



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00am

15th Sunday after PENTECOST

Introduction

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 recognize 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

*THE GATHERING HYMN: *Take My Life, That I May Be* #685

* THE GREETING

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 149

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

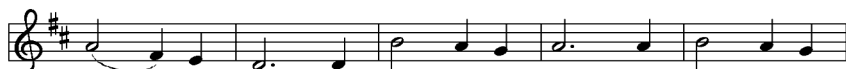


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

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.

The First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,⁵saying, "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,⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung page #151a)

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

* P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

¹Then 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. ²So 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.’ ³Then 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. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then 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.’ (continued on page 6)

⁸And 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. ⁹And 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.

¹⁰“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. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *Son of God, Eternal Savior* #655

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**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 to the dead.
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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 good creation.

God of Grace,
Hear Our Prayer.

* THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards be Fruitful # 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE MEAL

* THE OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of 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.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung) page 152

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 our thanks and praise.

* THE PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and
merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day
overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs
of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung) page 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

* THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

THE LAMB OF GOD (sung)

page 154

THE DISTRIBUTION

*** THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

THE SENDING

*** THE 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.

THE SENDING SONG: *How Great Thou Art

#856

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving today: September 18

Lector: Danielle Ercolani

Communion Assistant: Naomi Morrison

Acolyte: Baylee Rodig

Ushers: Steve Anderson & Nicole Rodig

Serving next Week: September 25

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Kathy Klotz

Ushers: Ron Jernigan

CALLING ALL SINGERS & MUSICIANS:

Music is one of the best ways to connect us
with our Lord. If you like to sing or play an
instrument and would like to be a part of our
music team please see sign up sheet in the
hallway or reach out to Amber Johnson.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES: Our Sunday morning worship services will continue at 10:00 AM. Services are also streamed live on our Facebook Page.

PET BLESSING: October 2, 12noon, front lawn of the church.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is usually open on Wednesdays and Fridays when Pastor is there. Bonnie will be in the office, Mon 10-2, Wed—Friday 10-2. You can always call and leave a message if you need us.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH continues with our Phillip the Bucket spare change Loud Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Our Offerings have gone to help those in need in our community. We are also continuing to collect nonperishable food items for St. Luke's Food Pantry.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES: We are continuing with our Contemporary Services featuring *Voices That Reign*. Our next service will be on Tuesday September 27th @7pm.

COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!!

Have you ever wondered what the day to day aspects of the church are? Maybe you have some new ideas for helping the church grow? Are you business minded and like the numbers aspects of church operations? Maybe you enjoy helping with fundraising?

Then council is the place for you. We are looking for new members to join our amazing team. The term is one year and meetings are the third Monday of each month at 7pm.

If you would like to know more about how to be a part of the church council please reach out to any of our members: *Bonnie Mazza, Chris Rodig, Judy Bariexca, Hank Bariexca, Amber Johnson. Peggy Bowers or Laura Poethke.*



We are so glad you worshipped with us today.

Our hope is that you have a blessed week and we will see you again next Sunday.

If you are visiting and have any questions about Holy Trinity, please ask Pastor Haab, one of our Greeters or any of our wonderful members.

Go in Peace and serve the Lord.