

**+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

You cannot  
serve God  
and wealth.

Luke 16.13



**SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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## Mission Statement

*Growing in Christ, loving our neighbor!*

*A cordial welcome to all!*

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Welcome to Cross of Christ! We invite you to sign our **guest book** in the narthex at the entrance of the church. Those who are able are encouraged to follow the directions for sitting, standing, and turning as they appear in this bulletin. If you need any assistance during the service, the ushers are here to serve you.

### *Church facilities*

**Restrooms** are available down the hallway on the left side. There is a baby changing table in each restroom.

**Classrooms** are located along the far side of the Fellowship Hall.

**The Fellowship Hall** is available for rental. For details, please call the church office.

**A Large-print Bulletin** is available from the usher.

### *Families*

**We believe that children of all ages belong in worship. They are a welcomed part of the assembly, and we enjoy hearing them as well as seeing them.** There are Children’s bulletins along with crayons at the back of the sanctuary. If you find it helpful, feel free to move around the sanctuary or stand in the back to help soothe your child. If you find it necessary to leave the worship space for a short time, the middle classroom off the Fellowship Hall has a rocking chair. The service can be heard through a speaker system. Please return as soon as you feel comfortable. **Children and youth of all ages are also encouraged to participate in worship leadership roles when parents feel they are ready.** If you need assistance for any reason, please don’t hesitate to ask an Usher or the Council Person on duty.

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*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing – we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

**The color for the Sundays after Pentecost is green, which represents growth.**

## GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*As you gather in the sanctuary, please be mindful of those around you that may be praying or preparing for worship by quieting their hearts and minds. During the prayers of intercession, you will have opportunity to voice your prayer concerns.*

**PRELUDE "In His Time/Cares"** Chorus by Linda Diane Ball ©1980 CCCM Music  
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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

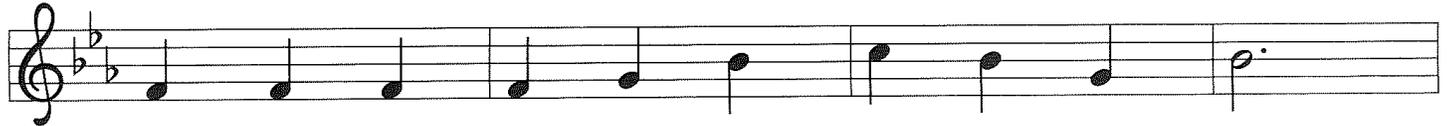
**God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING Hymn** “*Be Thou My Vision*” ELW #793 vs. 1, 2 & 3



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: Irish traditional

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**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise to You, O God of Mercy" WOV #790

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you for -

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:

thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -  
To vs. 2

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

**God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Assembly sits.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE CLOSING PRAYER.**

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of these animals in the life of our church family. Through these animals you have brought many blessings. Today we pause to name our gratitude for their unconditional love, and to pray a blessing on these animals. For the companionship of our pets, we say thanks. Bless these animals lives in our care; may they know love through all their days. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

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**First Reading**, a reading from **Amos.**

*(Amos 8:4-7)*

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 113**, read responsively.

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord;  
**praise the name of the Lord.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**from this time on and for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

The Lord is high above all nations,  
**and his glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the Lord our God,  
**who is seated on high,**  
who looks far down  
**on the heavens and the earth?**

He raises the poor from the dust,  
**and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**  
to make them sit with princes,  
**with the princes of his people.**

He gives the barren woman a home,  
**making her the joyous mother of children.**

Praise the Lord!

**Second Reading** a reading from **First Timothy**. (*1 Timothy 2:1-7*)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - ELW Page 205**

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Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *(Luke 16:1-13)*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been

faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Assembly sits.*

**SERMON**

*Assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Son of God, Eternal Savior*” ELW #655 vs. 1, 2, & 4



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

## **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.*

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders (*especially Dag Hammarskjöld, who was a Swedish economist and diplomat who served as the second Secretary-General of the United Nations*) and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom and might, we ask that you continue to watch over the members of this congregation, our families, and the members of our community. Please keep everyone safe and hear the prayers of all, as we continue to be part of you and the love you have for us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You may now offer the prayers of your heart, whether silently or spoken (*brief silence*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of Glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(All greet one another with a gesture of peace, using words such as, "Peace be with you.")*

*Assembly sits.*

# MEAL

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

Gifts are gathered for those in need and for the mission and purpose of our congregation. You may place your offering in the offering plate, mail it in, or you can donate on-line at [Givelify.com](http://Givelify.com). There is a wheelbarrow for the collection of food in the Narthex. If anyone needs offering envelopes, they are available in the church office. **Visitors** – your presence with us is gift enough. We expect members to support the mission and ministry of this congregation. Visitors are invited to just enjoy worship and fellowship.

