

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

ELW Setting 9 • September 18, 2016

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am Worship Service



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.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. Each pew contains cards that you may fill out if you wish to consult with the pastor or provide additional information about yourself.

A nursery is available for children up to five years of age during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. There are also “quiet bags” available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about borrowing one.

Parents are invited to bring children from the nursery for Holy Communion to receive a blessing. If children become restless or noisy during worship, parents are encouraged to take them in to and out of the sanctuary as necessary.

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Prelude

Quiet preparation is encouraged at this time.

Welcome

Gathering

The assembly stands and faces the processional cross.

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Both our confession of sin and God's promise of mercy are rooted in our baptism.

We come before God recalling our brokenness, but even more God's great grace poured out upon us because of Christ Jesus' death, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,

People: we come to you with repentant hearts.

Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.

Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.

Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.

Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.

Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,

and strengthen us to serve you

in all that we do and say;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in + Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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We sing as the Holy Spirit gathers us for worship. This hymn sets the tone for the day.

The 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.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



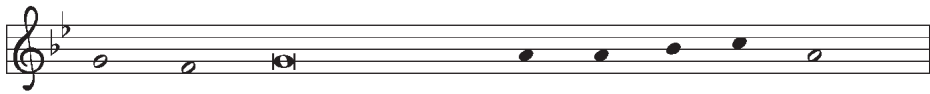
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Hymn of Praise



Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

This prayer collects the themes from today's Scripture readings.

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 assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

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Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 113



Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the Lord;
praise the name | of the Lord.

**Let the name of the | Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its | going down
let the name of the | Lord be praised.

**The Lord is high a- | bove all nations;
God's glory a- | bove the heavens.**

Who is like the | Lord our God,
who sits en- | throned on high,

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

The Lord takes up the weak out | of the dust
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,

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

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

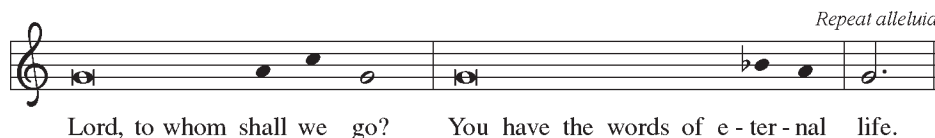
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

“Gospel” means “good news” and refers to the message about God’s gracious work in Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

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.**

The assembly is seated.

Time with the Children

Sermon

*Holy shrewdness, crisis times, and resourceful ministry
powered by the Holy Spirit*

Pastor Cobb

Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon.

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

We Are Called

ELW 720

This hymn complements the day’s Scripture readings and often underscores the message of the sermon.

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.**

Announcements

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

*The peace, which enables people to live in unity and in the spirit of mutual forgiveness,
comes from Christ whose word has been proclaimed.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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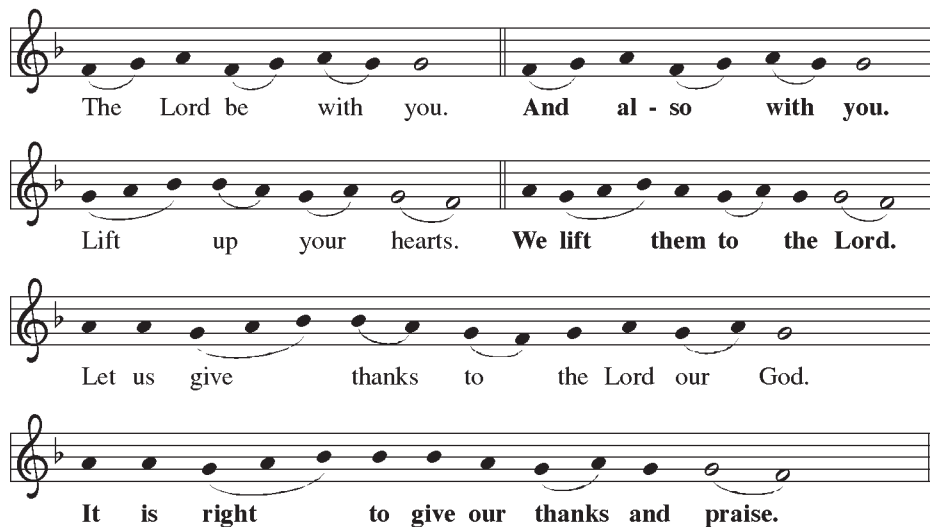
*This hymn becomes our prayer as our gifts are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service.
Our offerings support the ministries of Christ's church in this congregation, our community,
our Virginia Synod, and our E.L.C.A.*

