

**Benediction**

**Three-fold Amen**

**Closing Hymn**

*Let Justice Flow like Streams*

ELW #717

**Sending:**

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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***Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!***

*“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”*

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022; 9:30 am      Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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**Opening Hymn**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

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**Prayer of the Day (All)**

**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.**

**First Lesson**

Amos 8:4-7

Mary Lee

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,

and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, “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,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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## Second Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For 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.

## Alleluia Verse

*More Precious than Silver*

Lord, You are more precious than silver.

Lord, You are more costly than gold.

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds

And nothing I desire compares with You.

*(repeat)*

## Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

<sup>1</sup>Then 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. <sup>2</sup>So 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.’ <sup>3</sup>Then 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. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then 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.’ <sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>And 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.

<sup>10</sup>“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. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No 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 conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

## Children’s Sermon

Sue Johannsen

## Sermon

“Do you control \$, or does \$ control You?”

Pastor Greg Johnson

## Hymn of the Day

*Joyful, joyful, we Adore Thee*

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## Prayers of the Church

### Offering

*(The children’s offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



### Offertory Hymn

*We Are an Offering*

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### Offertory Prayer

L: Gracious God,

**C: 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.**

**Amen.**

### Holy Communion

+Words of Institution

+Lord’s Prayer

+Distribution Hymn

+Blessing

*Be Thou My Vision*

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