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September 25, 2022

Lectionary 26 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 am in the Sanctuary and live-streamed

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.

Psalm: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those
who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the
wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Reading: Habakkuk 2:18-3:4

¹⁸What use is an idol

once its maker has shaped it—

a cast image, a teacher of lies?

For its maker trusts in what has been made,

though the product is only an idol that cannot speak!

¹⁹Alas for you who say to the wood, “Wake up!”

to silent stone, “Rouse yourself!”

Can it teach?

See, it is gold and silver plated,
and there is no breath in it at all.

²⁰ But the LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him!

³ A prayer of the prophet Habakkuk according to Shigionoth.

² O LORD, I have heard of your renown,
and I stand in awe, O LORD, of your work.

In our own time revive it;
in our own time make it known;
in wrath may you remember mercy.

³ God came from Teman,
the Holy One from Mount Paran. *Selah*

His glory covered the heavens,
and the earth was full of his praise.

⁴ The brightness was like the sun;
rays came forth from his hand,
where his power lay hidden.

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

Sermon

***Hymn:** *Worship Team*

***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**

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Great Thanksgiving** (spoken)

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***Preface**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord** (spoken)

Words of Institution

*** 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 Habhegger

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