



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00am

16th Sunday after PENTECOST

Introduction

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

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.

Amen.

THE GATHERING SONG: *Gather Us In* #532

* **THE GREETING** page 213

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 KYRIE** page 213

* **THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE** page 213

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled
world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes
only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who
hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those
who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and
widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all
generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with
contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can
take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be
content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation
and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge
people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of
all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered
away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as
for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness,
faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith;
take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which
you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In
the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus,
who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession,
I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until
the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring

about at the right time, he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page #216

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

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

* C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house, (continued on page 6)

²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Where Cross the Crowded #719

* **THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**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 INTERCESSION**

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.

PEACE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

*** CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING**

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*** THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:**

Holy God,
mighty Fortress, loving Redeemer, steadfast Comforter,
as vegetation matures in forests and fields,
your living Word undergirds all that lives.
We praise your eternal Word.
We praise your eternal Word.

In the words of the scriptures you offer us Christ:
our refuge, our savior, our friend,
accompanying us throughout our years
and renewing us in love.
We praise Jesus, your Word.
We praise Jesus, your Word.

We pray for power from your abiding Spirit.
Strengthen us to stand firm in faith,
in devotion to your Word,
and in service to others.
We pray for the Spirit of your Word.
We pray for the Spirit of your Word.

To you be honor and praise and glory,
today and forever. **Amen.**

*** THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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SENDING

*** 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: Christ Be Our Light #715**

*** THE DISMISSAL**

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

Serving Today: September 25

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Kathleen Klotz

Ushers: Nicole Rodig & Ron Jernigan

Serving Next Week: October 2

Acolyte: Addison Lee

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Communion Assistant: Ferol Howell

Ushers: Steve Anderson & Bonnie Mazza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL is in session on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

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.

JOIN OUR WORSHIP TEAM: Please contact Bonnie Mazza at the church office if you are interested in being a reader, communion assistant, usher or if you have a young Christian who would like to be an acolyte.

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.*



November 5, 2022. 10am –3pm.

If you would like to help out with the craft show please see Laura Poethke or Amber Johnson or sign up sheet on the bulletin board

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES

This Tuesday September 27th @7pm. Come out and us for a time or prayer and devotion. Our Voices that Reign group is amazing.



**Voices That Reign Christmas Album
Coming soon!**

More details to come about how you can purchase one. All proceeds will be given to holy Trinity to help spread the Good News of salvation through Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.





Do you like to sing!! Do You Play an instrument?!!

Then our choir needs you.

We are looking for individuals that would be willing to sing as a soloist, to sing as a part of a group or maybe even play an instrumental selection the first Sunday of each month.

If you would like to be a part of our music team please see the sign up sheet in the hallway downstairs.



We are making a difference!

Thank you to all members and friends who helped our Sunday School collect "pop tops" during the past year. On September 19 we delivered nearly 15 pounds of aluminum tabs to the Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey. RMH uses the proceeds to keep the housing cost for families super affordable. This project is ongoing, so keep up the good work and donate the tabs from beverage and soup cans!

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.



Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:11-15