

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 Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn: What Feast of Love ELW #487

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer
Good and gracious God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Benediction
P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever.

Threefold Amen

Closing Song: Let Justice Flow Like Streams ELW #717

Dismissal: 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 21st, 2025; 9:30 am 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness
P: We come before our God, this morning, under the sign of our baptism in the name of God, the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.
C: Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.
P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven!
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: Rise Up, O Saints of God ELW #669

Apostolic 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.

Call to Worship Psalm 113
P: Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.
C: Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth for evermore.
P: From the rising of the sun to its going down, let the name of the Lord be praised.
C: The Lord is high above all nations; God’s glory above the heavens.
P: Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

C: But stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

P: The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor¹ from the ashes,

C: Enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

P: The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you call us to embrace both you and the children of this world with unconditional love. Give us grace to discern what your love demands of us, that, being faithful in things both great and small, we may serve you with an undivided heart. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Amos 8:4-7 Will Kruse

⁴Hear this, you who 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 smaller and the shekel heavier 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.

Scripture 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 acceptable before 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.

Gospel Acclamation: As We Seek Your Face

As we seek Your face, may we know Your heart, feel Your presence, acceptance, as we seek Your face. At Your feet we fall, Sovereign Lord. We cry holy, holy, at Your feet we fall.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

(Response after the announcement: C: 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 conclusion: C: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Children’s Message Pastor Josh Schunk

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Hymn of the Day: We Give Thee But Thine Own ELW #686

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: Son of God, Eternal Savior ELW #655

Offertory Prayer
Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right for us to give thanks to God, for God is indeed holy, almighty, and merciful. He is most holy, and his majesty is great. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may have everlasting life. We give thanks to God for Jesus coming into the world to fulfill for us his holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

Words of Institution

The 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