



THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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September 20, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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Chris Brune, Principal
Barb Christian, Preschool Director

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

“Give Me Jesus”

arr. Johannes Matthias Michel

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“With the Lord Begin Your Task”

#869

✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

(LSB, pg. 184)

(8:00 – We rise.)

INVOCATION

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

(The 8:00 service continues with the Confession & Absolution on page 5.)

✠ ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

(10:30)

P Our Lord commanded Baptism when He said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

God’s Word tells us that we are all conceived and born sinful and are in need of forgiveness. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But Jesus took away our sin through His death on the cross. In Baptism

He clothes us with the robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life.

Douglas and Katharine: In obedience to Christ's command and trusting in His promise, you have brought Abigail Christine to be baptized. As she grows in years, will you place in her hand the Holy Scriptures, bring her to the services of worship in God's house, and provide for her further instruction in the Christian faith, that abiding in her baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, she may grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? If so, then answer by saying, "Yes."
R Yes.

P Abigail Christine Fortney, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the crucified.

P Let us join in the prayer our Lord has taught us:
C **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.**

RITE OF BAPTISM

P Let us all, together with the sponsors and parents, faithfully speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
C I do renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
C Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
C Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
C Yes, 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.

The Baptism of Abigail Christine Fortney

Abigail is the daughter of Douglas and Katharine (Henschen) Fortney

Her sponsors are Ben Fortney and Courtney Ehle-Fortney

P Abigail Christine Fortney, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P May the Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the
new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins; strengthen you
with His grace to life everlasting.

C Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

- P** Abigail Christine: receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the light of the world. Live always by the Light of Christ, for Jesus said, “Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will always have the light of life.”

SPONSOR’S PLEDGE

- P** Ben and Courtney: Having witnessed Abigail’s baptism, will you remember her in your prayers, remind her that she is a baptized child of God, and, as much as you are able, give your counsel and aid, especially if she should lose her parents that she be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God? If so, then answer by saying, “Yes.”
- R** Yes.

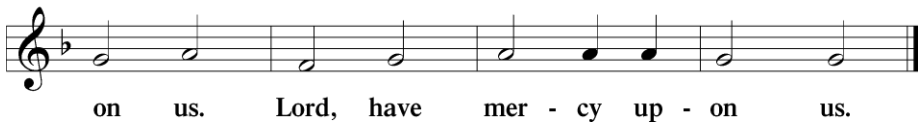
CONGREGATION’S PLEDGE

- P** Fellow Members of God’s Kingdom: Through Baptism, God has made Abigail His own precious child. Will you welcome her into the Lord’s family? Will you receive her as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and help her grow in the faith of her baptism, so she may join us in proclaiming the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light? If so, then answer by saying, “Yes.”
- C** Yes.
- P** May God enable us all to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C** Amen.

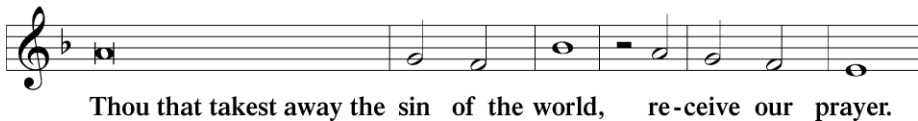
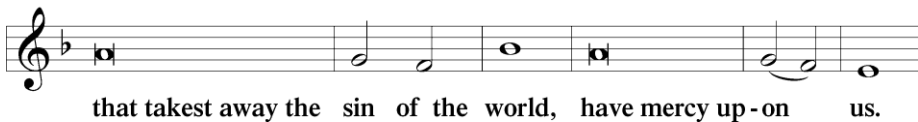
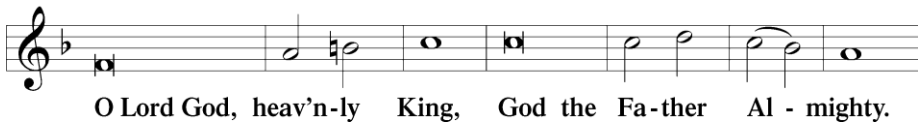
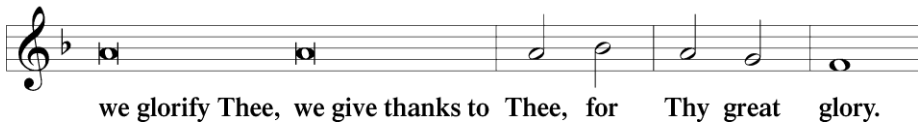
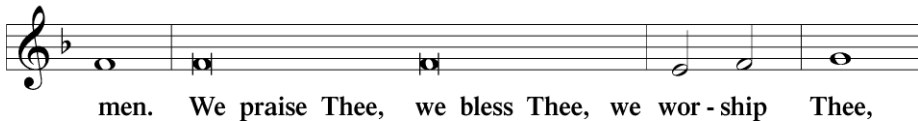
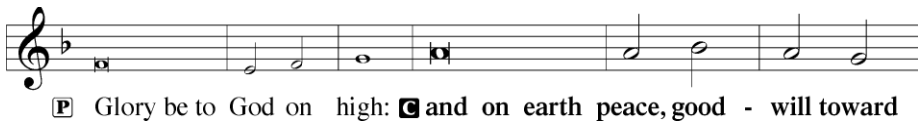
BLESSING

