



**16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 25, 2022**

Prelude: "Passacaglia (A Song of Praise)" arr. by John Carter

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of mercy and forgiveness,

C **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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and speak
we are each oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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***Greeting:**

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.**

***Prayer of the Day:**

All O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Kids Word: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

*Please stand as you are able.

Our first reading is from 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation:** “Sanctuary” arr. by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

English:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

Spanish:

Señor, prepárame para ser un santuario

Puro y santo, probado y verdadero

Con Acción de Gracias, seré una vida

Santuario para ti

***Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: Pastor Jerry O'Neal



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,

4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.

Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,

So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.

None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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***Apostles' Creed:**

P&C 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.

*Please stand as you are able.

***Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "God of grace," and your response is, "**receive our prayer.**"

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.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For those who are considering becoming new members of Holy Trinity, we give thanks. We are blessed by all who worship with us and give thanks for all God's children in our midst. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace, **receive 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.

***Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Play or Apple Store, or
2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offering Music: "Ubi Caritas" arr. by Michael John Trotta

HTLC Choir

The translation is: Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

*Please stand as you are able.



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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***Offering Prayer:**

L 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.

C Amen.

***Words of Institution**

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

P La noche en que fue entregado,
nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias;
lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:
Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa,
dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo:
Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre,
derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado.
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

***Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

All 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.

***Invitation to Communion:**

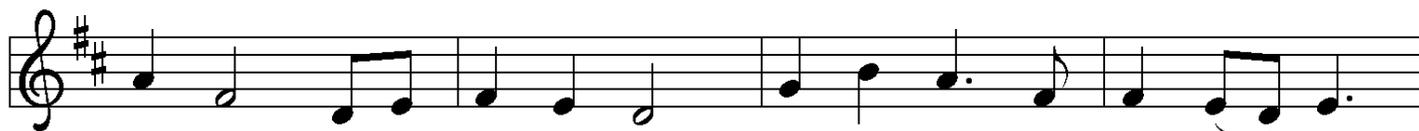
P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (setting 6)

The musical score is written on four staves in G minor (three flats) and 3/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings. The lyrics are: "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."

Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
 Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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***Post Communion Blessing:**

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

***Post Communion Prayer:**

L 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.

C Amen

Quilt Blessing:

Hands And Feet: *A Litany Inspired by Teresa of Avila* by Matt Hackworth, Lutheran World Relief

P Gracious God, you created light in the darkness. You saw that light was good and separated it from all that was bad. You created the light in stars to lead Your people from bondage, and so that we might see the better way of living, among one another, and for You.

C **We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world.**

P God, you created the very idea of home in a world of chaos, the places where we feel safe, the places where we sense Your peace. You lead us to share this peace with one another, and with the world. The peace found in following the one You sent to lead us, Christ Jesus.

C **We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world.**

*Please stand as you are able.

P God, you created grace so we might survive the world and its evil. Grace for us, in showing us love even as we are not perfect. Grace for one another when we offend and when we commend. Grace for a world that can only feel it when we are compelled to act.

C We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world.

P Gracious God, we ask that You take these quilts of earthly meaning. We ask you to make these quilts Your light in someone's darkness. We ask you to make these quilts Your comfort in another's chaos. We ask you to make them Your grace so that Your love can live through us, as...

C We are the hands and feet of Christ in Your world. Amen.

***Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!

C Our hands!

L God's love!

C Our hearts!

L God's story!

C Our voices!

***Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

C Amen.



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
 Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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***Dismissal:**

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

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements for September 25, 2022

This week's Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Lou Ellen Botkin
Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother
Gwen Carey
Linda Cougill
Marcia Kelly's mother, Marguerite
Maria and her family in Ukraine
Arlene Murphy, Mike Metzcar's sister
Jessica Cummings
Dan Haynes
For all who are sick and suffering
Roberta Debolt
Sue Metzcar
John Paul Metzcar
Liam, 2 year-old great grandson of Nancy Brown
Stephanie and Rich Thompson
Mary Broughton
For all who are suffering with Covid
For the people of Ukraine

Flowers at the Altar:

The bouquet of flowers are given by Betty Haffner in celebration of her granddaughter's wedding on September 17.

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

Serving in Worship Today:

Lay Worship and Communion Assistant: Eric Myrick

Lector: Betsy Ahlersmeyer

Acolyte: Micah Smith

Usher: John Huff and Jim Suding

Greeter: Diane Scholer

Altar Guild: Jo Robertson and Marla Suding

Birthdays and Anniversaries for September 25 - October 1, 2022:

Birthdays:

September 27 - Nancy Carlson

September 30 - Jacob Van Pelt

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries on record.

Project Stepping Stone Moving Help! (Also, Painting)

On Wednesday, September 28th, PSS is moving out of our rented storage facility and into our newly re-modeled storage shed on the PSS property (saving us about \$90 a month in rent) and we need help moving mattresses, furniture, and a few small things/boxes to the new location. If you have a will to help and a strong back please get in touch with Maria at projectsteppingstone@gmail.com, or speak to Dick Elias or John Scholl. Times are flexible - we're for sure going to have a group working from 3pm to 5pm, but if you're available earlier we'll probably be working then, too.

Also, we want to re-model the kitchen cabinets in one of our houses, so if you are interested in helping with that - whenever works for you - please let Maria know at projectsteppingstone@gmail.com

Growing in God's Seasons:

Attention families with kids Pre-school through 5th Grade: We will be gathering together with other churches in the area on Sunday, October 2 at St. Andrew, 2700 W. Moore Rd, Muncie, from 4-6pm. Come and enjoy the fun!

Animal Blessing at Lutheran Church of the Cross:

All welcome to join Lutheran Church of the Cross (LCC) for a Blessing of the Animals service on Tuesday, Oct 4 at 6pm, at LCC.

Driver Need on OCT. 15:

A driver is needed to take 5 or 6 boxes of mission quilts to Fort Wayne on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Quilts are to be dropped off any time between 8am and Noon at St. John's Lutheran. A gas card from Thrivent will be provided as a "thank you" for doing God's work. Let Nancy Carlson know at ncarlson@bsu.edu.

Grace Village Donations:

Grace Village is in need of these items for their Grab and Go Breakfasts on Wednesdays from 8am - 10am: Individual Trail Mix Packets, Gluten-Free Breakfast Bars, and Individual Bottled Coffees (such as Starbucks Frappuccino). There is a bin in the narthex/lobby outside of the sanctuary to put them in. Thank you!

Holy Trinity's Art Gallery:

Holy Trinity's September Artist of the month is John Scholl displaying his woodworking art.

Sharing Garden Abundance:

Bring in your extra garden produce to share at our ABUNDANCE table at the main entrance. And help yourself to some wonderful produce from those who are sharing!

Calendar of Events for the Week of September 25:

Sunday, September 25 - Bible Study (9am), Worship and Quilt Blessing (10am), and New Membership Class (11:15am)

Monday, September 26 - Bible Study (10am) and Choir Practice (4pm)

Tuesday, September 27 - Walking Group meets in parking lot (8am), and Binding Ties Group Meets (9:30am)

Saturday, October 1 - Step Aerobics (9:30am)