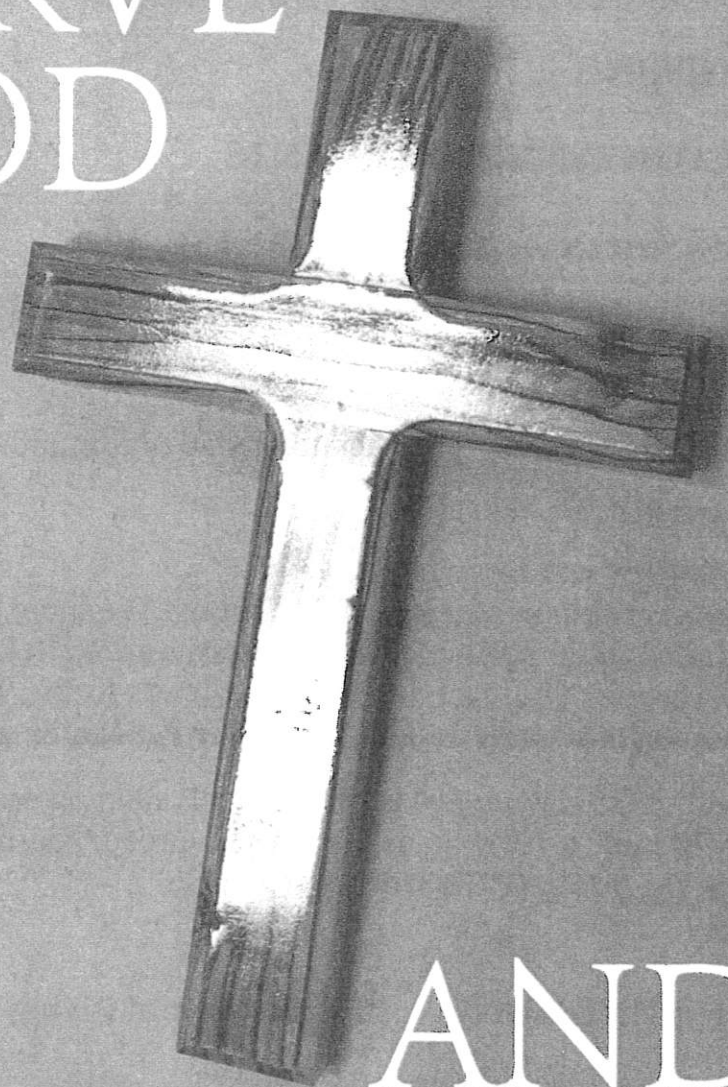


YOU
CANNOT
SERVE
GOD



AND
WEALTH

LUKE 16:13



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, September 17, 2022—5:00 pm

Sunday, September 18, 2022—9:00 am

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.

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

GATHERING SONG "Let Streams of Living Justice"

ELW #710

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

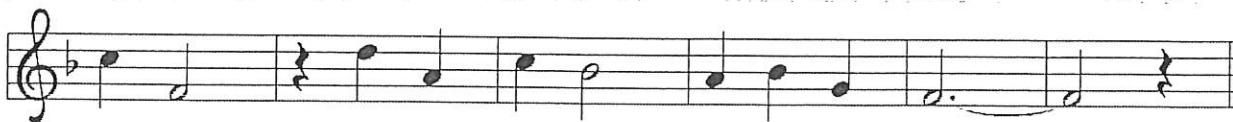
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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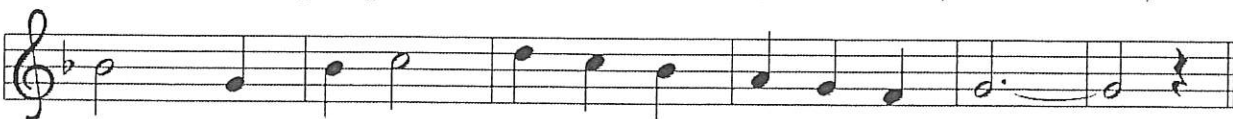
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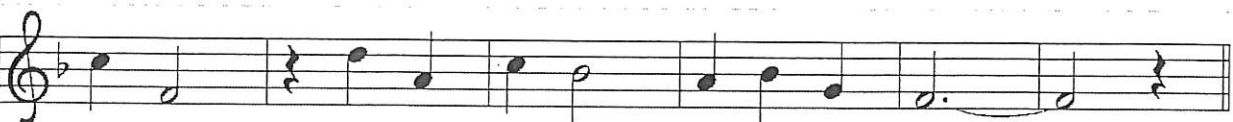


