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Luke 16:1-13

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 18, 2016

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

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.

PRELUDE

The Will of God is Always Best

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, [☩] one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of grace and glory,

C **you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus’ resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God’s throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and [☩] frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C **Amen.**

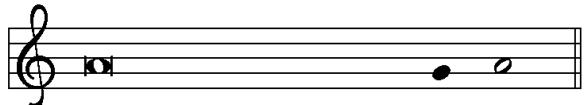
GATHERING HYMN *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* **ELW HYMN 771**

GREETING

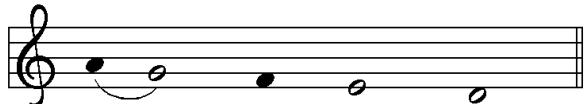
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

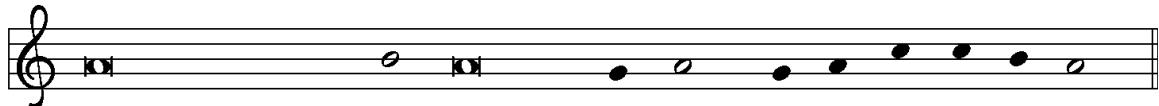
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



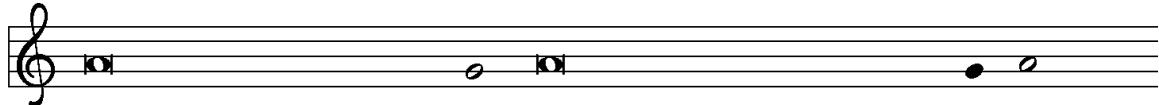
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



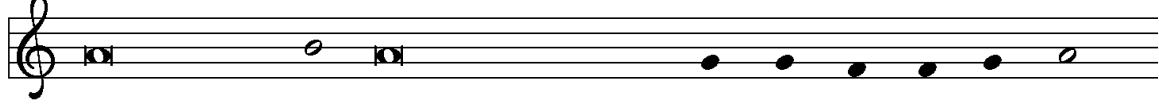
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All

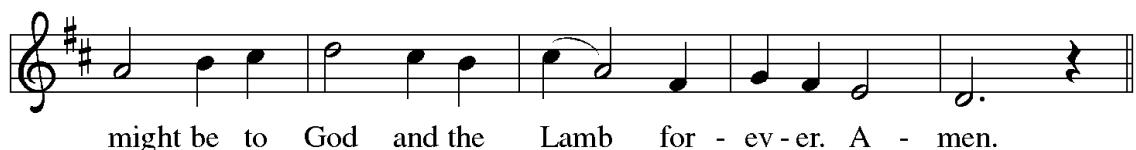
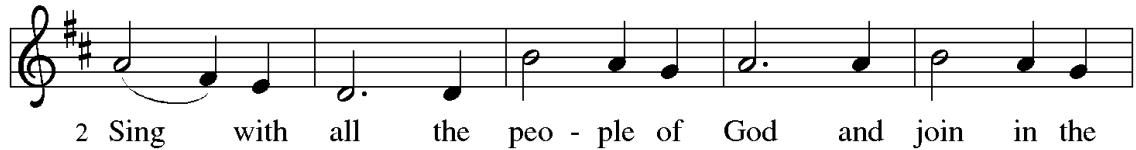
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

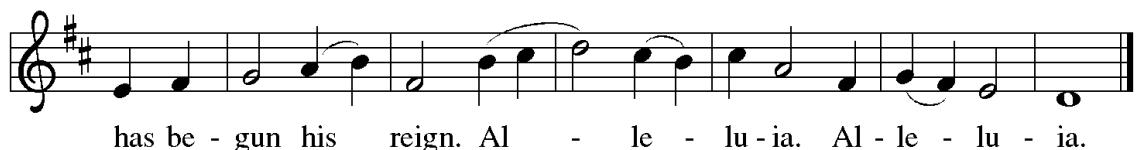
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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.

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.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113

Sung responsively



¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;
 praise the name | of the LORD.

²Let 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.

⁴The 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,

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

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.

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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: 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.

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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

ELW HYMN 710

- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C **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.**

THE PRAYERS

- A Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
- A brief silence.*
- A Giver of the feast, bless your church and all who hunger and thirst. Nourish us richly with your word and meal, and send us as signs of your living presence in the world. Lord, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A Ruler of the earth, bring forth an abundant harvest from fields, orchards, and gardens. Renew fields that will soon lie fallow. Feed and protect all wild creatures. Lord, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P God of the nations, we pray for people in the world affected by conflict, war, and turmoil. We pray that your peace and order be restored. Lord, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A God of our weary years, we remember before you those among us who are sick or who are recovering from illness or surgery, especially Charolette Brown, Marsha Chelson and Cathy Tunnell. Lord, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A God our beginning and ending, we thank you for hope even in the midst of despair. Visit this assembly with your light and truth. Lord, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A Creator of all that is good, we pray for Andover Lutheran in Windom, Kansas; Southern Sudanese Worshiping Community in St Joseph, Missouri; and Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Lord, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

- A God of life, we pray for those celebrating life this week. Be with Diane Bottorff, Roy O'Neil, and Adam Heald as they celebrate birthdays; and with Kasey Hiltgen, Brian McGinnis, Whitney Gentry, Audrey Horton, Adam Heald, and Janelle Meredith as they remember their baptisms; and with Junior & Liz Utech as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A God of our silent tears, we remember the faithful departed who make up the great cloud of witnesses. Gather us all in praise around your throne. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

He That Shall Endure To the End

MENDELSSOHN

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
 spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your
 pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re -
 store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
 and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

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.

