***St. John Lutheran Church***

September 20, 2020                                                                                                            9:30 a.m.

*Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.*

PRELUDE

**GATHERING**

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING REFLECTION                  Prayer and Fasting                                       Shift Worship

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN ***O Day of Rest and Gladness***                                          ***#521***

GREETING, KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE pp. 138-40

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING                   Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

 The Word of the Lord

 **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM Psalm 145:1-8

SECOND READING                   Philippians 1:21-30

 The Word of the Lord

 **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION              ***Alleluia******p. 151***

        The Gospel According to Matthew

 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL                                                            Matthew 20:1-16

       The Gospel of the Lord.

 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE                                                                                                        Pastor Tim Bowman

**OUR RESPONSE**

HYMN OF THE DAY                      ***In Christ There Is No East or West                       #650***

HOLY BAPTISM     Caleb Michael Richard O’Rourke

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES, OUR TREASURE, OUR TIME

OFFERTORY                                                 (tune #693)

***Vineyard workers all are we By God’s generosity.***

***God’s good gifts our own define; We the branches, Christ the vine.***

***Thus our offerings we bear, Signs of God’s abundant care.***

***Make us thankful, Lord, and true, Striving in the world for you.***

OFFERING PRAYER

**SENDING**

SENDING PRAYER

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

HYMN ***Give to Our God Immortal Praise*        *#848***

POSTLUDE

**LEADERS IN THE SERVICE**

*Organist: Kimbra Lau*

*Liturgist: Rita Caron*

*Audio-Visual: Erik Magelee, Josh Hengel & Carl Nienow*

*Council: Linda Henze & Jason Krengel*

*Altar Guild: Julie Lux & Koni Preston*

*Church Staff:*

*Caryl O’Brien, Custodian*

*Jill Zellmer, Office & Financial Administrator*

*Tim Bowman, Guest Pastor*

***Last Week Attendance*:** N/A  ***Offering***: *$5,629.00*

***Welcome* to St. John Lutheran Church**

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship or are just passing through,*

*we hope our service has blessed you on your journey*

*as* your *presence has been a blessing to* us.