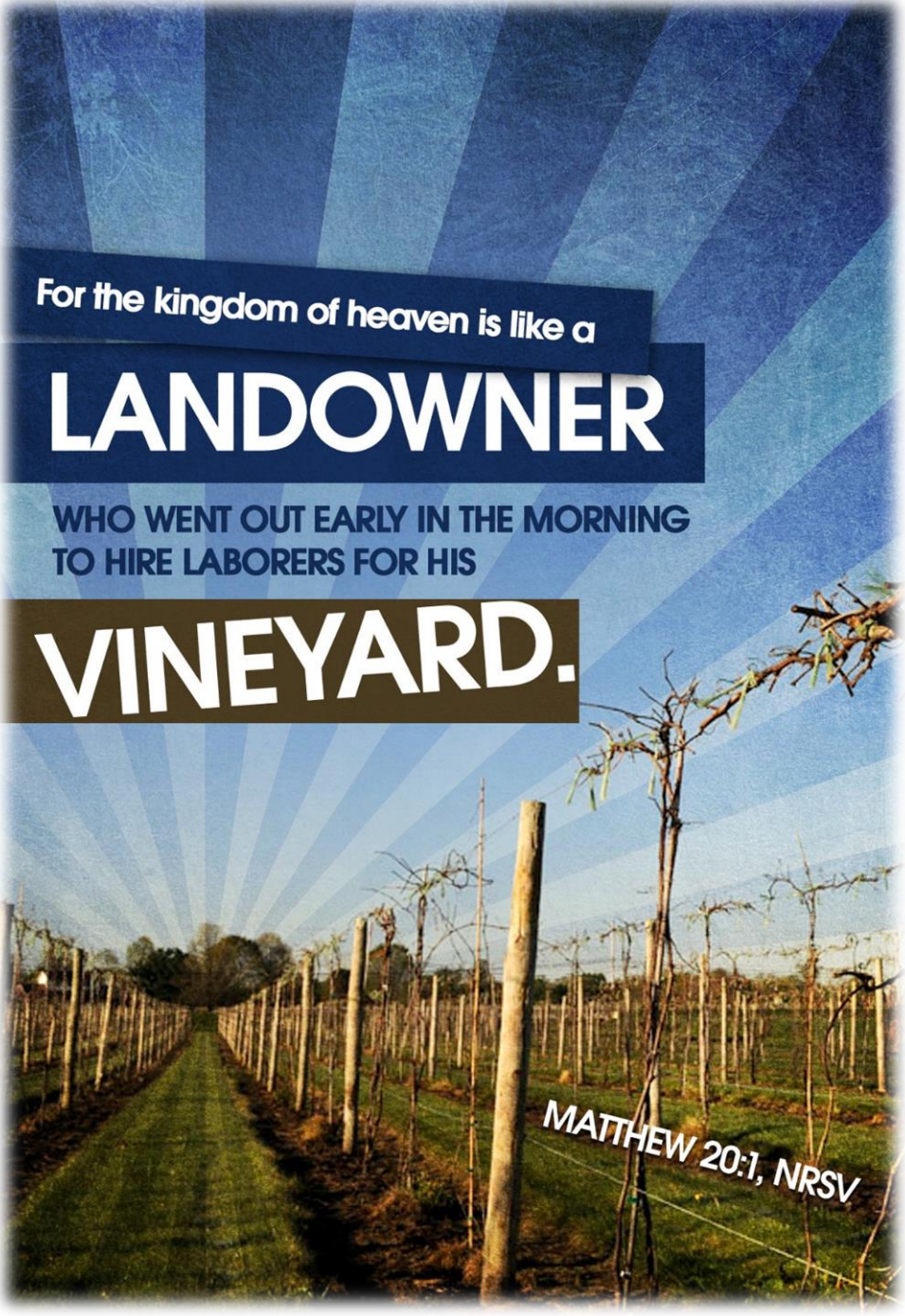




For the kingdom of heaven is like a

LANDOWNER

WHO WENT OUT EARLY IN THE MORNING
TO HIRE LABORERS FOR HIS

VINEYARD.