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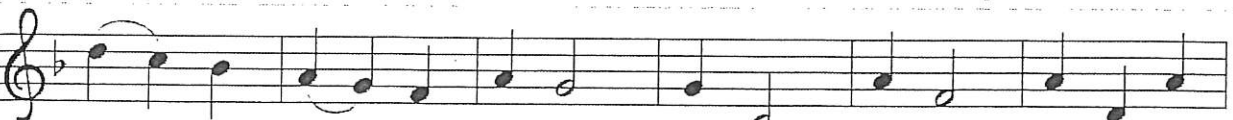
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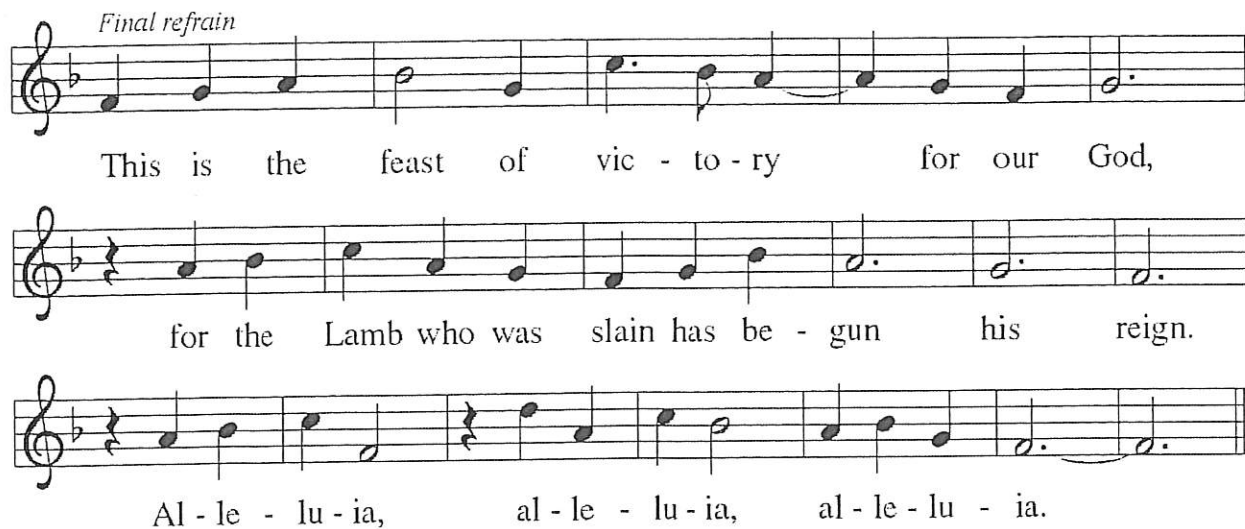
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

ANTHEM (9:00 am)

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

People of Praise

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

A reading from Amos.

- ⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “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,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from First Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Celtic Alleluia"



GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

¹⁰"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. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No 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.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW #685

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 THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "Let the Vineyards"



