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## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY 9:00 AM**

### **PLEASE STAND.**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C: Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*A brief silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG**

*Gather Us In* Hymn # 532

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

**FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

A: A reading from Amos—

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

<sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;

<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music;

<sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 146**

*"The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed."*

P: <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**C: <sup>2</sup>I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P: <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**C: <sup>4</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

P: <sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**C: <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

P: <sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

**C: <sup>8</sup>The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are**

**bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

P: <sup>9</sup>The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

C: <sup>10</sup>**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## MEDITATION

*Come Share the Lord* Arr. by B. Arva (Featuring the Bell Choir)

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

A: A reading from Timothy—

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;

<sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

<sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

<sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

<sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

<sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

<sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly

provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

- <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,  
<sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future,  
so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PLEASE STAND AS WE WELCOME THE GOSPEL.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
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**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

- <sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.  
<sup>20</sup>“And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,  
<sup>21</sup>“who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.  
<sup>22</sup>“The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.  
<sup>23</sup>“In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.  
<sup>24</sup>“He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’  
<sup>25</sup>“But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.  
<sup>26</sup>“‘Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

- <sup>27</sup>“He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—  
<sup>28</sup>“for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also  
come into this place of torment.’  
<sup>29</sup>“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to  
them.’  
<sup>30</sup>“He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead,  
they will repent.’  
<sup>31</sup>“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they  
be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

### **SERMON**

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Christ Be Our Light* Hymn # 715

### **PLEASE STAND.**

#### **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**

Petition Response to “God of grace:” **Hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the Lord.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of the Lord's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

## OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the Church, including the care of those in need. Our offering baskets are located at the back of the Sanctuary.

## OFFERTORY

*Rain Down* by Jaime Cortez (Featuring the Adult Choir)

### PLEASE STAND.

## OFFERING PRAYER

C: **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day.*

P: 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 his 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:





## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P:** 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 in 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 in remembrance of me. For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**P:** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



## **PLEASE REMAIN STANDING.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C:** 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.**

The assembly is seated.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are invited to come forward to receive. Follow the instructions of the ushers. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not comfortable receiving at this time, you are welcome to remain seated.

### **COMMUNION**

#### **COMMUNION MEDITATION**

*Now We Remain* Hymn # 500

#### **PLEASE STAND.**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* Hymn # 712

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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***We Welcome All Visitors to our Services!***

Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary.

*Parents with Restless Children* may wish to move to the library, where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.

## **Serving Today**

Presider: The Reverend Sarah Geddada

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Altar Guild: Elaine DiChiara, June Fahey, Emmy Grenzign, Barbara Rath

Counters: Robert Ahearn, John Gross, Hans Vogel

Usher: John Gross

Coffee Hour Hosts: Elaine DiChiara, Jan Eastlund, June Fahey, Kay Riese



## **Today's Worship Bulletin Is Given**

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Father & Grandfather, Clifford Doolittle

***by Julia, Eric, Elisha, Craig, and Pamela Juergens***



## **Today's Altar Flowers Are Given**

In Loving Memory of Margaret Koch and Anna Hansen,

on Their Birthday Anniversaries

***by Claudia & John Gross***

In Loving Memory of Janet Veltri, on Her Birthday Anniversary

***by Gene Veltri***

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Nicole Nicholson: Director of Music

Kamelija Galijan-Curry: Organist

Roxanne Toomey: Deacon

Della Rao: Parish Administrator, Christian Education Coordinator

Dana Antonette: Nursery School Director

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## Weekly Announcements

- The 2022-2023 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is now available. Please see Jan Eastlund if you would like to cover a Sunday. Spots are still available!
- The October Spire was sent out this week. Please inform the Church office if you do not receive a copy. The Spire is also available on our website.
- Preparations have begun for this fall's **Country Fair!** Save the dates for **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The fair will run from 9AM-3PM both days, rain or shine. Please the Fair Committee for a list of requested donation items. Please leave all donations on the table in the hall outside the library. All donations should be clearly labeled **"FAIR."**
- **Coming Soon!** We have begun planning a "Tech Literacy Workshop!" This class will be taught by Della Rao, and will cover topics like email, social media, iPhones, and more. Recommendations are welcome! Please speak with Della if you're interested. Your input will help us to make this class a success for all!

## St. John's Food Pantry

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Cold Cereal - Cooking Oil - Hot Cereal - Crackers - Pudding Mix - Coffee

Tea Bags - Progresso Soup - Egg Noodles - Spaghetti - Chef Boyardee

Instant Mashed Potatoes - Chicken Broth - Stewed Tomatoes - Tuna Helper

Canned Salmon - Canned Chicken

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

## CLC This Week: September 25<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>: Bell Choir, 7PM & Adult Choir, 8PM

**Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>: Thrift Shop, 9AM-3PM**

**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>: Thrift Shop, 10AM-2PM**

For a complete list of activities this month, please visit our website,  
or check your latest copy of the Spire.

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## **We Remember Especially Those On Our Prayer List**

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - Bud Bilewich - James Cathcart  
Danielle Chillemi - Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo - Dina Costello  
Marge Dahlberg - Mike Dauth - Joan Drake  
Joanne Drenckhahn - Charlie Fisher - Bob Freyer - Travis Gentile  
Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser - Joe Hanna - Arnold Howard  
Carolyn Howard - Jennifer Kenning - Elaine Quigley Levano  
Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea - William McShea - Bill Miller  
Marilyn Miller - James Pallas - Michael Pluscarr - Barbara Proce  
Gary Proce - Catherine Rao - Bob Rath - Sheila Reeves - Emmett Reilly  
Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice  
Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan - Christopher Schwarz - Michael Steadman  
Natalie Stone - James Toomey - Laura Vogel - Jim Spiegle's Mother, Doris

*To add a name to our prayer list, contact the Church office.  
Names remain on the list for a period of six weeks per request.*



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