

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH @ SOUTH PARK

A PLACE OF GRACE WITH A CALL FOR ALL

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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### September 18, 2022



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**Children's Sermon:**

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## PRELUDE

*Voluntary*

Samuel Wesley

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ✠ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

P: God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

**Let Justice Flow like Streams    ELW 717**

- 1    Let justice flow like streams  
      of sparkling water, pure,  
      enabling growth, refreshing life,  
      abundant, cleansing, sure.
- 2    Let righteousness roll on  
      as others' cares we heed,  
      an ever-flowing stream of faith  
      translated into deed.
- 3    So may God's plumb line, straight,  
      define our measure true,  
      and justice, right, and peace pervade  
      this world our whole life through.

**GREETING ELW p.147**

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.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST) ELW p.148**

Assisting minister

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

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

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

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.

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.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7**

A reading from Amos.

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>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,  
<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

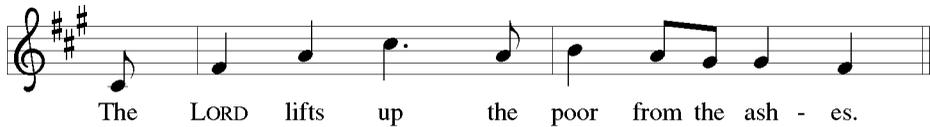
P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 113

(First time through, organ; second time through, cantor; third time through, congregation)

### Refrain:



Psalm 113:7

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### Tone:



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- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants <sup>|</sup> of the LORD;  
praise the name <sup>|</sup> of the LORD.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the <sup>|</sup> LORD be blessed,**  
**from this time forth for- <sup>|</sup> evermore.**
- <sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its <sup>|</sup> going down  
let the name of the <sup>|</sup> LORD be praised.
- <sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high a- <sup>|</sup> bove all nations;**  
**God's glory a- <sup>|</sup> bove the heavens. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Who is like the <sup>|</sup> LORD our God,  
who sits en- <sup>|</sup> throned on high,
- <sup>6</sup>**but stoops <sup>|</sup> to behold**  
**the heavens <sup>|</sup> and the earth?**
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out <sup>|</sup> of the dust  
and lifts up the poor <sup>|</sup> from the ashes,
- <sup>8</sup>**enthroning them <sup>|</sup> with the rulers,**  
**with the rulers <sup>|</sup> of the people.**
- <sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a <sup>|</sup> childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. <sup>|</sup> Hallelujah! R

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from 1 Timothy.

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

<sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>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.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p.151



## **GOSPEL: Luke 16: 1-13**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager 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.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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.’ <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>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.’ <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>“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. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **Son of God, Eternal Savior ELW 655**

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

### **APOSTLE'S CREED ELW p.105**

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of grace.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

## OFFERING

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*And This Believe*

Carl Nygard Jr.

## OFFERING PRAYER

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p.152

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also, with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

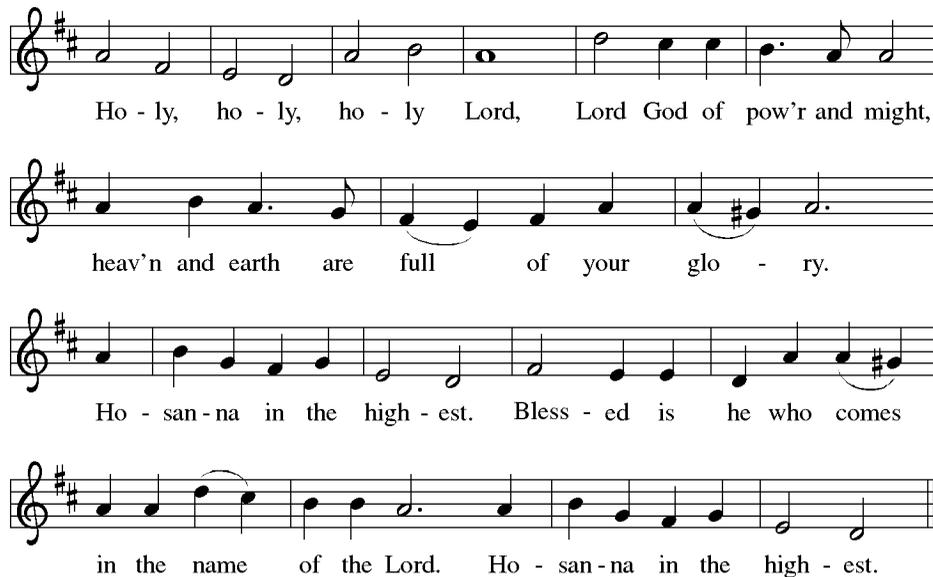
**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p.153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER ELW p.154

**C:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## COMMUNION

*You may commune where you are seated with the elements you brought with you, or you may come forward from the center aisle and Pastor will place, in your open hand, a gluten-free wafer which you may then dip into the chalice of wine held by the assisting minister. After you have dipped the bread into the chalice of wine, you may return to your seat by the side aisle.*

**LAMB OF GOD ELW p.154**



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.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### Rise Up, O Saints of God! ELW 669

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God!  
The kingdom's task embrace;
- 4 redress sin's cruel consequence;  
give justice larger place.
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
with love the weak sustain.
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

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## DISMISSAL ELW p.155

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Fugue*

G. F. Handel

## Readings and Psalm: Sunday, September 25, 2022

**Amos 6: 1a, 4-7**

**Psalm 146**

**1 Timothy 6: 6-19**

**Luke 16: 19-31**



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