

THOSE MINISTERING AMONG US

Worship Leader: Jakob Valsson

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 20

Laboring for the Lord

September 24, 2017

10:30 am

AS WE GATHER

Our reward for being called to work in God's kingdom does not change based on how long we have been in our Lord's service. After all, we are saved by grace through faith, not by works. Isaiah's call for the wicked and unrighteous to return to the Lord shows God's immense compassion for all people, no matter when they return to Him. God's ways are not our ways, yet we continue to work in His kingdom until He calls us when we die. Paul is struggled with a desire to depart and be with Christ and a desire to go on living and laboring for the Lord. Death and life contend, but Paul knows life will win. He knows that Jesus will return, raise the dead, and dwell with them forever.

PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN

A well-equipped Nursery is available for your use should your little one need to leave during the service. There are quiet toys, a washroom, and comfortable chairs for Mom or Dad. A good sound system and large windows mean you won't have to miss the service!

PROCESSIONAL

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

[LSB 686; vv 1,3-4]

LSB DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S SERVICE

PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

My Life is in You, Lord

[RP 120]

INVOCATION

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY *p205*

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Isaiah 55:6–9**
(“Return to the Lord, that He may have compassion”)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1-9

EPISTLE **Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30** *(Death and life contending)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA and VERSE *p205*

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 20:1–16**
(The parable of the laborers in the vineyard)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY –

Children Leave for Sunday School

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying
[LSB 826]

SERMON

OFFERING / OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with: *Lord, in Your mercy,*
and we respond with..... **hear our prayer.**

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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
[LSB 770]