## OFFERING HYMN “Change My Heart, O God” words and music by Eddie Espinosa arranged by Mark Hayes. © 1982 Mercy Publishing

As the gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward, the **people stand and sing**.

## OFFERTORY “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One; Give thanks be - cause He's giv - en Je - sus  
Christ, His Son. And  
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the  
poor say, "I am rich" be - cause of  
what the Lord has done for  
us. Give thanks.

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Coda

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. (*Silence for reflection and meditation*)

Gracious God, **in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make these gifts a banquet of blessing and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

God of good fruits, it is right to give you thanks and praise because you place your life in our hands, that we may share it and enjoy it. In your Son Jesus you set a little child among us, and embodied your promise to your chosen people. In his betrayal and crucifixion, we see the cost of your entrusting your very self to us; and the still-scarred hands of his resurrection reveal how deep and irresistible is your love. In his ascension on high we rejoice to see him raised up to glory and seated at your right hand. And so we join with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your eternal glory.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Wisdom from above, despite all we have done to you, still in this holy meal when we stretch out our hands you fill them with your life and love. Send your Spirit upon your people, that hands which have received such precious things may be made holy in faith and service. By that same Spirit, sanctify this bread and this cup that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Joy-giving God, make your people worthy of your trust. Open our hearts to the poor and stretch out our hands to the needy. Open our mouths with gentleness born of wisdom and put the teaching of kindness on our tongues. Give us a share in the fruit of your hands, that all the world may praise the wonders of your grace. Give

your church the trust and confidence to be last of all and servant of all; until that day when you welcome the last to be the first and draw your children with all creation near to your heart, making all things new, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

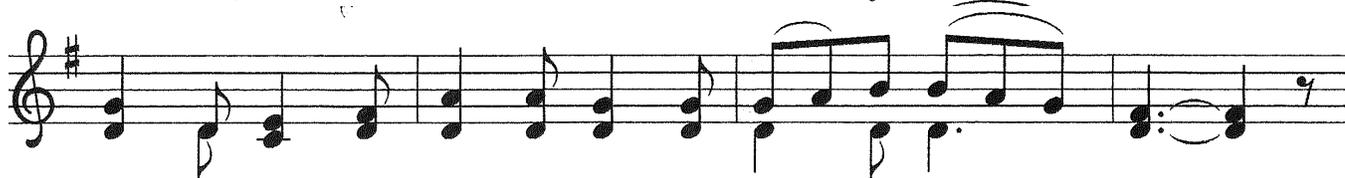
*The minister addresses the assembly:*

Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

## THE AGNUS DEI      *"Jesus, Lamb of God"* ELW #199



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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*Assembly sits.*

## COMMUNION

*Our Lord's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine to forgive and strengthen us. We practice open communion: all Baptized Christians are welcome to commune with us. White grape juice is available at communion for those who prefer it. It is located in the center ring of each tray of glasses. Gluten free wafers are available. Please indicate to the pastor during distribution if you would rather have gluten free wafers. If you prefer communion at your seat, please let one of our ushers know. In preparation for receiving the Sacrament, a simple prayer such as this or another appropriate prayer may be said "May the Blood of Christ bring me everlasting life."*

**COMMUNION HYMN** "Sweet Hour of Prayer" by William B. Bradbury, 1859.  
Arranged by Wesley King © 2014 Lorenz Publishing

*After all have communed, the assembly stands.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of the abundant table, **you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

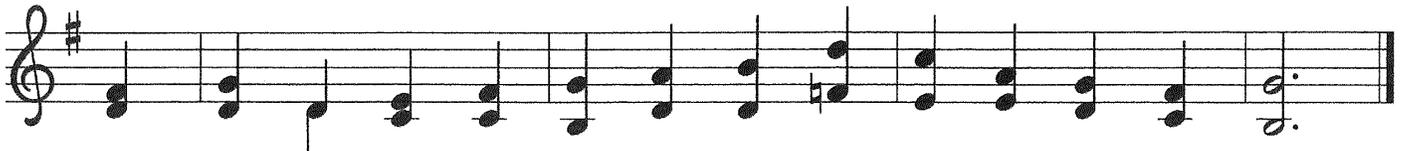
### BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope and love. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN “We Give Thee but Thine Own” ELW #686 vs. 1, 2 & 4



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Growing in Christ, loving our neighbor! Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** “*Shower the People*” by James Taylor. Arranged by Carol Tornquist  
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