MATTHEW 20:1, NRSV

TRINITY 16 – SETTING ONE

September 20, 2026

Hymn 575 – By Grace I'm Saved



- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; my soul, be -
2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, came down to
3 By grace! O mark this word of prom - ise when you are
4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, in trib - u -
5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; in Je - sus'



lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own
by your sins op - pressed, when Sa - tan plagues your trou - bled
la - tion's fur - nace tried, by grace, de - spite all fear and
prom - ise I re - joice, for though I know my heart's con -



prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false-hood taught? So then this
mer - it that Je - sus died, your soul to win? No, it was
con - science, and when your heart is seek - ing rest. What rea - son
trou - ble, the Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I
di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is



word must true re - main: by grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
grace, and grace a - lone, that brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
can - not com - pre - hend God by his grace to you did send.
help and strength se - cure if grace were not my an - chor sure?
glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Holy Baptism — Maisy Jessica Rangeloff

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

Confession

The LORD has spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

“All humanity is grass, and all its goodness is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flowers fade when the breath of the LORD blows on them;
indeed, the people are grass.

**The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever.”**

Your iniquities are separating you from your God.

**Our transgressions have multiplied before you,
and our sins testify against us.**

**All of us have become like something unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like a polluted garment;
all of us wither like a leaf,
and our iniquities carry us away like the wind.**

Yet, LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hands.

LORD, do not be terribly angry or remember our iniquity forever.

“Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God.

“I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake,
and remembers your sins no more.

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.

Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

In Christ you have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

**Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.**

(10:30 a.m. service continues)

Hymn 936 – All Glory Be to God Alone

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, for -
2 We praise you, God, and you we bless; we
ev - er - more the high - est One, who did our
wor - ship you in hum - ble - ness. From day to
sin - ful race be - friend and grace and peace to
day we glo - ri - fy the ev - er - last - ing
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good
God on high. Of your great glo - ry do we
will sing, all hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
and to your throne our thanks we bring.

THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and promise to reward us according to your grace. Help us to rid our minds of worldly expectations and rejoice that you freely pour out the blessings of salvation to all people; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson – Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰God saw their actions — that they had turned from their evil ways — so God relented from the disaster he had threatened them with. And he did not do it.

¹Jonah was greatly displeased and became furious. ²He prayed to the LORD, “Please, LORD, isn’t this what I said while I was still in my own country? That’s why I fled toward Tarshish in the first place. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and one who relents from sending disaster. ³And now, LORD, take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

⁴The LORD asked, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

⁵Jonah left the city and found a place east of it. He made himself a shelter there and sat in its shade to see what would happen to the city. ⁶Then the LORD God appointed a plant, and it grew over Jonah to provide shade for his head to rescue him from his trouble. Jonah was greatly pleased with the plant. ⁷When dawn came the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, and it withered.

⁸As the sun was rising, God appointed a scorching east wind. The sun beat down on Jonah’s head so much that he almost fainted, and he wanted to die. He said, “It’s better for me to die than to live.”

⁹Then God asked Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

“Yes, it’s right!” he replied. “I’m angry enough to die!”

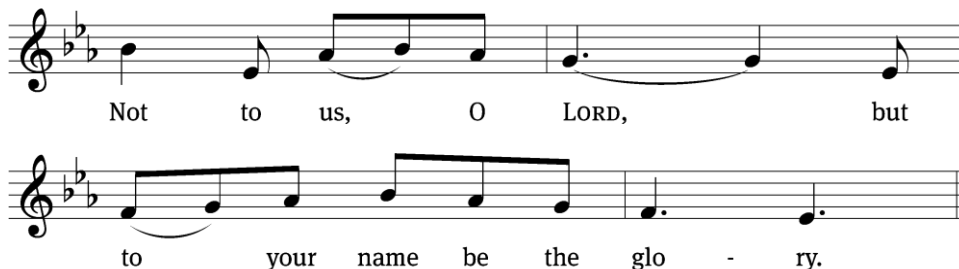
¹⁰And the LORD said, “You cared about the plant, which you did not labor over and did not grow. It appeared in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹So may I not care about the great city of Nineveh, which has more than a hundred twenty thousand people who cannot distinguish between their right and their left, as well as many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 115

Refrain



Tone



Why do the nations say, “Where / is their God?”

