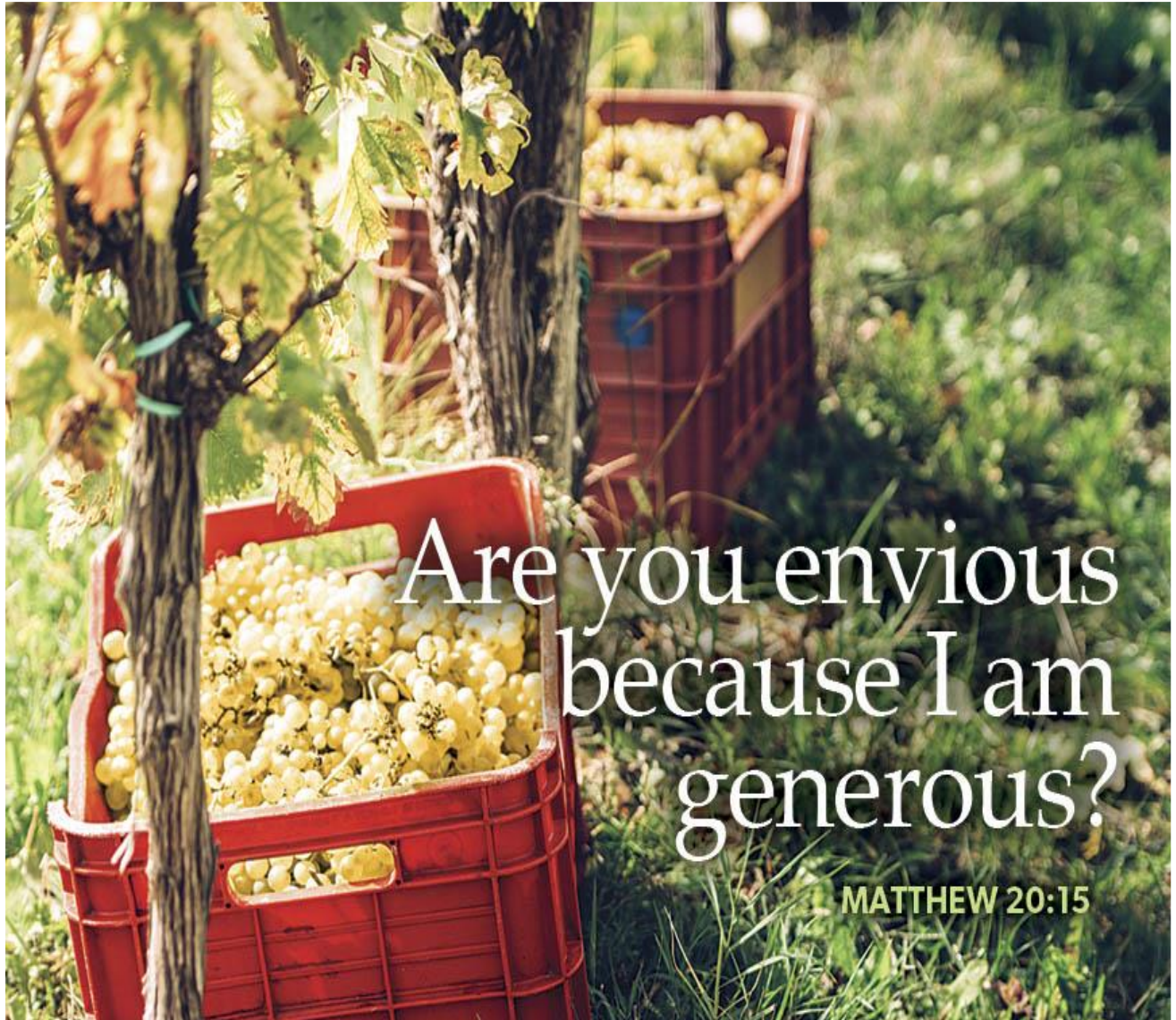


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Sunday, September 24, 2023
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

Congregation please stand

OPENING/CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,
God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,
God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,
God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

We praise God's name forever and ever!