Offertory Prayer

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And al - so 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.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



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, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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The Eucharistic (Thanksgiving) Prayer unites God's creative and redeeming acts throughout history to the work of Jesus Christ.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...
...be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

When we pray for our daily bread, we are acknowledging that God provides for our needs each day.

**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.**

At the breaking of the bread, the Presider says, "Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you."

The assembly is seated.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

As you receive the bread in your hand, you may commune by intinction using the silver chalice, or you may consume the bread and then drink from the pewter chalice.

Music During the Distribution

Borning Cry

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The assembly stands.

Sending

Table Blessing

The blessings and body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

In this blessing (Numbers 6:24-26), we are reminded that we bear God's name as we depart to live out our baptism, serving our neighbor and spreading the gospel.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

O Christ, Our Hope

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This hymn concludes our worship by directing our attention towards Christ-like service in the world.

Dismissal

Our liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Proclaim the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Serving Today

Crucifer

Mark Madler

Acolytes

Stephen McWithey

Thomas McWithey

Communion Assistant

Thomas McWithey

Usher Captain

Clifford Obara

Greeters/Ushers

Terri Hoffeditz

Anne Obara

Harry Savage

Jarvis Edwards (at the rail)

Jenny Davis (at the glass door)

Building Lockup

Clifford Obara

Lector

Brad Goodman

Nursery Coordinator

Charlotte Duff

Altar Guild Setup

Karoline Ardis

Today's Music

Prelude

Fugue on the Name Bach

Robert Schumann (1810 - 1856)

Offertory

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Praise the Spirit in Creation

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Praise the Spirit in creation,
breath of God, life's origin:
Spirit, moving on the waters,
quickenings worlds to life within,
source of breath to all things breathing,
life in whom all lives begin.

Praise the Spirit, close companion
of our inmost thoughts and ways;
who, in showing us God's wonders,
is himself the power to gaze;
and God's will, to those who listen,
by a still small voice conveys.

Praise the Spirit, who enlightened
priest and prophets with the word;
his the truth behind the wisdoms
which as yet know not our Lord;
by whose love and power, in Jesus
God himself was seen and heard.

Tell of how the ascended Jesus
armed a people for his own;
how a hundred men and women
turned the known world upside down,
to its dark and furthest corners
by the wind of heaven blown.

Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,
on our lives descend in might;
let your flame break out within us,
fire our hearts and clear our sight,
till, white-hot in your possession,
we, too, set the world alight.

Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,
praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,
Trinity in deep accord:
through your voice which speaks within us
we, your creatures, call you Lord.

Music During the Distribution

Adagio

Charles-Marie Widor (1844 - 1937)

Postlude

Hinei Mah Tov

William Bolcom (b. 1938)

Notes on the Music

In the German musical alphabet, the letters of Bach's name spell out a chromatic melody: B-flat, A, C, and B-natural. Many composers (including Bach himself) use these notes in their music to reference the greatest of Lutheran musicians. Schumann indicates his **Fugue on the Name Bach** should be played *mit sanften stimmen* (with gentle organ stops). **Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier** is a 17th-century chorale melody that remains popular; it appears three times in our current hymnal. David Hurd is Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. His **Praise the Spirit in Creation** is found in the Episcopal Church's Hymnbook 1982. Widor's **Adagio** is a movement from his Second Organ Symphony. In the original Hebrew, **Hinei Mah Tov** is the first verse of the 133rd psalm: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! Like many Jewish folk songs, its melody is in the minor mode; the accompaniment features Bolcom's colorful 21st-century harmonies.