

**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**

Luke 16: 13



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ELW Holy Communion Setting 10

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

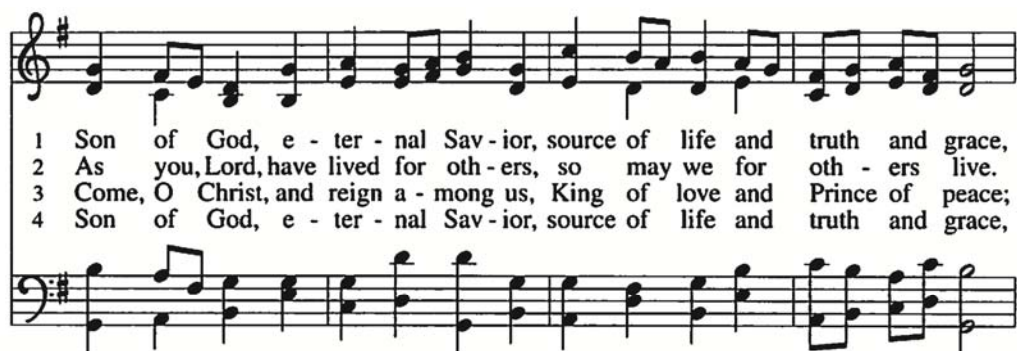
P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

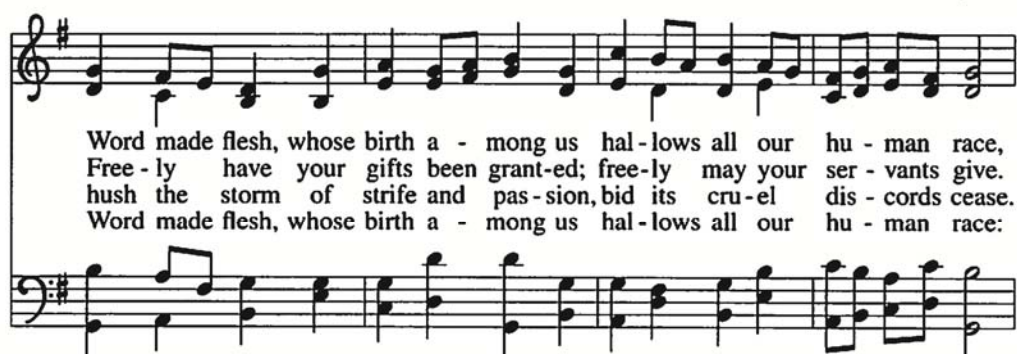
GATHERING HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior

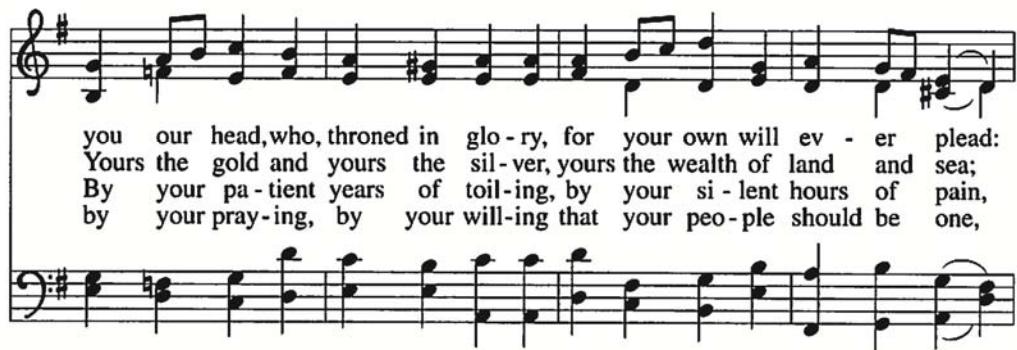
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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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

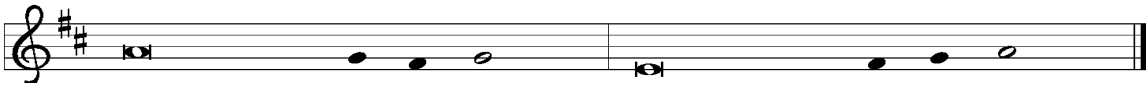
⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying 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.

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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13

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 hun-

dred 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.

SERMON

PR. ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

By Gracious Powers

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Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.



1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,
2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,
3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming
4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us
5 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed,



and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,
still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;
with bit - ter suf - f'ring, hard to un - der - stand,
the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,
so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,



we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,
oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,
we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling
we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through
we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,



and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.
for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.
out of so good and so be - loved a hand.
and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.
and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

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 As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us
gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

A God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those pre-
paring for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers,
seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of
grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your
creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide
those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Loving God, your vulnerable people across the world are suffering, especially
those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety from violence and
assistance for those in need. Guide children and families as they lose their
homes and loved ones. Particularly, let us pray for the German Evangelical-
Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our own partner synod of the Evangelical-
Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East as they face these
times of conflict. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and
compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the
example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of
grace,

C hear our prayer.

- A Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A Healer of all who seek you, be with those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in need, especially Noel Ranaivoson, Liz Utech, Keith Springer, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha Nemeth. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation and that of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Trinity Lutheran Church in Russellville, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Hazelwood, Missouri, and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Prairie Village, Kansas, with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A Giver of life, we ask blessings for Janelle Meredith as she remembers her baptism and for Junior & Liz Utech as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us (*especially*), and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- 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.

MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
- C Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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; 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, 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 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.

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 this table. Come, taste and see.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

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 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.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you 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 at 785.233.0767



Please see the bulletin insert for two special invitations. Today, we are invited to an open house for a presentation and tour of Luther Place/Martin Creek.

Then on Friday, September 23rd, everyone is invited to help Dorothy Strom celebrate her 100th birthday. The details are included in the invitation shown on the insert.

Join us Wednesday, Sept. 21st at 5:00 pm for our second **Faithful and Fit** gathering. During the first half hour, we will discuss the book then go for a walk in the neighborhood. For this book study session, please read chapters four through eight of *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today., Sept. 18.....Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM
Luther Place/Martin Creek Open House12 noon
 Tues., Sept. 20 Quilters9:00 AM
October Trinity Tidings deadline
 Wed., Sept 21 Faithful & Fit5:00 PM
 Fri., Sept. 23 Dorothy Strom 100th Birthday Celebration 1:00 PM
 Sun., Sept. 25.....Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM
 Coffee Hour after worship

Worship Assistants							
Date	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Sept. 18	_____, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Janice Greenlee and Team 2	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Andrew Patty	No coffee hour
Sept. 25	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Laurie Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	Janice Greenlee and Team 2	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Andrew Patty	Donna Allen

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
August 21	\$1,990.00	\$295.00	\$2,285.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$476.27	44
August 28	\$2,805.00	\$40.00	\$2,845.00	-\$2,761.27	\$83.73	37
Sept. 4	\$3,085.00	\$290.00	\$3,375.00	-\$2,761.27	\$613.73	25
Sept. 11	\$1,365.00	\$100.00	\$1,465.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$1,296.27	26
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		June 2022	\$6,380.00	-\$14,611.74	-\$8,231.74	
		Jan. - June	\$46,596.64	-\$70,951.28	-\$24,354.64	



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Together in Community

Living with Christ's Love

Caring for Neighbors

Together in Community

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

Congregation Council

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