EUCARISTIC 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 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, self-control and justice.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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.

We invite all the to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Children and/or adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward with their families to receive a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Borning Cry
Be Thou My Vision*

ELW HYMN 732
ELW HYMN 793

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A 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.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P 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.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Christ, Our Hope

ELW HYMN 604

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune 604

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office, 233-0767.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments after worship.

We welcome Pastor Randy Chapman to worship today and say “thank you” for being with us. We appreciate his service and words.



Altar flowers are provided to the glory of God by Gay & Carol Marker and Marilyn Heckman in memory of Carol's brother and Marilyn's husband, Edwin "Sonny" Heckman

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton
Lucille Brill
Peggy Buchholz
Marlene Hassan
Marie Henriksen
Howard Kunard
Don Longren

Shawn Nowak
Roy O'Neil
Ron Owensby
Keith Springer
Naomi Walker
Evelyn Johnson



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Sept. 18	Pentecost Project Workshop	9:00 AM
..... Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM	
..... Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM	
..... Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM	
..... Youth Group Meeting	5:30 PM	
..... Community Garden Work Meeting	7:30 PM	
Mon., Sept. 19	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Sept. 20	Quilters	9:00 AM
..... October Trinity Tidings Deadline		
Wed., Sept. 21	Priscilla Circle Bible Study.....	1:30 PM
..... Women's AA.....	5:30 PM	
Thurs., Sept. 22	Men's AA	6:00 PM
Sat., Sept 24.....	Sunflower Cluster WELCA Annual Meeting	9:00 AM
Sun., Sept. 25.....	Pentecost Project Workshop	9:00 AM
..... Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM	
..... Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM	
..... Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM	
..... Learning Committee Meeting.....	after worship	
..... Community Garden Work Meeting	7:30 PM	

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED to the Annual Meeting of the Sunflower Cluster of the Women of ELCA Saturday Sept. 24, 9:00 a.m. at First Lutheran Church. Tangible offering items can be brought to the Quilting Room anytime for Topeka LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center. Needed: juice boxes, bottled water, child friendly snacks like fruit roll ups, cookie packs, crackers, etc. (Refer to recent Tidings for complete list).



LOVE JOY PEACE PATIENCE KINDNESS GENEROSITY

PENTECOST PROJECT UPDATE

Remember Pentecost Sunday, 2016? Remember the flames floating down from on high? Remember the angels in the balcony helping send them on their way and then scampering down to pick up those that weren't caught? Remember the touch of awe the whole scene produced? Remember the promise you made to yourself to contribute to the Pentecost Project? You're down to 7 days. Our goal was a submission from every member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church -"**...as a unifying force and witness of, to and for our faith - to each other and to the world at large!**" Have you made your contribution?



FAITHFULNESS GENTLENESS SELF-CONTROL Galatians 5:22

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total	Attendance
Aug. 21	\$1,986.00	\$295.00	\$120.00	\$25.00	\$2,426.00	40
Aug. 28	\$2,027.00	\$20.00	\$80.00	\$25.00	\$2,152.00	51
Sept. 4	\$3,078.00	\$70.00	\$105.00	\$50.00	\$3,303.00	56
Sept. 11	\$2,594.32	\$305.00	\$55.00	\$25.00	\$2,979.32	59

The money shown in the "Other" column above is restricted and not available for our general fund.

Month/Year	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Net Income	Year to Date	Budgeted Income
May 2016	\$13,541.99	\$15,299.88	-\$1,757.89	-\$14,464.76	\$13,547.18
June 2016	\$11,578.83	\$13,298.78	-\$1,719.95	-\$16,189.30	\$13,547.18
July 2016	\$10,252.14	\$13,812.33	-\$3,530.19	-\$19,719.49	\$13,547.18
August 2016	\$19,135.26	\$14,810.01	\$4,231.62	-\$15,674.16	\$13,547.18

Worship Assistants										
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist; Choir Director; Keyboard	Flowers	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
September 18, 2016	Ted Quast	Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Marilyn Heckman (1) Carol Marker (1)	Bronwyn King	Loni Reece	Marilyn Hypse & Team 3	Bob & Janeen Horton and Curt & Jane Lewis	Bob Horton	Pr. Randy Chapman
September 25, 2016	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Dr. Ann Reyes	Zane Kennedy	Ted Quast	Marilyn Hypse & Team 3	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Michael Haar
October 2, 2016				Peggy Buchholz (1)	Jake Kennedy	Marsha Chelson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1		Ted Murphy	
October 9, 2016				Dean McGinnis (2)	Marcy Carlson	Marcy Carlson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1		Bob Horton	

Please call the office, 233-0767.
promptly about hospitalizations in our church family.

To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 234-5130. She will get the prayer chain started.



**The mission of
Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church
is to**

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • LIVING with Christ • Caring for Neighbors

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