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**15th Sunday after Pentecost  
Family Worship with Holy Communion  
September 18, 2022 † 10:00 a.m.**

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands as they are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness, for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

*Pause for reflection.*

Lord Jesus, you came as a child in the fullness of humanity that we may know God's love for us. Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you called the children to you and blessed them that we may know God's love for children. Christ, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you will judge us by how we care for the least of these our brothers and sisters. Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Our hope is in Christ Jesus. For his sake † our sins are forgiven. In him the veil of God's glory is lifted. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

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**\*GATHERING SONG #532 Gather Us In**

**1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**3 Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away--  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

**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.**

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# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, 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,

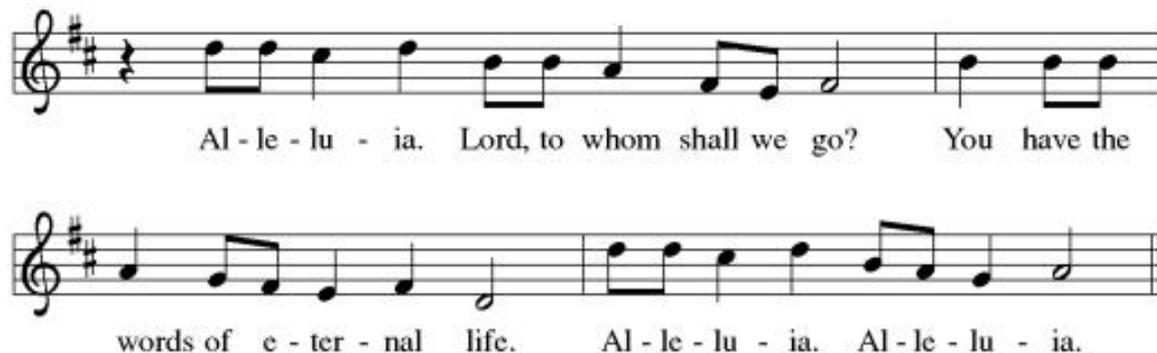


in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142)**



**GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13 (Easy-to-Read Version)**

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus said to his followers, "Once there was a rich man. He hired a manager to take care of his business. Later, he learned that his manager was cheating him. <sup>2</sup>So he called the manager in and said to him, 'I have heard bad things about you. Give me a report of what you have done with my money. You can't be my manager anymore.'

<sup>3</sup>So, the manager thought to himself, 'What will I do? My master is taking my job away from me. I am not strong enough to dig ditches. I am too proud to beg. <sup>4</sup>I know what I'll do! I will do something to make friends, so that when I lose my job, they will welcome me into their homes.'

<sup>5</sup>So the manager called in each person who owed the master some money. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'I owe him 100 jars of olive oil.' The manager said to him, 'Here is your bill. Hurry! Sit down and make the bill less. Write 50 jars.'<sup>7</sup>Then the manager asked another one, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'I owe him 100 measures of wheat.' Then the manager said to him, 'Here is your bill; you can make it less. Write 80 measures.'

<sup>8</sup>Later, the master told the dishonest manager that he had done a smart thing. Yes, worldly people are smarter in their business with each other than spiritual people are. <sup>9</sup>"I tell you, use the worldly things you have now to make 'friends' for later. Then, when those things are gone, you will be welcomed into a home that lasts forever. <sup>10</sup>Whoever can be trusted with small things can also be trusted with big things. Whoever is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in big things too. <sup>11</sup>If you cannot be trusted with worldly riches, you will not be trusted with the true riches. <sup>12</sup>And if you cannot be trusted with the things that belong to someone else, you will not be given anything of your own."

<sup>13</sup>Jesus went on to say, "You cannot serve two masters at the same time. You'll hate one master and love the other. Or you will be loyal to one and not care about the other. You cannot serve both God and Money at the same time."

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

**CHILDREN'S HOMILY / SERMON**

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**\*HYMN OF THE DAY # 721 Goodness Is Stronger than Evil (sung 2 times)**

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death;  
vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,  
through God who loves us.  
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,  
through God who loves us.**

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We see the love of God in God's own son. As brothers and sisters of Jesus, let us bring our prayers to God, saying, "Lord, hear your children's prayer."