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever / pleases him.

The LORD remembers us and will / bless us:

He will bless his people / Israel,

he will bless those who / fear the LORD—

small and / great alike. *Refrain*

All you Israelites, trust / in the LORD—

he is their / help and shield.

House of Aaron, trust / in the LORD—

he is their / help and shield.

You who fear him, trust / in the LORD—

he is their / help and shield.

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. *Refrain*

Second Lesson – Romans 9:6-16

⁶Now it is not as though the word of God has failed, because not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Neither is it the case that all of Abraham’s children are his descendants. On the contrary, your offspring will be traced through Isaac. ⁸That is, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but the children of the promise are considered to be the offspring. ⁹For this is the

¹¹For though her sons had not been born yet or done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to election might stand — ¹²not from works but from the one who calls — she was told, The older will serve the younger. ¹³As it is written: I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau.

¹⁴What should we say then? Is there injustice with God? Absolutely not! ¹⁵For he tells Moses, I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ¹⁶So then, it does not depend on human will or effort but on God who shows mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

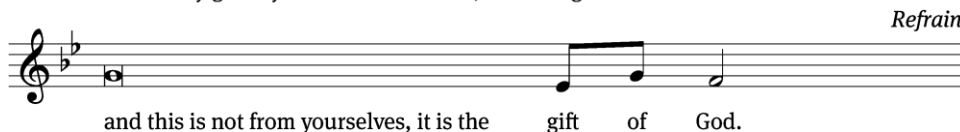
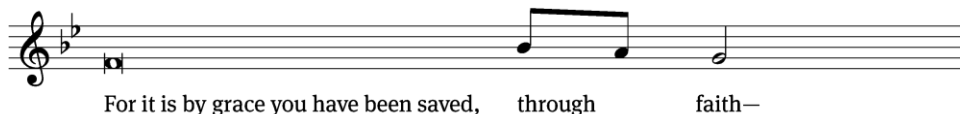
Gospel Acclamation



Refrain



Tone



Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the workers on one denarius, he sent them into his vineyard for the day. ³When he went out about nine in the morning, he saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He said to them, ‘You also go into my vineyard, and I’ll give you whatever is right.’ So off they

went. ⁵About noon and about three, he went out again and did the same thing.
⁶Then about five he went and found others standing around and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here all day doing nothing?'

⁷ "'Because no one hired us,' they said to him.

"'You also go into my vineyard,' he told them. ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard told his foreman, 'Call the workers and give them their pay, starting with the last and ending with the first.'

⁹ "When those who were hired about five came, they each received one denarius.

¹⁰So when the first ones came, they assumed they would get more, but they also received a denarius each. ¹¹When they received it, they began to complain to the landowner: ¹²'These last men put in one hour, and you made them equal to us who bore the burden of the day's work and the burning heat.'

¹³ "He replied to one of them, 'Friend, I'm doing you no wrong. Didn't you agree with me on a denarius? ¹⁴Take what's yours and go. I want to give this last man the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don't I have the right to do what I want with what is mine? Are you jealous because I'm generous?'

¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn 611 – Joyously I'll Praise My Savior



1 Joy - ous - ly I'll praise my Sav - ior; for my God I'll
2 God, with firm and clear con - vic - tion, gave for me his
3 God had seen my sad con - di - tion, gave me sight when
4 Since your love is nev - er - end - ing, far be - yond what



glad - ly sing, as I see his lov - ing fa - vor ev - i -
pre - cious Son, by whose blood - y cru - ci - fix - ion I from
I was blind; he will be my great phy - si - cian, heal - ing
words can say, up to you my hands ex - tend - ing, Fa - ther,



dent in ev - 'ry - thing. In his faith - ful heart is beat - ing
hell have now been won. O you spring of love pre - vail - ing,
bod - y, soul, and mind. When it seems it's not worth try - ing—
as your child, I pray: Let your grace to me be giv - en



love that's pure and wide and long, love that makes his
depth of which I'll nev - er know, cur - rent which will
all my skill gets noth - ing done— Je - sus helps me
that I may with all my might cling to you both



ser - vants strong. All I see on earth is fleet - ing; God's a -
ev - er flow. All I see on earth is fail - ing; God's a -
car - ry on. All I see on earth is dy - ing; God's a -
day and night till I see your face in heav - en where my



maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.
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maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.
praise and love will be yours for all e - ter - ni - ty.