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

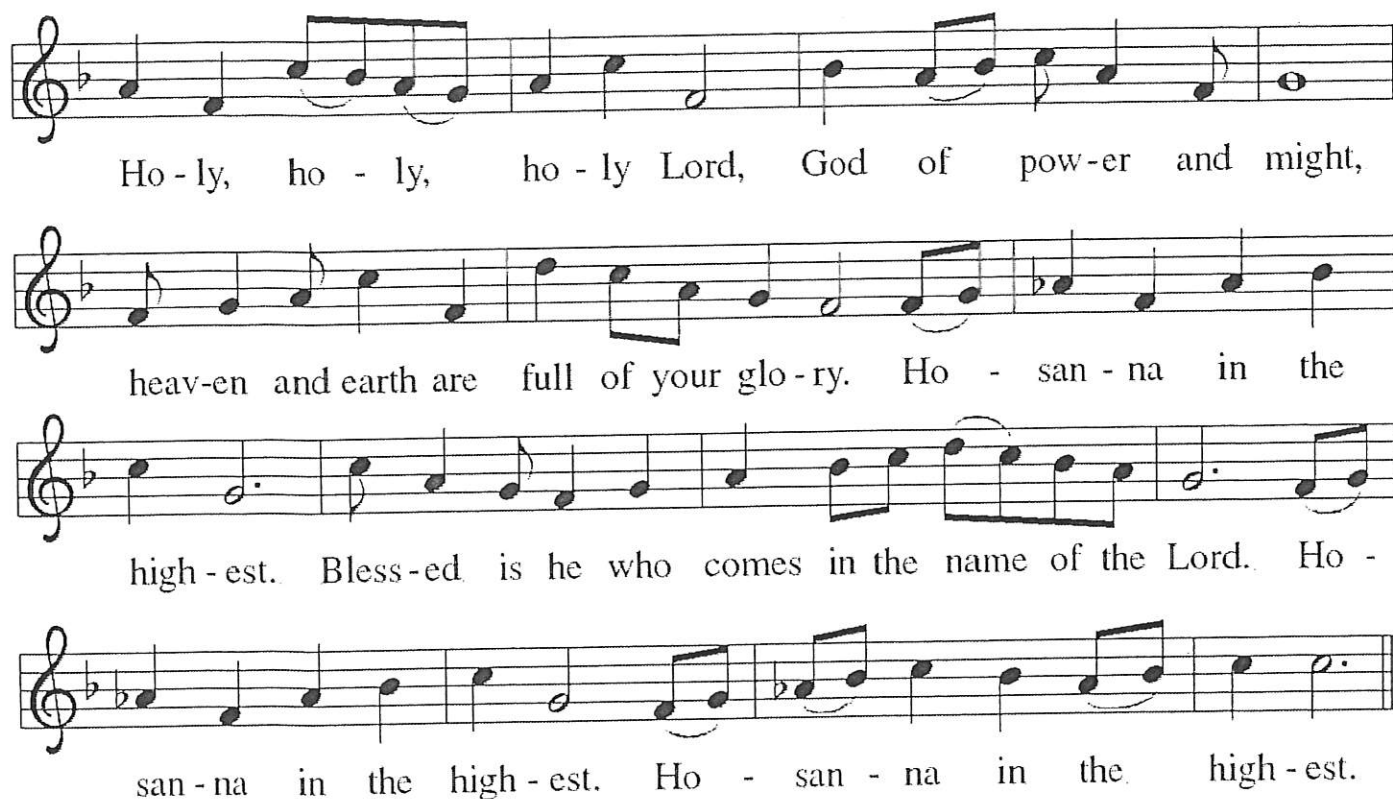
Lift up your hearts.

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... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



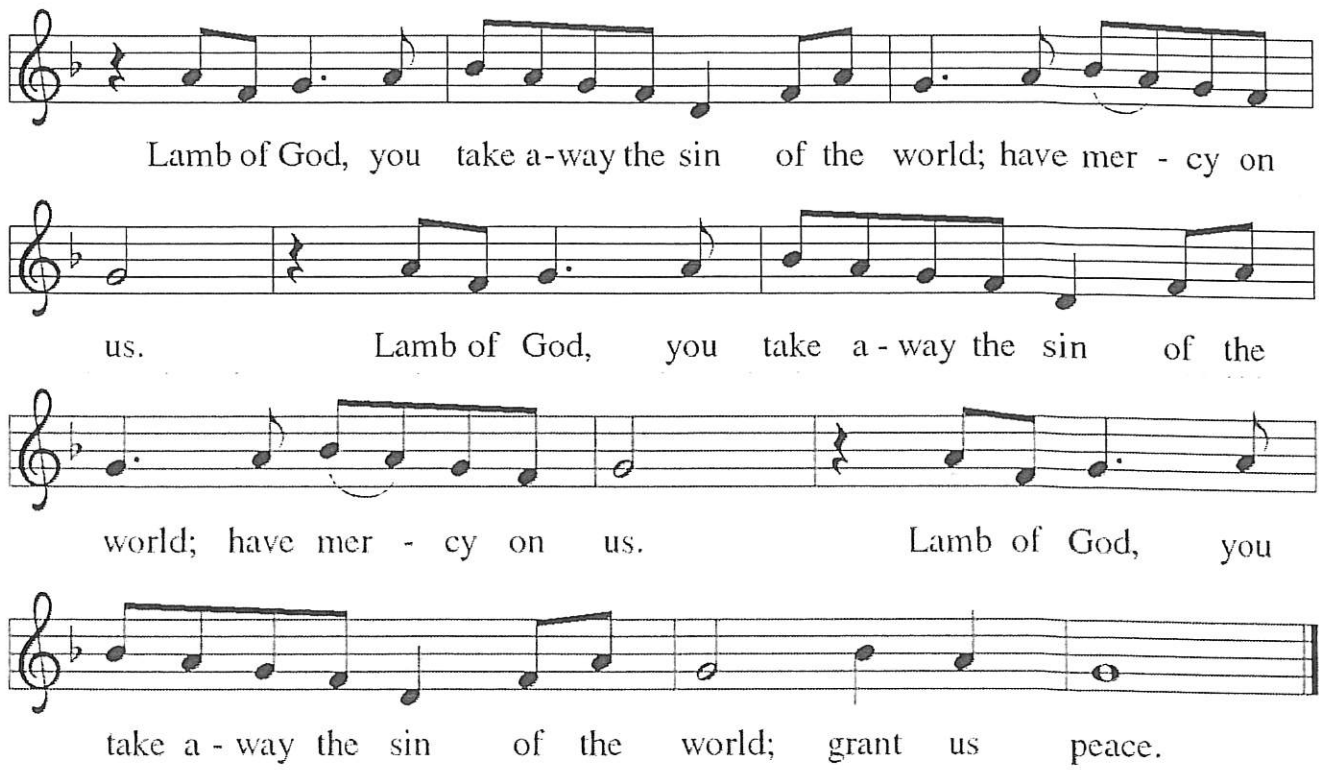
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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 SONG