- P** Abigail Christine: Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by your Baptism has made you His dear child. May He strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.
- C** Amen.

(The 10:30 service continues with the Kyrie on the bottom of page 5.)



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father,

C 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. Amen.

(We are seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let 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. ⁸For 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.

PSALMODY ~ *Psalm 27:1-9*

“The Lord is My Light”

#723

Refrain: Soloist

Refrain: Congregation

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the
strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear? *To Stanzas*

Soloist: There is one thing I ask of the Lord: to dwell in His house forever,
To gaze on the beauty of the Lord all the days of my life.

Refrain: Congregation

Soloist: Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev’ry day I will seek Your face.
Though my father and mother may forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

Refrain: Congregation

Soloist: Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, along a level way.
I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord in the land of all the living.

Refrain: Congregation

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EPISTLE READING

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as 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. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only 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, ²⁸and 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. ²⁹For 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, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We rise.)

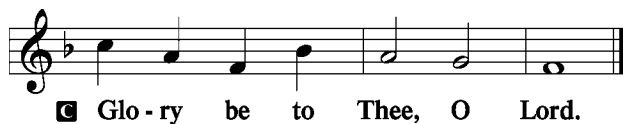
ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

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



¹[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. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And 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.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 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 a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED (8:00)

C 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.

(10:30 – During the Hymn of the Day, children age 3 through first grade are invited to attend “Kids of the Kingdom” children’s church. They will return following the sermon.)

(We are seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”** **#827**

SERMON **“One Coin, One Identity”**

Text: Matthew 20:1-16 – Pastor Nathan Widener

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and
GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS**

VOLUNTARY

“The Lord is My Light”

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



(We rise.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Reminded of God’s gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that He hears us.

(A brief silence.)

P Lord God, hold Your Church accountable when we are unwilling to share the good news of Christ or when we resent Your generosity toward others. Nourish us by Your grace and make us faithful witnesses to Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Guide scientists, researchers, and all who care for Your creation. Give wisdom in addressing the needs of the world You have made, and teach us to receive Your gifts with thanksgiving and to use them faithfully. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Bless employers and employees in their daily work. Grant fairness, integrity, and mutual respect in the workplace. Reconcile conflicts, strengthen fellowship among coworkers, and provide just opportunities for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Comfort those who are unable to work or whose strength and ability are limited. Remind them that their worth rests not in what they accomplish, but in Your steadfast love for them in Christ. Provide for those who are injured, ill, or in any need, especially those whom we have named before You and those we name in our hearts...Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Strengthen all in this congregation whose daily labor serves the needs of others in our community. Bless their vocations, and inspire all of us to serve our neighbors faithfully with the time, abilities, and resources You have entrusted to us. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P Comfort all who mourn with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection *(especially...)*. Give us confidence that, because Christ is risen, all who die in Him will also be raised and will dwell forever in His presence. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Musical notation for the Sanctus, consisting of four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half).

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER (8:00)

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(We are seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Give Me Jesus” *(Stanza 1 will be sung by the soloist.)*

#976

1 In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I rise,
 2 Dark mid - night was my cry, Dark mid - night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, Just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,
 5 And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing,



In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - sus.
 Dark mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - sus.
 Just a - bout the break of day, Give me Je - sus.
 Oh, when I come to die, Give me Je - sus.
 And when I want to sing, Give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, Give me Je - sus.

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“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#809

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

#623

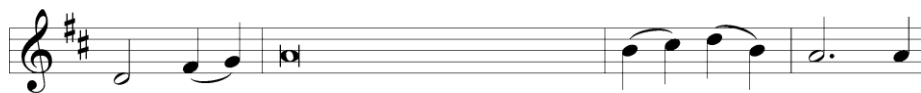
(We rise.)

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✙ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We are seated.)

CLOSING HYMN

“For Me to Live is Jesus”

#742

POSTLUDE

“With the Lord Begin Your Task”

arr. Mark Hornberger