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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, ...gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God, we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
*EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

**\*GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

**\*WELCOME AND ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God of overflowing grace, we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

There is joy in heaven over every person who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Take My Life, That I My Be*

ELW 685

**\*GREETING**

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**WORD**

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**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.*

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

**PSALM**

Psalm 113

*Prayed responsively by leader and congregation.*

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.

**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

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

**The LORD is high above all nations,  
God's glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the LORD our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,

**but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

The LORD makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

*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.*

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

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Celtic Alleluia*

ELW 174

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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 Gospel of our Lord... **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

\*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Holy God, who gives all good things, open our mouths and loose our tongues to praise you for all your ways. Let our witness lead others to your goodness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your provision for every living creature that makes preparations for the cold season ahead. Preserve life in plants and animals that they may blossom again after winter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Fill the leaders of our nations with your truth. Direct their decision making, and guide them to ensure a peaceable life for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Make yourself known among people in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer with illness, hopelessness, and fear, especially... Surround them with comfort, and restore them to life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Encourage and inspire ethical business practices. By your Holy Spirit, move employers to pay fair wages. Let your justice permeate economic systems, that none may suffer want. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Other prayers may be added here in speech and in silence.*

Living God, giving thanks for the saints, whose lives point toward Christ, especially... we pray you lead us in faithful living, until the day when heaven and earth are united before him. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O Holy One, we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in your abundant and abiding mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen**

**\*DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

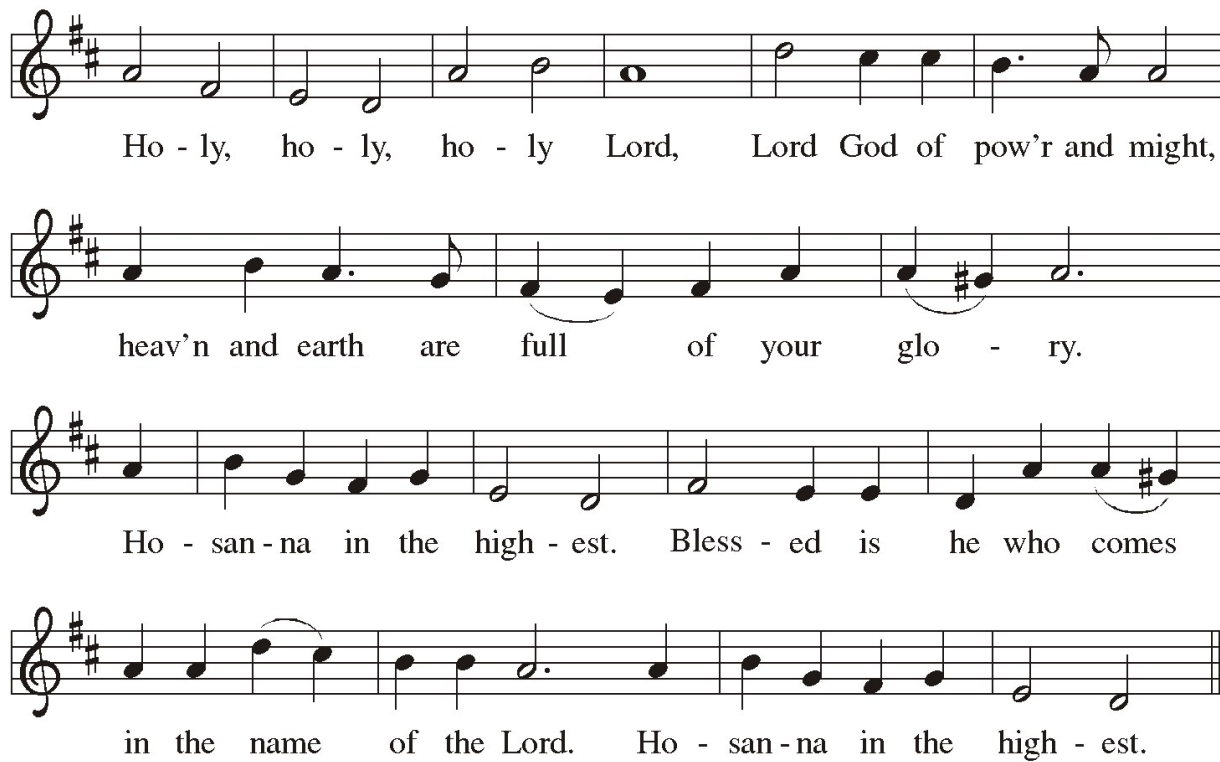
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Our Lord Jesus invites us to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the wedding feast which has no end.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**\*BLESSING**

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



**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**SENDING**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

God Almighty send you light and truth  
to keep you all the days of your life.  
The hand of God protect you;  
the holy angels accompany you;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and forever.  
**Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*Let Justice Flow like Streams*

ELW 717

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Brandon Michaels

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Carrie Watkiss

LECTOR

Jane Lauritsen

GREETERS

Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik

USHER

Fred Kuzel

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTANS

Edward and Joanne Sefara

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## PRAYER LIST

*Members of the Congregation:* Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Beverly Podzamsky, George Pagurko, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel

*Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:* Kelly Alvey, Wally Bisping, Ellen Bailey, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Marjorie Hudnall, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Daryle Lauritsen, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Celia Martinez, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Patricia Pfeiffer, Pat Pileggi, Dolores Pollitz, Alice Puglise, Gail Purcell, John Racek, Bill Redis, Sue Renville, Tim Richard, Sandy Rossella, Elaine Sorich, Peter Spilotro, Harvey Swenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson, Mark Van Scharrel, Mike Yavorski and Taz Zajac.

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed this week while I am on vacation. I'll be back in the office on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Have a great week!

—Karen Rouleau, Administrative Assistant

## FINAL OPEN AIR WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE CHURCH GARDENS

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Commemoration of St. Francis, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
with Blessing of Animals*



## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961*

*Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>*

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

*Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)*

*Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>*

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

*Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

*Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>*

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.



## **RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE**

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**(Rummage half-price between 1 and 2 p.m.)**

**Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church  
31<sup>st</sup> Street and Desplaines Avenue in Riverside**

**Home Baked Goods and Homemade Salsa,  
Rummage Tables, Used Toys and Books,  
Jewelry, Raffle, and Holiday Decorations**

**Lunch will be available for purchase  
including potato pancakes.**

*Contributions of homemade bakery items would be greatly appreciated.  
Please drop off your baked goods on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
between 1 and 3 p.m.*

### **Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2022:</i>	\$2,527.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$1,090.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$1,437.00