Sermon

Matthew 20:1-16

That's not fair

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Offering

We worship God with our offerings. We give generously, in proportion to the money and possessions God has given us, to express love and gratitude to our Savior, Jesus Christ. We also give generously to support the work we are doing together through our church and school.

*You may place your offering in the plate or use online giving.
The QR code to the right will take you to the giving site.
Thank you for your offerings.*



Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Lord Jesus, you have come that we may have life and live it to the full. In your mercy, we have pardon for sin and eternal life. We are overwhelmed by the steady shower of spiritual and material blessings that flows to us from your great goodness. You have provided for our needs and, often, for our wants. Grant us hearts so grateful that we are not content merely to enjoy your blessings but that, as an expression of our thanks, we may share your gifts to enrich the lives of others and to help meet their needs.

Lord God, hear us as we speak to you about those near and dear:
For all who travel:

Keep them safe.

For all who are sick:

Heal them and make them strong.

For all who are in pain:

Allow them to have relief.

For all who are discouraged:

Let someone bring them cheer.

For all who mourn losses:

Grant them understanding and recovery.

For all who feel their hopes have been dashed through death:

Be the strong arm they need through Christ, who suffered death and rose again.

Dear Lord, let them know that nothing can separate them from your love in Christ Jesus.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

Silent prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

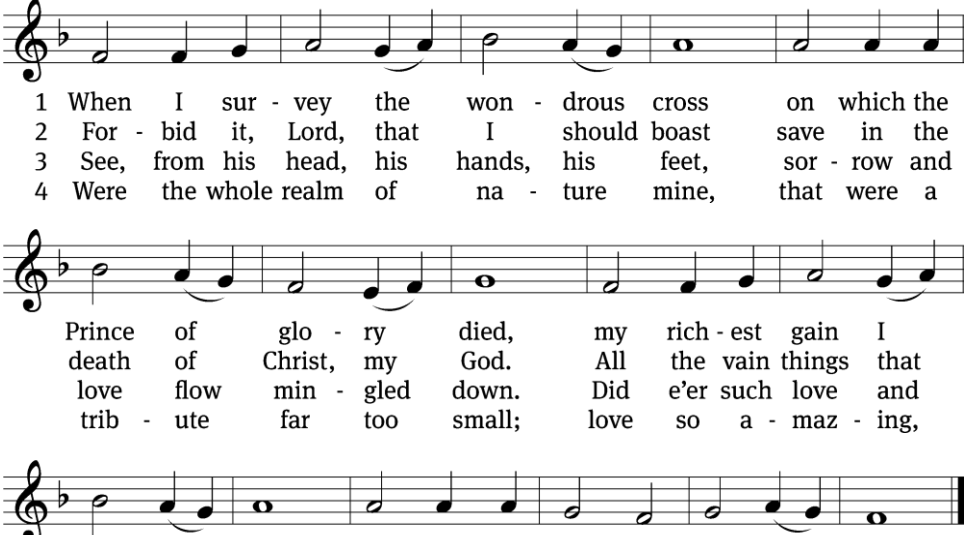
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn 407 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con-tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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Youth rally presentation

Today in the fellowship hall the youth rally attendees will give a presentation at 9:15 a.m. on their trip to the International Youth Rally in Ohio last July. Thank you to all who supported them for the trip.

Sunday school

There will be an organizational meeting for all Sunday school teachers from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. today.

Sunday school for children and teens begins on September 27.

Bible study for busy women

Our online Bible study starts Wednesday, September 30. We will be studying the book of Romans this fall. Please email Dee Eliason at bdeliason@hotmail.com if you are interested.

This week at Holy Trinity

Tuesday6:30 p.m. Bible information class

Wednesday.....9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible class

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