

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

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15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 18, 2022 – 8:15 & 10:40 A.M.

We rejoice in your presence with us today at this service of Holy Communion.

Please silence cell phones and pagers during worship.

*ELW = red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP hymnal
Hymn numbers (#) refer to the main hymn section
The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type***

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 recognize 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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (8:15)

Lord Jesus Christ, Be With Us Now"

arr. Ellson

GATHERING MUSIC (10:40)

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

* HYMN (8:15)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

ELW # 879

* SONG (10:40)

"Come Now is the Time to Worship"

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*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

And also with you.

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

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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113 (*read responsively with leader*)

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,
⁶**but 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,
⁸**enthroning 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

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.

ANTHEM (8:15)

"Come, All You People"
SANCTUARY CHOIR

*GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13 (*SPARK Bible page 384*)

Response after the announcement: "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.”

Response after the reading: “Praise to you, O Christ!”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Blessing of Students & Teachers

SERMON

“Being Faithful with Little Things”

Pastor John Knutson

Silence for reflection

*HYMN (8:15 & 10:40)

“Amazing Grace”

ELW # 779

*APOSTLES’ CREED (8:15)

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 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.

Baptism of Dakota Kate Cronquist (10:40) Parents: Heath & Katelyn Cronquist, Sponsors: Lee Grover & Laura Grettman, Sister of: Ryann Grace.

PRAYERS (*each petition concludes:*)

... God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Prayers for healing and strength for: Ruben Ramos (son of Patricia Ulrich), Royce Henry.

Prayers of sympathy for the families of: Charlene Coon (mother of Robert Coon), Duane Dare (brother of Doris Griffin & uncle of Katherine Griffin).

Prayer of Celebration of: Born of Boyd Kading Scully, son of Elizabeth Kading & Ben Scully, grandson of Steve & Sue Kading.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Vacation Bible School Video

Graden & Coen Gentry

OFFERING / PRAYER

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world

signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Communion is open to all who receive it as the presence of Christ. Directions will be given verbally as to how communion will be received. Children and adults not communing may receive a blessing instead.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: (8:15)
(10:40)

“How Great Thou Art”
“Sanctuary”

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

***BLESSING (response: “Amen!”)**

***SENDING HYMN (8:15 & 10:40)**

“Jesus Love Me”

ELW # 595

***ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL (response: “Thanks be to God!”)**

***POSTLUDE (8:15)**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Elvey

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or prayer requests, or if you can help in any way.**

Assisting in worship

Pastor: Rev. John Knutson
Minister of Music: Dennis Larson
vocalists: Amie Cieminski (10:40)
Guitar/piano: Kirk Vogel
bass: Mike Adams
Guest organist/pianist: Midge Parkos
Sound technician: Grey Conderman
Projection: Ethan Johnson / Thomas Vilfroy

Streaming / video production: Joshua Matthews / Mike Garrot
Communion assistants: (8:15) Michelle Weymouth, Jim Wickland
(10:40) Mary Lauck, Linda Carey, Mike Purtill, Tracey Riley
Ushers: (8:15) Jim Wickland
(10:40) Pam Thompson, Mark Thompson, Mary Adams
Altar Guild: Linda Danley & Linda Carey

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Amos 6:1, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31.

Gather in Grace, Grow in Faith, Serve in Community, Glorify Christ!