For the Church of God, that we follow Jesus, who taught us that whoever would be first must be the servant of all, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear your children's prayer.**

For the earth, that you help us to take good care of your creation and to work for the wellbeing of the whole human family. In the spirit of Earth Day we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear your children's prayer.**

For world leaders, that they may think about how their actions make a difference to people who most need help in their countries; that we build up safe and joyful communities for all people; for peaceful transitions of power; that war might end and peace return to Ukraine, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear your children's prayer.**

For the people of the world, especially children and families who do not have money for food and lodging; for people suffering from injustice; for all who are sick and suffering; we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear your children's prayer.**

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For ourselves and our community; that we recognize your face in every child and that we love and bless all children as Jesus welcomed them; for all students, teachers and school staff, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear your children's prayer.**

For our congregation, family and friends; that we might take steps to change our own lives and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world. For blessings on all who lead us in worship and contribute to our worship life; we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear your children's prayer.**

*(Pastor)* Christ Jesus, fill us with your love and mercy and show us how to make a difference to the lives of our neighbors. Hear the prayers we offer in confidence and faith. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

Dear God,

as we start another year at school and work,  
we ask your blessing on these backpacks and other tools we use each day,  
and especially on these people – kids and adults - who will use them.

As they do their very important work of learning,  
bless them with:

eagerness to learn, so that their world may grow large;  
respect for teachers and students, so that they may form healthy relationships;  
love for nature, so that they may take good care of your creation;  
happiness when learning is easy and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard;  
faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.

We ask that you protect these people, your own children.  
Watch over them and keep them safe  
as they travel to and from work and school.

As they learn, help them also to discover  
the different gifts that you have given each one of them  
to be used in your work in the world.

As they hear the many voices that will fill their days,  
help them to listen most carefully of all for your voice,  
the voice that tells them you will love them always,  
no matter what.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**And also with you!**

## **MEAL**

## **OFFERING**

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## **\*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.**

## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE**

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.**

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:

## **SANCTUS (p. 144)**



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

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (p. 108)

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

## LORD'S PRAYER (*led by the children and Pastor*)

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD (p.144)



The image shows four staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff contains: 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff contains: 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff contains: 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' There is a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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Body of Christ, given for you.  
Blood of Christ, shed for you.

**COMMUNION HYMN #472 Eat This Bread (sung 5 times)**

**"Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst."**

**\*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.**

**WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**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 #674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Refrain**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2 Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain***

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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**Please join in** coffee hour and fellowship right after worship.  
Thank you to the Sunday School teachers, our hosts this week!

