**C** Save us from the embarrassment of our failure. Save us from envying those who have apparently succeeded.

Grant us some signs of success, that we not always be ashamed.

**P** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.

**C** You know our need. You know our struggles, our brokenness, our sins.

You know that without your mercy we can do nothing.

Grant us mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Romans 5:

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

**C** Amen.

## Psalm

*Psalm 116:12-13, 15-17*

**P** What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?

**C** I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**P** Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.

**C** O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You  
have loosed my bonds.

**P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**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.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

<sup>6</sup>"Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon Hymn

## By Grace Alone



Out of the depths I cry to You; Lord, hear my voice of  
Your par-don is a gift of love; Your grace a-lone must  
Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a-



plead-ing. Bend down Your gra-cious ear, I pray, Your hum-ble  
save us. Our works will not re-move our guilt; the strict-est  
bound-eth. His help-ing love no lim-it knows; our ut-most



ser-vant heed-ing. If You re-mem-ber each mis-  
life would fail us. Let none in deeds or mer-its  
need it sound-eth. Our kind and faith-ful Shep-herd



deed, and of each thought and word take heed, who can re-  
boast, but let us own the Ho-ly Ghost, for He a-  
He, who will set all His peo-ple free from all their



main be-fore You? On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.  
lone can change us: On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.  
sin and sor-row: On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.

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

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

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

<sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

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

## Sermon

### Prayer

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

### Nicene Creed

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.



## 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.

## Holy Communion

### Distribution Hymn

### Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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## Distribution Hymn

## Jesus Loves Me



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.  
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

### Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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## Distribution Hymn

## There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

### Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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# Announcements

## Youth Group -

**Sr. High Bike & Brunch** Saturday September 26th from 9:00am-Noon.

A picnic Brunch will be served at 10:30 am at the church followed by a time of fellowship and lawn games. Brunch donations can be dropped off anytime between 9 and 10:30. We will meet in the St. James parking lot, then head over to the trails in the Ray M. Schon Park right next to us. Don't feel like bicycling? No problem! You can walk, jog, roller blade or bring a book to read by the lake. I look forward to seeing you! - Stacey Staake

**Jr. High Apple Adventure** Sunday September 27th from Noon to 4. All Junior high families are invited to join us at the church for a picnic lunch from 12:00-1:00pm. We will then head out to Eckert's Family farm in Belleville to pick apples together. Cost is \$5.00 for a field pass per person who would like to pick your own (plus cost of apples). Passes need to be ordered in advance online. Jr. High Students are covered! We will pick a couple bags of apples as a youth group and send each student home with some of their own, plus some caramel and a few family apple recipes from the church. If you would like to send me your favorite Apple recipe to include, there are cards in the foyer or you can email or text them to Stacey Staake.

**Jr. High/Sr. High** youth group Tuesday Nights at the church from 6:30-8:00pm. Come join us to study Psalm 23 together!

## Mercy Ministries -

The International Hospitality Program at SIUe is looking for additional "host" families to partner with international students! International students seeking families do not need housing. The college organizes living spaces for them. However, "host" families will 1) spend time with their international

students via outings, shared meals, and MORE, 2) get to know their students through conversation and shared experiences, 3) help students experience American culture and feel comfortable here, and 4) learn more about students' cultures! Participating in the International Hospitality Program can be a wonderful experience for families with kids and for couples of any age! If you are interested in becoming a "host" family for SIUe international students this fall, please contact Shanna Covarrubias by email, text, or phone. She will get you set up for a virtual orientation to begin your relationship with these young people!

### **Bible Study \***

Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

\* Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.



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