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

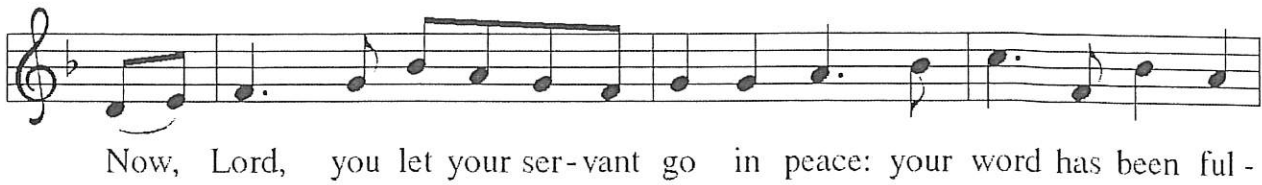
Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshiping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" ELW #484

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

ELW #669

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers:	Craig & Jayne Hirl
Counters:	Bob & Carol Kuehl

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers:	Lori & Scott Rochau
Counters:	Ryan & Amy Murray

Choir Director:	Susan Becker
Organist:	Teri Wittkowski and Susan Becker

The Grace of Confusion

In today's gospel, Jesus tells a challenging parable about a dishonest steward that ends with an unsettling moral: "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" (Luke 16:9).

Is Jesus being ironic or sincere? Do the characters in the story somehow represent our relationship with God? Are we supposed to emulate the dishonest steward? This text is filled with questions. If you find Jesus' words today perplexing, even baffling, don't worry—you are in good company. Both the details of the parable itself and the lesson Jesus is drawing from it have vexed and puzzled generations of the best interpreters, theologians, and preachers.

There are many plausible ways to explain what is happening and what it means for our lives as Christians that might be explored in your assembly today. At the same time, scriptures like this are a reminder that the life of discipleship does not always come with easy answers and neatly packaged meanings. The gospels frequently report moments when Jesus' disciples simply could not understand what he was saying to them or profoundly misinterpreted his meaning.

The value of the community you join today does not come from the perfect understandings of either the assembly or its leaders. It comes from the one who continues to speak even when we do not understand, who daily affirms God's love for us through the waters of baptism, who offers his own body and blood at the table each week for those who are still struggling and learning what it means to be his disciples—and that includes all of us. In short, the value of the community you join today comes from a Lord committed to leading us as disciples, even when we are unclear of the way.

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17 & 18, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



Altar Flowers

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Carrie & Chad Keppy in celebration of our niece's wedding - Katy Tengman to Michael Cook - in Grass Lake, MI this weekend.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheranelldridge.com



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate
H.O. Nelson
Sheila Baustian
Sally Puls
Duane Miller
Kory Winter
Tim Winter
Jensen Spencer
Ann Kuehl
Carol Judge
Carolyn Scheibe

Madison Russo
Mary Ann Anderson
Janet Bowman
Florence Whisler
Roger Lewis
Ed Stoltz
Judy Knoer
Jan Kluever
Michael Schafer
Bob Morehead
Patty Mixdorf

Melissa Alden
Sue Vogel
Andrew Arp
Norman Harms
Kim Pierce
Jeanette Myers
Mary
Kelly
Vaughn
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Bishop Amy Current, Southeastern Iowa Synod, to Visit September 17 and 18

On Saturday, September 17, and Sunday, September 18, Bishop Amy Current will be with us for worship. She will be preaching and bringing greetings from the larger Southeastern Iowa Synod. We will also have opportunities after each of the services for conversation with Bishop Current. She will share with us some of the ministries of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, and she will give us the opportunity to ask her questions that we might have. We hope you will join us on this weekend to help us welcome Bishop Current to Faith Lutheran Church.