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER (18 September 2022)**

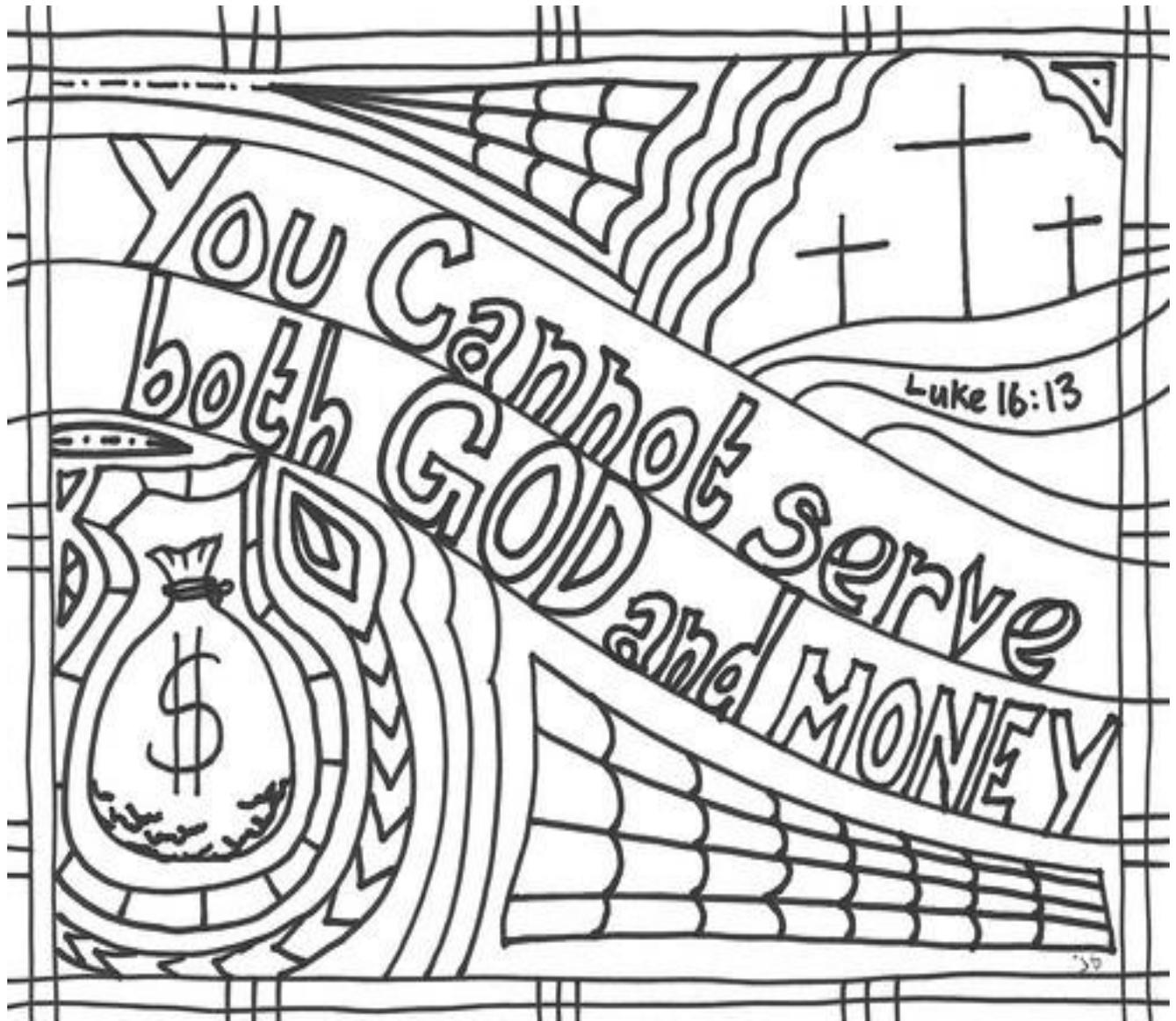
### **THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Sara Larson [requested by Julie & Michael Francis]  
Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee Mathieson]  
Virginia Levitsky [requested by Lydia Moser]  
Chris Peck, Bob Widmer, Lex Stolle, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]  
Tracey Parisi, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]  
Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke]  
Brenda Dugan & granddaughter Chanelle, Robert & Pat Richards, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad]  
Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]  
Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]  
Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles]  
Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family]  
Jim Cahote, John Sullivan [requested by Dottie & Jim Clavell]  
Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]  
Ruth Aiello [requested by Cindy Davis]  
Laura Garlock [requested by Darlene Klouda]  
Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther, Ralph Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]  
Zach Hills [requested by Brian & Diane Marley]  
Bernadette Uneberg [requested by John Hinsch]  
The Flaherty family, the Ulc family, the Marley family, Pete Gambitsky, the Rilke family, Sharon Wolf, Dana Stankevitz, Pastor Roger Schleef, Carol Pascale, Walter Henning Sr., Pastor Frank Modr, Gary Weymer [requested by Pastor Shelhart]  
David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]  
Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]  
The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]  
Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski]  
Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]  
Suzie DiSanza [requested by Donna Ihlen]  
Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]  
Amy Kitay [requested by Diana Smiloff]

### **THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:**

Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch]  
Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]  
Sergeant Charlee Seto [granddaughter of Jacci & Mike Milo]  
Corporal August Detting  
Major William Fortin

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