

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
PEACE SUNDAY**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Rodger Prois ~ September 18, 2022



GATHERING

Please rise as you are able.

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.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ *Let Streams of Living Justice* ~ ELW# 710

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.

Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

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 ~ S147 ELW pg. 147

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ *This Is the Feast* ~ ELW pg. 149

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

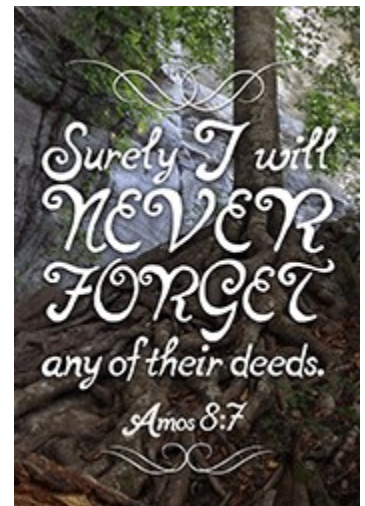
PRAYER OF THE DAY ~ God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING ~ AMOS 8:4-7 ~ *The Basket of Fruit*

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



PSALM ~ PSALM 113 ~ *God the Helper of the Needy*

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING ~ I TIMOTHY 2:1-7 ~ *Instructions concerning Prayer*

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

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ ELW S151A Page 151

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

GOSPEL ~ The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

LUKE 16:1-13 ~ *The Parable of the Dishonest Manager*

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 account 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 ...

Luke 16:10, NRSV

‘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.**

You may be seated.

SERMON ~ *“Gotta serve somebody”* ~ **Pastor Rodger Prois**

Silence for reflection.

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

Please rise to proclaim the word of God in song.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED ~ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 ~ 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.

A brief silence.

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give the presidents Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Vladimir Putin wisdom and compassion so the people of Ukraine and Russia may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters especially the Birchwood Food Pantry. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. Help us to reach out to those within our community especially those we hold in our hearts known only to you and those we name here...

Jacob Bangsberg; Matthew Olesiak; Doug Olesiak; Kathy Hanson; Felecia Kleven; Kylj Kleven; Larry Johnson; Chuck Jackson; Jo Alvin; Bud Rieschl; Jim Gronberg; Bob Tucker; Sue Sleik; Sharon Rubin; Heather Purdy Larson; David Frost; and Wally & Margie Cason; Fran Ackerman; Tom Weigel; Alex Adler; Dave Cleveland.

Please observe a moment of silence reflecting on those for whom we pray.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE ~ The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share God's peace with one another.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

Please Rise

OFFERING HYMN ~ We Are an Offering ~ ELW# 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Please rise

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 ~ 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.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ~ S153 ELW Page 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ~ 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER ~ Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

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.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Praise to the Lord* ~ ELW# 844

Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun, may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!

There is none like our God in the heav'ns or on earth,
who lifts the poor from the dust, seating them with the mighty,
who stoops to raise the weak and low: may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Take My Life, That I May Be* ~ ELW# 685

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Be Thou My Vision* ~ ELW# 608

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Please rise

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.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION ~ 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 SONG ~ *This Little Light of Mine* ~ ELW# 677

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! The psalmist tells us: “From the rising of the sun to it’s setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised” [Psalm 113:3]. So we gather to worship him now. Welcome! **Prepare for Today’s Word:** In the northern hemisphere, summer is turning to fall. Creator of all good things, I thank you for your steadfastness when things around me change.

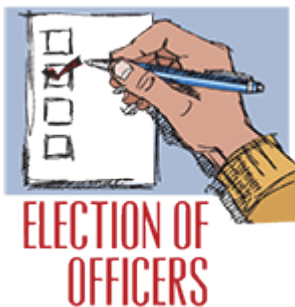
NEXT WEEKS READINGS: 9/25. Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146: I Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

THIS WEEK AT LONG LAKE: Tuesday ~ Acts of the Apostles Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Council Meeting 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday ~ Outdoors Club, 9:00 a.m.; Thursday ~ Men’s Bible, Breakfast and Conversation, 8:30 a.m. at Rice Lake Family Restaurant, 2411 S. Main St.

Amish Neighbors ~ We have several new Amish neighbors who do not have access to any fruit trees due to their recent move to the area. If you have fruit trees and would be willing to allow them access to pick and share in your harvest, please contact Felecia Kleven at (715)354-3733. They would greatly appreciate the opportunity.

PASTOR RODGER is leading a study of the “Acts of the Apostles” (often called the Acts of the Holy Spirit) Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the gathering room (Narthex) of the church. Come for one; come for all!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH the Synod Advocate for Right Relationships, Rev. Sara Bishop will host a walk in the woods at Luther Park. This is an opportunity to tell Sara what we want or need for justice work in the synod. Bring a lunch and join us from 9-3. If you want to skip the walk but join the talk, we’ll see you around noon! This invitation is for anyone; ministers, members, the curious or the concerned.”



THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

for the purpose of elections will be held after the worship service on Sunday, October 23rd 2022.

Election of officers to serve beginning in 2023 will be held . Elections will include 1) Vice President/President Elect; 2)Secretary; 3) Christian Education; 4) Evangelism Chairperson; 5) Stewardship Chairperson.

Other Issues may be presented. Please plan to attend this important Meeting.

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