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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**

*Son of God, Eternal Savior* Hymn # 655

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: 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.

**C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

## **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.*

A: A reading from Amos—

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?”— skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.”

The word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 113**

*“The Lord lifts up the poor from the ashes.”*

P: <sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, you his servants; praise the name of the Lord.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.**

P: <sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C: <sup>4</sup>The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.**

P: <sup>5</sup>Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,

**C: <sup>6</sup>who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**

P: <sup>7</sup>He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

**C: <sup>8</sup>he sits them with princes, with the princes of his people.**

**P: <sup>9</sup>He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children.**

Praise the Lord.

**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:** A reading from Timothy—

<sup>1</sup>I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—

<sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

<sup>3</sup>This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

<sup>4</sup>who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

<sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

<sup>7</sup>And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

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

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

## **GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13**

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager 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.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions.

<sup>2</sup>“So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

<sup>3</sup>“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—

<sup>4</sup>“I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

<sup>5</sup>“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

<sup>6</sup>“‘Nine hundred gallons[a] of olive oil,’ he replied. The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

<sup>7</sup>“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

<sup>8</sup>“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

<sup>9</sup>“I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

<sup>11</sup>“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

<sup>12</sup>“And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

<sup>13</sup>“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

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**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hymn # 858

## **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.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

**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**

*Panis Angelicus* by Louis Lambilotte  
*Piano Sonata No. 12 K. 332, 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement*

#### **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**

*Be Thou My Vision* Hymn # 793

#### **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 James Anderson

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Altar Guild: Regina Coons, Joan Drake, Norma Mantay, Doris Ohlander

Counters: June Fahey, Bill Henderson, Doris & Roger Ohlander,  
Mike Soethout

Coffee Hour Hosts: Claudia & John Gross



## Today's Altar Flowers Are Given

In Loving Memory of Her Husband, Albert, on His Birthday Anniversary  
and Her Mother, Martha Ewald, on Her Birthday Anniversary

*by Emmy Grenzic*



## Today's Worship Bulletin Is Given

In Loving Memory of The Reincke, Bartels, Leib, and Batcher Families

*by Jean Leib and Family*

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## The Liturgical Color

The liturgical color of The Time After Pentecost is **green**. The color green indicates our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.

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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. All organizations are encouraged to participate!
- WELCA will hold its next Eastern Conference Bible Study at field five of Cedar Creek Park on **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**. The theme is “Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith.” Call Joyce Anderson at 516-496-8871 for details.
- WELCA and Thrivent will work together to assemble Layettees for Lutheran World Relief on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Donations of **infant size 1 or 2 T-shirts** would be highly appreciated. Please see Regina Coons for details.
- 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.**”

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>: Layettees, 10AM, Room 10

Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>: Bell Choir, 7PM & Adult Choir, 8PM

Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>: October Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000

**Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Thrift Shop, 9AM-3PM \*Sweatshirt Sale!\***

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 - Eileen Colton - 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 - 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 - Natalie Stone - James Toomey - Laura Vogel

*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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### **Congregational Council**

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