

Sunday September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

3 MINUTES OF SILENCE to prepare us for worship today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “The Church is One Foundation” #654 ELW

Please rise on the last verse



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 113 *(Read Responsively)*

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the
LORD.

² **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴ **The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**

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

⁶ **who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸ **to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

Please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

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

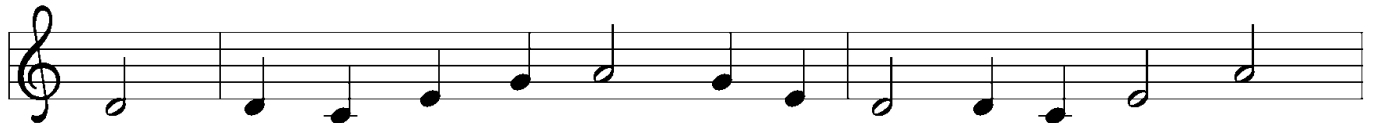
master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the 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.

¹⁰Whoever 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."

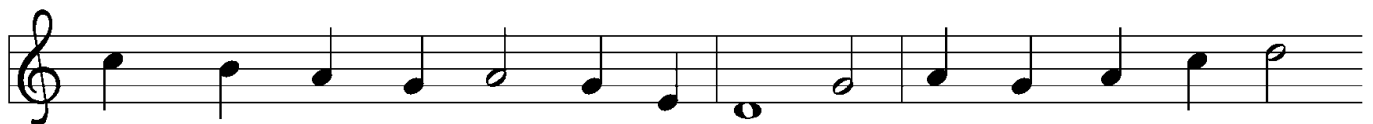
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "What Wonderful Love" #666 ELW



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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

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 leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders (*especially Dag Hammarskjöld*) and safeguard the dignity of each person. 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 (*local outreach may be named*). 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. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us (*especially*), 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 be seated for the passing of the offering plate

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

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

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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN:


“Take My Life”

#583 ELW

Refrain/Estribillo




To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas | *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



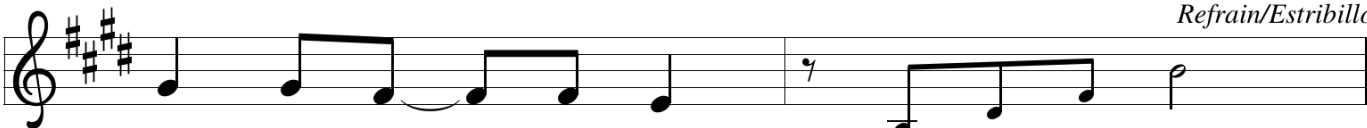
1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té*
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estribillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
 Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Greeters: Del & Dianne Jones

Hospitality: Pat Becker & Jenny Schuett

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, September 11, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 42 Online: 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Shane Vossen

GRIEF SHARE CLASSES Tuesdays at 3:30pm and will last about 1 hour. Sign up sheet in Narthex. All welcome.

NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES IN THE SANCTUARY. We have noticed coffee spills on the carpet in the sanctuary. Please do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.

RAFFLE ITEMS FOR THE BAZAAR if you have items for the Bazaar Raffle, or items for the sale, please bring them to church as soon as possible. Also, if you get your medication shipped to you in Styrofoam coolers, the crafters can use those coolers. Just drop them off in the office. Thank You!

MEATBALL SUPPER Zion Lutheran Church in Milaca is having a Meatball Supper on Wednesday, September 28th from 4:30-7:00pm. See poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

THE REMEMBER PROJECT This free event will be an opportunity for our communities to engage in conversation about memory loss after watching a One Act play. Bethesda is one of the six viewing sites for this project. The first event will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, from 10:00-11:30am. You can also register to view from your home computer. Reserve tickets at: <https://aitkin-fortune2022.eventbrite.com> or call 218-927-1383. Please help spread the word about this amazing presentation and help build a dementia friendly community. More information posted in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**Sept. 19, 2022 – Sept. 25, 2022**

Monday	9/19	10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	9/20	10:00 am	Remember Project
		3:30 pm	Grief Share Classes
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team
Wednesday	9/21	9:00-4:00	WIC
		9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	9/22	8:00 am	ROMEOb
Saturday	9/24	8:30-9:00 am	Registration for Women of the ELCA Heartland Fall Conference Gathering
Sunday	9/25	9:00 am	Worship in person and live stream
