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Welcome and thank you for coming to worship!

We welcome all visitors this morning to our service of Word and Sacrament.

ALL are invited to receive the bread and the wine. Please know that at CELC this common meal is for all who feel moved to receive. This sacrament is God's gift to all, and is not tied to membership, doctrine or creed.

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sept. 25, 2022
9:00am

-Service of Word and Sacrament-

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 720 "WE ARE CALLED"



1 Come! Live in the light!
2 Come! O - pen your heart!
3 Sing! Sing a new song!

Shine with the joy and the love of the
Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in
Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called
fear! We are called
one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to
to be hope for the hope - less so
and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom
ha - tred and blind-ness
sis - ters and broth - ers

of the cit - y
. . . will be . . .
. . . u - nit - ed

of God.
no more.
in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice,

we are called to



love ten - der - ly;

we are called to serve one an -

5



oth - er,

to walk

hum - bly with God.

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CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P 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 for reflection

P: 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.

PASTORAL GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[Congregation is seated.]

The Word

FIRST READING: AMOS 6:1A, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

1aAlas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

4Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
5who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
6who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
7Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

**⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord¹ loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: I TIMOTHY 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

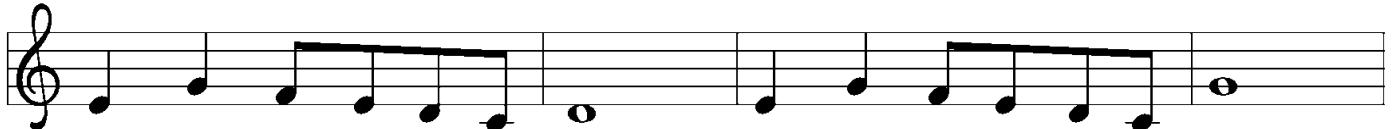
6Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; 7for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; 8but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

11But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 12Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 16It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

17As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION EL:W 814 “TAKE , OH, TAKE ME AS I AM”



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 19“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—28for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen

to them.' 30He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

A With joy, let us together proclaim our faith and the faith of our church.

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We 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.

We 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and
gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God
of grace,

hear our prayer.

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats,
especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of
grace,

hear our prayer.

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment (*local authorities may be named*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill (*especially*). Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God of grace,

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. **Amen.**

The Meal

OFFERTORY / OFFERTORY MUSIC

"NO SWEETER NAME"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

[THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE] (NUMBER 4)

P

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.**

It is indeed right our duty and our joy,... And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(setting 6 of ELW, page 173)

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering therefore ... may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

Come, taste and see.

LAMB OF GOD ELW 195

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG: ELW 725 "WHEN THE POOR ONES"



1 Cuan - do el po - bre na - da tie - ne yaún re - par - te,
1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;
2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;
3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;
4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



cuau - do al - guien pa - sa sed ya - gua nos da,
when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;
when ex - pect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



cuau - do el dé - bil a su her-ma - no for - ta - le - ce:
when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing:
when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:
when our long - ings, free from en - vy seek the hum - ble:
when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis - mo en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;
We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



va Dios mis - mo en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.
we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

PASTORAL BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION WAA

P: Let us pray.

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. Amen.

The Sending

BENEDICTION:

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW 723 “*CANTICLE OF TURNING*”

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

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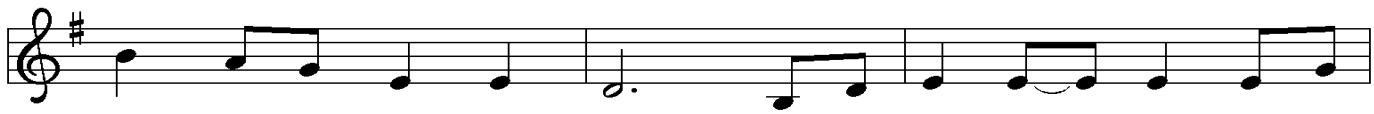
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1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.