

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 22, 2019

Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Arise in body or spirit

Gathering Music

Lord, Speak to us that we may Speak

ELW 676 (red book)

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- ☐ The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

- ☐ We come to worship the One who brings us together.
- ☑ **Bind us together in love, Lord God.**

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. A slur covers the next four notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, F#5, and G5, followed by a quarter rest. The third staff continues with quarter notes A4, B4, C5, and D5, followed by a quarter rest. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Refrain



2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



3 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.

Refrain



4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

- A** 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.
- G** **Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

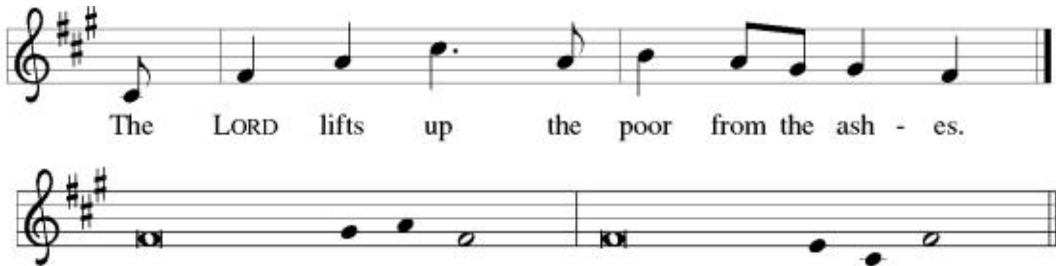
Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

L 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.

L The word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 113:1-9

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 for- | evermore.**

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

⁴**The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;
God's glory a- | bove the heavens. **

⁵Who is like the | LORD our God,
who sits en- | throned on high,

⁶but 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,

⁸enthroning 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

The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

A reading from **1 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

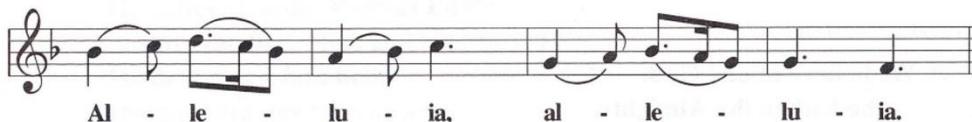
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia



Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

📖 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.**

Sit

Children’s Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Silence for reflection

Arise in body or spirit

Song of the Day

Take my Life, that I may be

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Kneel or sit as able.

Prayer

Ⓐ Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Ⓐ Faithful God, you call your church to serve you. Free your people from the deceptions of false masters so that we discover the true richness of serving in your name. Guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches, St. Matthews Lutheran of Herron, Inter-Lakes Baptist Church of Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Bind us together, O God.

☞ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

Ⓐ Creating God, you have made all kinds of creatures. Protect animals in the midst of seasonal migration, whether by water, through the air, or over land. Bind us together, O God.

☞ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

Ⓐ Wise God, you rule the nations. When the powerful trample on the needy and take advantage of the poor, turn them from their selfish ways. Show us your ways of truth that lead to justice. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Zack Green (Mikolajczyk), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Brandon and Stevi Kay Miller (McManaway), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).* Bind us together, O God.

☞ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

Ⓐ Healing God, you raise up those who have been brought low, and you remember the forgotten. Grant them joy and comfort in your presence. We lift up to you all who are in need, including *Vivian Allerding, Vicky Argo, Chris Briggs and family, Irene Corr, Gary Edwards, Colleen Endsley, Delmer Hansen, Larry Hansen, Merle Martin, Ray Ossiff, Vicky Purser, Anna Schreiner, family of Kevin Smith, Linda Smith, George Ulrich, Jr., Russell Wilkins, Justin (new job), Kim and Melinda (safe travel), Clyde Watson's grandfather, JoAnne, Cameron, Vicky, Marie and safe and successful CROP WALK.*

Bind us together, O God.

☞ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

Ⓐ Mothering God, you give us life. Give strength to families experiencing infertility or challenging pregnancies, to foster parents, parents of adopted children, single parents, and families of all varieties. Bind us together, O God.

☞ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

Ⓐ Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Ⓐ Eternal God, you hold us close even in death. We lift to you our thanks for those who have recently died and are now at rest with you. Bind us together, O God.

Ⓒ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

Ⓔ Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Arise in body or spirit

Offertory

Let the Vineyards



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



bles - sing. 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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,



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

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it.
- ☒ **Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Sharing the Peace of God

- Ⓐ The peace of Christ be with you.
- ☒ **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by the glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord'. It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a red square icon. The lyrics are: '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.'

Table Prayer

- Ⓟ Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
- ☑ **you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.**

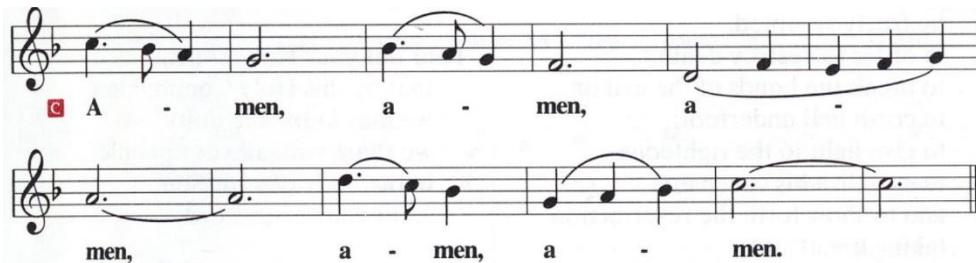
- Ⓟ You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
- ☑ **You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.**

- Ⓟ 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.

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.

Remembering, Christ's life given for us and rising from the grave,
☑ **we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.**
☒ By your Holy Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

☑ **Strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make us the body of your Son.**
☒ All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

☒ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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.**

Invitation to Communion

- ☐ Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Communion at Grace

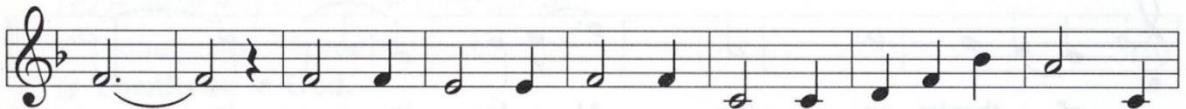
All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

- ✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.
- ✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.
- ✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.
- ✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.
- ✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.
- ✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Lamb of God



☑ 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.

I was there to Hear your Borning Cry

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Be Thou My Vision

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Take, O Take Me as I am

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Sending of Communion *(only if needed)*

Ⓐ Gracious God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, you give new life through bread and wine: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☒ **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Ⓐ Let us pray . . . God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed.

☒ **Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit.

Blessing

☐ Be strengthened with the power of God, ✠ the love of Christ, and the help of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☒ **Amen.**

Sending Song

We are Called

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Dismissal

Ⓐ Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

☒ **Thanks be to God.**