



September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Pam Gervais

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Ps. 105:1–6

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

**Gracious God,
we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you.**

*Matt. 20:15b,
Ps. 105:42*

We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity.

We have not been gracious or grateful.

We have failed to remember all that you have done.

Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.

**Help us to share our gifts
and strengthen our legs so that we can
run after you, O God.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

People of God, our sins are forgiven;
we are reconciled to God.

Let us therefore love one another
with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

Matt. 20:15–16

GATHERING SONG

Give Me Jesus

arr. Tom Trenney
Jill Larson, soprano

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3:10--4:11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you

did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 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 the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bogie

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Saints of Old

Words: Frank von Christierson
Music: English folk tune
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

BAPTISM OF ARIA LYNN MCAVOY

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,...

...To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Aria Lynn, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. You Belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia.**

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share.**

**Join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Jacues Berthier

COMMUNION

*Holy Communion will be brought to you. All who are baptized are welcome to receive
Holy Communion, regardless of your church affiliation. Receive our crucified and
resurrected Lord in the bread of this meal.*

Gluten Free Bread is available from the server by request.

MEAL

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, ... be all honor and glory, now and forever.

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.**

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the welcome table,... through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life... bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voices Raised to You We Offer

arr. Nancy Raabe

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In Our Prayers...

Tom, Joe, Brandy, Keegan, David, Karla, Adelyn, Kayla, John, Allie, Shane, Paul, Peg & Mark, Ada, Marlin, Tom, Helen, Gene, Pat, Matt, Sarah, Sharon, Chuck & Lynn, Mark, Dave, Pastor Christina, Phil, Danny, Rebecca, Brian, Corey, Joseph, Sandy, Harold, Miranda, Janet, Kathy, Judy, Donna, Wayne, Mike, Jerry, Graziano, Racer, Kathy, Scott, Diane, Patrick, Don, Paul, Kaitlyn, Dan, Lizanne, Jim, Dave, Sherry, Nelly, Ana Maria, Rachel, Bob, Gregg, Karen, Dawne, Bev, BJ, Betty, Kenzie, Mark, Marlene, Tom, Manny, Steve

General Prayers

For the people and businesses of Kenosha, Portland, and other cities where violence is happening; For peace and restraint in the midst of volatile situations; For those with COVID and those recovering from it; For the children of Tanzania who have returned to school, may they be safe; For strengthening our partnership with the Maroni Parish; For those who live alone; For all with chronic illness; For those coping with mental illness or addictions; For caregivers and medical personnel; For those who grieve; For those who have been or are being abused; For victims of racism and hatred; For all who struggle financially; For all in need of restored relationships; For all who have strayed from faith; For the needs of our partner churches in Tanzania to be met; For all who go hungry; For those without adequate medical care; For all those who are impacted by violence; For unity and peace.

Current Prayers

For firefighters and first responders to the fires in California, Oregon and Colorado; For all impacted by the hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires; For teachers, students and parents as a new school year begins; For the Maranatha Preschool in Tanzania which opened this month; For all in the path of forest fires; For all the residents and staff of the Samson house; For all to be assured that God is present in our lives; For unity and compassion, especially during this pandemic; For Missionaries and missions abroad; For small business owners and the self-employed; For shut-ins and the elderly; For all with compromised immune systems; For those who are ill; For those who living in fear; For all who are being bullied- especially children; For our Prayer Team; For all who are homeless, hungry and forgotten.

Those in Military Service

Daniel Krueger, Gary Bjerke, Jim Kieso Jr., Benjamin DeYoung, S. Kate Zelinger.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptized into Christ this Sunday is Aria Lynn McAvoy, daughter of Karissa and Brendan McAvoy. Sponsors for Aria are Maighread McAvoy and Derek Palecek.

SOPHIA Drive-In Prayer Breakfast

WHO: SOPHIA Drive-In Prayer Breakfast

WHAT: Annual Fundraiser: Goal to Raise \$10,000

Inspirational Local Speakers on Equity Topics

Silent Auction will run the week before the event

WHEN: Saturday, October 3, 2020

TIME: 10 am-noon

WHERE: Church of the Resurrection, Pewaukee (Limited in person or unlimited virtual participation)

Watch the weekly announcements for details about the Silent Auction online and the registration link to participate.

100 Cash Donations for the Child Life Ministries Playground Equipment

As of September 8, \$1184 of \$4330 has been raised. The proposed Snug Play system is powered by the child's imagination and can be used indoors or outdoors without installation. This is the first 100's Outreach for the year as we begin the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Waukesha. CLM has been an important part of that history for the past 25 years, and this is a special way to celebrate CLM! Mail your donations to St. Luke's with this CLM Playground designation, make a donation online, or drop a check in the collection container.

The Church Hasn't Closed

Our building is closed, but the church remains open. The church is simply deployed – sent into the world to do ministry in the name of Jesus, our Lord. The building may be closed for worship, but worship continues. Weekly, we are the church and no matter what comes our way, we continue to follow Jesus wherever we are. So, the church isn't closed, even though our building is.

This Week at St. Luke's

Sunday, September 20, 2020

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship
11:00 a.m. DT3

Monday, September 21, 2020

8:00 a.m. Amigos
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon
8:00 p.m. Women's AA

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study,
virtual
6:30 p.m. DT 1-2

Thursday, September 24, 2020

5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

Sunday, September 27, 2020

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

Serving this Weekend:

Presiding: Pastor Bogie

Preaching: Pastor Jordan

Music: Michael Schaner

Ushers: Kathy Fontaine
Janet & Curt Steinquist
Janet & Andy Slater

GOSPEL MESSAGE

September 20, 2020

Leftovers

The last laborers to join the vineyard had spent their day being picked over. They were the hiring process leftovers. Like the last kids remaining in a gym class team selection, these laborers were for one reason or another deemed less valuable workers by the other landowners. Perhaps they were less physically capable than others. Maybe their strengths were not easily visible. Not being hired for work that day, they were standing around with no purpose or potential for growth.

But we have a generous landowner who does not overlook anyone. This landowner spends his entire day scouring the market for those who have been left behind and securing a place for them in his vineyard. He gives them value and meaning. Jesus will not rest until every lost and idle bystander has a place in the kingdom of heaven.

This radical generosity scandalizes the system that rewards people based on their merits and outputs. But Jesus rewards people of all abilities and work ethics equally. In God's commonwealth, the leftover workers have as much value as those chosen first.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver was keenly aware of how people with intellectual disabilities were defined by what they couldn't do. She wanted to provide opportunities for them to develop physical fitness, display courage, and find joy on the playing field. Her vision grew into the Special Olympics movement. This inclusive and expansive glimpse into the kingdom of heaven celebrates the athletic achievements of those who are often excluded from the vineyard.

In worship, we practice leaning into Jesus' vision as we gather around the table. Regardless of our status or position, we are all on equal footing at Christ's meal. We are given the same portions of bread. We drink from the same cup. It does not matter if we arrived late or early, young or old, grateful or ungrateful. Jesus has invited each of us here. We have not been overlooked. We have been given our work for this day.

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