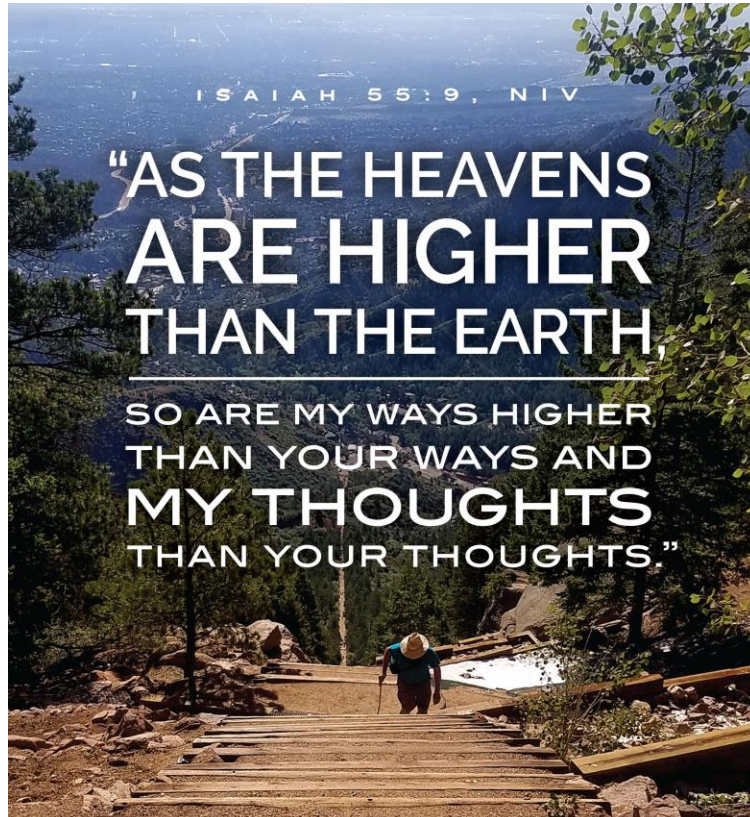


**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 7:00 PM &
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
DIVINE SERVICE 1 LSB 151



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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

For your convenience personal hearing assistance units are available. Large Print Bulletins, Newsletters, and Portals of Prayers are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

As you are entering the sanctuary, you are entering the house of God. Prepare yourselves for worship by silently meditating on God's love. Please refrain from loud conversation before the service that would distract those for whom a preparatory meditation is important. Please leave church at the end of service starting with the back row, using the outside aisles.

To those who may be visiting us today, your presence here today is a delight to us! With joy we welcome you in the name of Jesus.

(Stand)

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

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

C Amen.

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.

Introit *Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17*
(The congregation speaks the lines in **bold** responsively.)

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the Lord.

What shall I render | to the Lord*
for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
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*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the Lord.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A 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.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

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

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,**

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

(Sit)

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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[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. 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 to You, O Christ.

(Sit)

**Hymn of the Day: "Who Trusts in God a Strong
Abode"**

LSB 714

- 1 Who trusts in God A strong abode
In heav'n and earth possesses;
 Who looks in love To Christ above,
No fear that heart oppresses.
 In You alone, Dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
 Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes,
Our great and sure salvation.

- 2 Though Satan's wrath Beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
 While You are near, We shall not fear;
Your strength will never fail us.
 Your rod and staff Will keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
 Nor shades of death Nor hell beneath
Our lives from You will sever.

3 In all the strife Of mortal life
Our feet will stand securely;
Temptation's hour Will lose its pow'r,
For You will guard us surely.
O God, renew With heav'nly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand At Your right hand
Through Jesus' saving merit.

Sermon: "Figuring Out God? Don't!" *Isaiah 55:8-9*

(Stand)

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.**

Prayer of the Church

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.**

Benediction

P 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.

C Amen.

(Sit)

Hymn to Depart: "Rise, Shine, You People"

LSB 825 sts. 1–2, 4

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has
entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.

- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.

- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.