



16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
9:30 AM



*At his gate lay
a poor man
named Lazarus*

LUKE 16:20

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As we gather for worship and prepare our hearts, we would ask that you please silence your cell phones for the duration of the service.

INTRODUCTION

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

ELW 532 Gather Us In [1,3,4]

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 is kept for reflection.

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.**

GREETING

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

KYRIE

WOV 28 Bread of Life Setting 5

*Kyrie Eleison: **Lord, have mercy.***

*Christe Eleison: **Christ, have mercy.***

*Kyrie Eleison: **Lord, have mercy.***

HYMN OF PRAISE

WOV 29-30 Bread of Life Setting 5

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the
Father; receive our prayer.***

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.***

***For you alone are the Holy One you alone are the Lord, you
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
Who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
Who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore 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

Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.
When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

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

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

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

The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 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.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But 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. For 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.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight 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. In 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 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It 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.

As 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. They are to do good, to be rich in good works,

generous, and ready to share, thus 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

WOV 31 Bread of Life Setting 5

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The holy gospel according to Luke the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He 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.’ But 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. Besides 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.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may

warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND SERMON

Rev. Jessie Obrecht

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 715 Christ Be Our Light [1,3,4]

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God of grace, hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

WOV 35 Bread of Life Setting 5

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

WOV 36 Bread of Life Setting 5

Holy, holy, holy 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. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us:

**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

The Lord's Table is open to believers of all Christian traditions. We believe that Christ comes to us in the bread and cup for the forgiveness of sins and new life. Gluten free wafers are available, please let your server know. Choice of red wine and white grape juice offered.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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| <i>ELW 471</i> | <i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i> |
| <i>LH 547</i> | <i>I See Jesus in This Place</i> |
| <i>W&P 139</i> | <i>Trumpets Sound, Angels Sing</i> |
| <i>BOB 53</i> | <i>Feed Us Now</i> |
| <i>BOB 36</i> | <i>Come and See</i> |

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

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.

SENDING HYMN

W&P 45 Glory To God [vs 1, twice]

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.
And all God's children said: **Amen.**

SERVING TODAY

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| Accompanist | Mary Seim, piano |
| Lay Assistant | Mark Kohoutek |
| Usher | Chad and Carrie Ann Elkin |
| Tech | Adam Elkin |
| Children's Church | Ava Fossen and Allison Marr |
| Counters | Stephanie Cummings and Laurie Turner |

Flowers are given by Shari Kohoutek in memory of Duane Kohoutek.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at Bethel we celebrate the 16th Sunday after Pentecost.

Our book study **One Coin Found** will begin today after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

This evening the Aitz Chaim Jewish community will be celebrating **Rosh Hashanah** at Bethel beginning at 6:00 pm and continues tomorrow morning through the day.

THIS WEEK

Monday 9/26

- Rosh Hashanah 9:30 am to Noon.

Tuesday 9/27

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast resumes in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom 7:00 am

Wednesday 9/28

- Text Study on Zoom with Pastor Jessie at 10:00 am
- Logos Youth Ministry 5:30 pm; High School Logos 6:30 pm

Friday 9/30

- Bethel office closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 10/2

- Family Worship led by Pastor Jessie Obrecht and Logos Youth Ministry, in-person & live stream 9:30 am
- *One Coin* book study after worship in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 10/4

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am.
- Men's Breakfast resumes, in the Fellowship Hall and Zoom 7:00 am
- Yom Kippur begins 6 pm to 9 pm at Bethel

Wednesday 10/5

- Yom Kippur continues 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
- Bible Study led by Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos Youth Ministry Pre-k through 6th grade in the Gathering Place 5:30 pm. Confirmation location TBD 5:30 pm
- High School Logos service project with Helping Hands 6:30 pm

Thursday 10/6

- Exec Board Zoom meeting 5:30 pm

Friday 10/7

- Bethel office closed
- Aitz Chaim Friday worship 6:00 pm

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