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September 25, 2022

Lectionary 26 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Live streaming on Facebook and YouTube (Trinity LutheranSparta)

Our worship service will also be recorded and will be available on our website

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the bell

***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.

***Opening Hymn:** *Worship Team*

***Prayer of the Day**
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.

Children Time

First Reading: Micah 6:8

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm: Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
²My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
⁶The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.
⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just

as the Lord^[a] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ^[b] rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ^[c] dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.^[d] ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel: John 15:12-17**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

***Gospel Acclamation** (spoken in unison)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

This is the Holy Gospel according to John the fifteenth Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants^[a] any longer, because the servant^[b] does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Sermon (Wyatt, Bethany, Ava, Kira)

***Hymn:** *Worship Team*

Blessing of our Military

***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.

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, **hear 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, **hear 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, **hear 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. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

***Sharing of the Peace** (Shake Another Hand)

Offering – *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”* (1 Peter 4:10)



Thank you for your continued support of Trinity’s ongoing mission to serve the people of God in our community and the world. You may place your offering in the plate as it passes (or, if the plate is not

passed due to high Covid levels, in the plate in the narthex as you leave today), you may also mail it in, leave it in the lockbox outside the main door or use one of the electronic means available. Scan the QR code to donate now to Trinity's General Fund. Thank you!

***Offertory:** *We Are an 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 (Here is Bread)** – Led by Tony Gasner

Here is bread, here is wine. **Christ is with us, he is with us.**
Break the bread, taste the wine. **Christ is with us here.**

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace. **Christ is with us, he is with us.**
Know his grace, find his peace. **Feast on Jesus here.**

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the spirit, Christ is with us here.

Words of Institution

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

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.

Communion (Distribution Hymns: Lamb of God – Page 154; Let Us Break Bread Together – Page 471; Eat This Bread (2x) – Page 472)

***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.**

Ringling of the bell

***Sending Hymn:** *Worship Team*

***Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

Attendance for Sunday, September 18, 2022: 8:15 am – 55 and 10:30 am – 51

For September 4, 2022

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$9169.52

Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$186.00

For September 11, 2022

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$5773.50

Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$598.28

September 25, 2022

8:15 a.m.:

Greeter – Gary & Carol Haskins

Reader – Jan Jenkins

Communion Servers – Mary Herrman & Anita Jensen

Ushers – Alice Olson, Paul Amundson, & Chuck Amundson

Music – Worship Team

Altar Team – Month of September: Carol Thorsen & Pauline Haug

Coffee Fellowship

Flower Pick Up – Friday, September 30: Edie Habegger

Money Counters-Monday, September 26: Audrey Zebell-Brenda Degenhardt-Alton Ask

Food Pantry, September 27: Deb Page & Brittany Michalski

September 28: Mary Herrman & Judy Bernett

10:30 a.m.:

Greeter – Phil & Diane Dammen

Reader – Youth

Communion Servers – Stacey Markuson & Chris Martin

Ushers – Mark Baltz & Dan Amundson

Music – Worship Team

October 2, 2022

8:15 a.m.:

Greeter – Cheryl Brown

Reader – Lori Ferries

Communion Servers – Larry & Nila Larson

Ushers – Alice Olson, Paul Amundson, & Chuck Amundson

Music – Adell Morton

Altar Team – Month of October: Alice Olson & Diane Dammen

Coffee Fellowship: Stewardship Committee

Flower Pick Up – Friday, October 7: Steve & Judy Bernett

Money Counters-Monday, October 3: Linda Winterton-Dave Olson-Diane Dammen

Food Pantry, October 5: Dennis & Carol Glaman

10:30 a.m.:

Greeter – Deb Lutjen-Bonello

Reader – Michelle Hyatt

Communion Servers – Gary Peterson & Robyn Ryba

Ushers – Mark Baltz & Dan Amundson

Music – Adell Morton

October 9, 2022

8:15 a.m.:

Greeter – Jerry & Julie Ender

Reader – Brittany Michalski

Communion Servers – Chuck Hogan & Brenda Degenhardt

Ushers – Alice Olson, Paul Amundson, & Chuck Amundson

Music – Adell Morton

Altar Team – Month of October: Alice Olson & Diane Dammen

Coffee Fellowship: Robbie Dockerty

Flower Pick Up – Friday, October 14: Steve & Judy Bernett

Money Counters-Monday, October 10: Fred Olsen-Nancy Oswald-Gail Baltz

Food Pantry, October 12: Anita Jensen & Donna Boland

10:30 a.m.:

Greeter – Gretchen Grewal & Cynthia Simpkinson

Reader – Jeremiah Erickson

Communion Servers – Barb Selbrede & Kristine Tock

Ushers – Mark Baltz & Dan Amundson

Music – Adell Morton