



## Evening Prayer | Unfailing Light 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday after Pentecost

September 17, 2022 | 5:00 p.m.

*You are welcome, no exceptions.*

**Bold print** indicates responses spoken by all. Masks are welcomed, and we ask everyone to mask up while singing. Congregational hymns are found either printed in this bulletin, or in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

### PRELUDE

*(Please stand at the sound of the bell, and face the font)*

### REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*The leader begins, then all respond:*



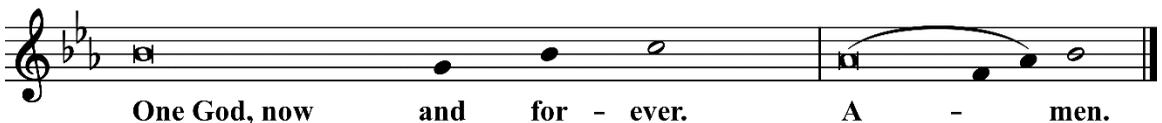
*Holy God, merciful and  
mighty, you are the ri - ver of life;  
Glory to you for oc - eans and lakes;  
Honor to you for cloud and rain;  
Your waters are be - low us;  
Praise to you for the wa - ters of baptism;  
Breathe your spirit in - to us;*

*You are the ever - last - ing wellspring.  
Glory to you for ri - vers and streams.  
Honor to you for dew and snow.  
Your waters are a - bove us.  
Praise to you for the word that claims us.  
Breathe into all cre - ation.*

*Leader:* Illumine our days; enliven our bones; dry our tears, satisfy our thirst.

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit,

*All respond:*



One God, now and for - ever. A - men.

*(Please face the chancel)*

# HYMN OF LIGHT



1. Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each  
2. You walk with us a - long the way, your  
3. Re - freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing  
Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at  
wa - ken us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -



on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your  
close of day, our un - known guest, our host and  
fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at



praise. You formed the moon and fired the sun, you  
feast. Grant those who share this eve - ning meal the  
home and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick - ened dust with ho - ly breath, and  
faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that  
sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O



bring - ing us to your dear Son, re -  
hearts might see what eyes con - ceal: by -  
mer - ci - ful, im - mor - tal One, O



newed our life, de - stroyed our death.  
grace your pres - ence we re - ceive  
bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.**

*(Please be seated)*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

I Timothy 2:1-7

Tonight's first reading is from the book of First Timothy.

<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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*All sing:* Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.\_\_\_\_\_

## GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

### 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.

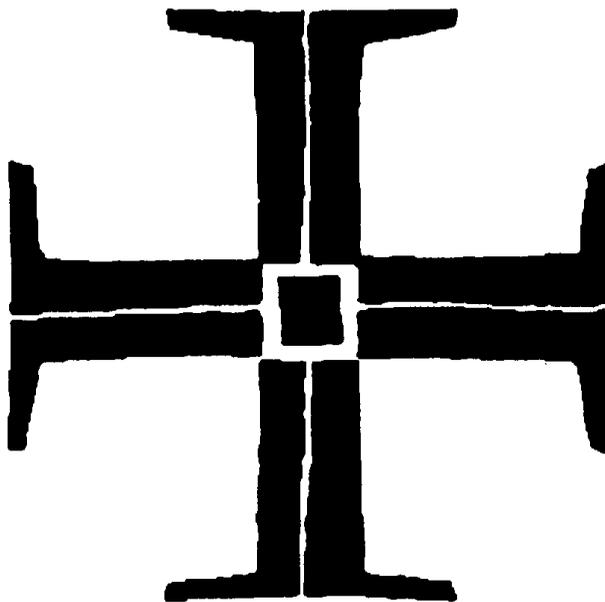
<sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters; for a servant 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON



(Please stand)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from our  
2. Skills and time our ours for press - ing toward the  
3. Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through

rich and end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus'  
goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and  
pow'rs your grace con - ferred; ours to use for home and

wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, gift - ed  
free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di -  
kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen

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BEACH SPRING

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by you, we turn to you, of-fring up our - selves in  
 rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a -  
 wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less

praise; thank-ful song shall raise for - ev - er, gra-cious  
 lone; born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to  
 call, heal - ing, teach - ing and re - claim - ing, serv - ing

do - nor of our days.  
 an - swer at your throne.  
 you by lov - ing all.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As the spirit calls, gathers and enlightens God's people, we pray for the church, the world, and all God's creation.

*Each petition concludes:*

God who is with us:

**Hear our prayer.**

God of every time and space, we commend these prayers to you trusting that you hold and respond to them in your holy keeping.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

"Be Thou My Vision"

Bob Chilcott



## MEAL

*(Please stand)*

### PRESENTATION HYMN



The eyes of all look to you, O God, to give them life and  
To all who hun - ger you pro-vide the fruit of vine and  
food. You o - pen wide your gra - cious hand and  
field. From these, your gifts, we set a - side a  
grant them ev - 'ry good. With all cre - a - tion  
por - tion for this meal, where you draw near to  
we pro - claim your stead - fast love and glo - rious reign. We  
those who cry, their heart's de-sire to sat - is - fy. We  
bless your ho - ly name.  
bless your ho - ly name.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

#### COMMUNION

"By Gracious Powers"

*All are welcome to the Lord's table.*

Janet Hill

*(Please stand)*

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

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.**

### EVENING HYMN



By your hand you feed your peo-ple, food of an-gels, heav-en's bread,  
for these gifts, we did not la-bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun-ger, wine of peace;  
ho-ly Word and ho-ly wis-dom sat-is-fy our deep-est needs.  
Christ's own bod-y, — blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out-poured,  
giv-en as a liv-ing to-ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored.

### DISMISSAL

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

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Pastor Melissa Pohlman, *preacher*  
Diane Olson, *assisting minister*  
Bobbie Spradley, *reader & healing prayers*  
Andrew Jacob, *pianist/organist*  
Robin Helgen, *song leader*  
Mark Kieffer, *video/sound*  
*Sacristans, Usher & Hospitality Ministry Teams*  
Thanks to all who are serving

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Bruce Ellingson in loving memory of Joyce on what would have been their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 17.

Additional flowers are given by June and David Sand in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

If you wish to donate flowers, contact Judy Korogi at (612) 788-1288.

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