Bishop Amy Current

Southeastern Iowa Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Rev. Amy Current is a pastor in The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and has served the Southeastern Iowa Synod in the office of bishop since 2020. She is a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (B.A.) and Wartburg Theological Seminary (M.Div.).

Prior to her role as bishop, Current served as vice president for admissions and student services at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. She also served in various leadership roles at Wartburg Seminary including director for financial aid and stewardship formation, director for public communications, and interim director of the Center for Youth Ministries. Born and raised in North Dakota, Amy was honored to serve as pastor of Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church in Harwood, N.D., as pastor of Golden Ridge Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D., and Congregational Lutheran United Church, Gardner, N.D.

Bishop Current serves on the boards of Grand View University, Lutheran Services in Iowa, Wartburg College, and Unity Point Health - Des Moines.

Bishop Current is married to Rev. Dr. Samuel Giere, who serves as professor of biblical interpretation at Wartburg Theological Seminary. They have two children, Isaac and Shonagh Current Giere. The family has two miniature Australian shepherds, Archie and Otis.

Bishop Current enjoys reading novels, kayaking, snowshoeing, walking, sharing meals, lingering in conversation, watching tv and exploring through travel.



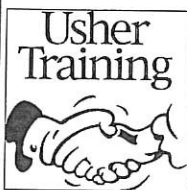
OFFERING COUNTERS

OFFERING COUNTER TRAINING

We are looking for a few good people to help with counting the offering after each worship service. No experience necessary!

A refresher/training session for all counters will be **Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 10:15 am**. Grab a cookie and coffee after worship and join us to learn about this important job. Also there will be a sign-up sheet for the rest of 2022. Pick the dates that work for you!

If you are unable to attend this training, but would still like to be a counter, we will be happy to arrange for training on another day. Please call Rhonda Webber (319)230-1228 to serve, or with any questions about the Counter responsibilities and training, You may sign up for the scheduled training session at church, or by calling the office.
Thank you for serving!



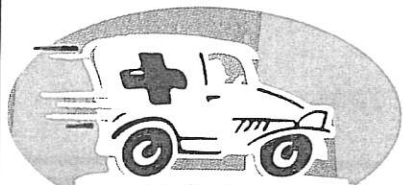
Usher Training

Ushers have an important role in the safety and security of our church. Part of the security plan adopted by the church earlier this year requires quarterly training for Ushers. This Training will be held on **Sunday, September 25th @10:15 am** in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend!
Contact Tom Bauer for more information.

New Members Class



Join us **October 2 at 11:15 am** for a simple meal and conversations to help us get to know each other. If you plan on attending, please call or email the office. New Member Welcome will be October 9th.



Blood Drive

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE - Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting a mobile blood drive with ImpactLife Blood Center **Monday, October 24th, 3:00 - 6:00 pm**. Please mark the calendar and consider donating. Contact Tom Carlson to schedule an appointment: (319)231-0845 or carlson.thomas@mchsi.com Thank You!



5 pm: 29, 9 am: 93, Online: 50, Total: 172

THIS WEEK AT FAITH



Saturday, September 17	5 pm	Worship
	6pm	Fellowship with Bishop Current
Sunday, September 18	9 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship & Conversations with Bishop Current
	10:15 am	Sunday School
Monday, September 19	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6 pm	Lion's Club Exec. Meeting
Tuesday, September 20	9 am	Quilting Group
	1 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
	5:30 pm	Churches United Meal @ Zion
	6:30 pm	Jubilation
Wednesday, September 21	5:00 pm	Confirmation Meal
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Conversations
	6:15 pm	People of Praise
	7 pm	High School Youth
	7:15 pm	Resounding Joy!
Friday, September 23	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, September 24	5 pm	Worship
Sunday, September 25	9 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15am	Counter Training & Usher Training
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Mutual Ministry Team

CHURCHES UNITED MEAL - Service Opportunity Churches United is a partnership of Quad City area churches that help to feed the hungry. Our church is scheduled to serve September 20th, 5:45 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. The Service in the World committee has planned the menu and welcomes help from the congregation. There will be a signup posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex with spots for donating food items, food preparation and serving the meal.