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PREPARING

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

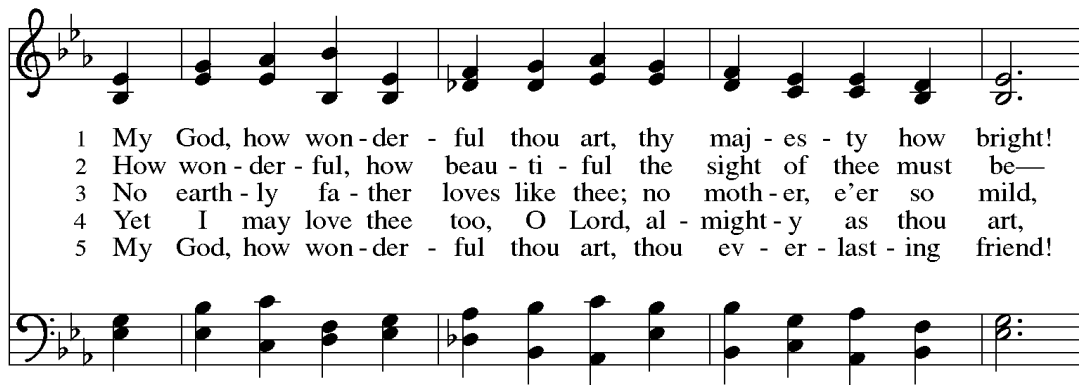
P Blessed be God,
 the one who forms us,
 ✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
 the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

P Let us bow before God in humility,
 confessing our sin.
 Steadfast and faithful God,

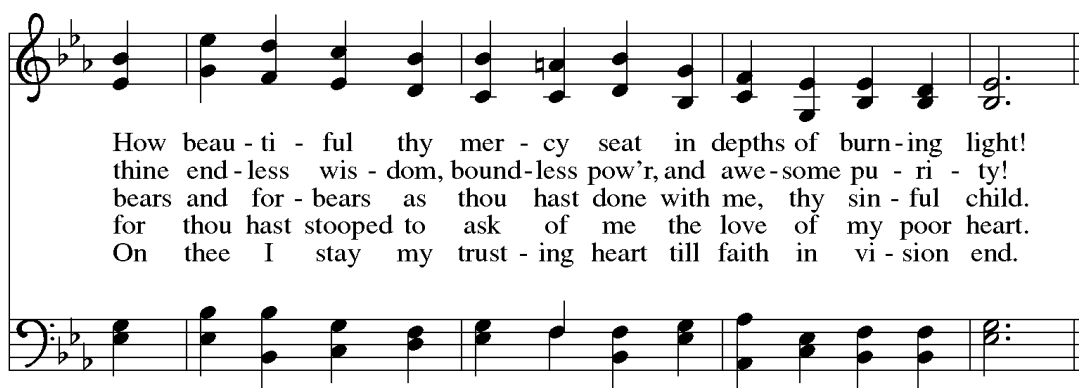
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
 yet we fail to follow you.
 We are overwhelmed
 by the world's violence and suffering.
 We are afraid to risk what we have
 for the sake of others.
 For the harm we have caused,
 known and unknown, forgive us.
 For the unjust demands we place on others
 and your creation, forgive us.
 For the ways we turn away
 from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
 Lead us back to you
 and set us on the right path;
 in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ,
 God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
 God's compassion is beyond compare.
 In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
 In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
 thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
 bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
 for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
 On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

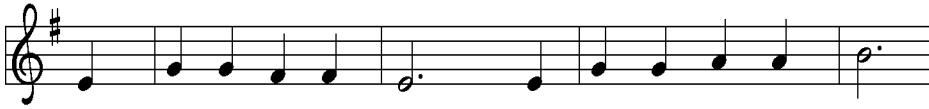
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
 "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
 and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
 of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

First Reading

Jonah 3:10--4:11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145: 1-8



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- ¹I will exalt you, my ¹ God and king,
and bless your name forev- ¹ er and ever.
- ²**Every day ¹ will I bless you**
and praise your name forev- ¹ er and ever.
- ³Great is the LORD and greatly ¹ to be praised!
There is no end ¹ to your greatness.
- ⁴**One generation shall praise your works ¹ to another**
and shall de- ¹ clare your power.
- ⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor ¹ of your majesty
and all your ¹ marvelous works.
- ⁶**They shall tell of the might of your ¹ wondrous acts,**
and I will re- ¹ count your greatness.
- ⁷They shall publish the remembrance of ¹ your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully ¹ of your righteousness.
- ⁸**The LORD is gracious and full ¹ of compassion,**
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.

Second Reading**Philippians 1:21-30**

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Congregation please stand

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 20: 1-16

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Miriam

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Sign of Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 C And also with you.

Prayers of Intercession

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment.....Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures.....Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion.....Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind. Among those known to us, we pray for Shirley, Allan, Pat, Audrey, Arlene, Sarah Jane, Roger, Charlotte, Joanne, John, Jack, Cathy, Millie, Jerry, Roxy, Karen, Joe, Ardenna, Darlene and Nancy.....Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

God who is slow to anger, may we boast about the goodness of Jesus with the confidence of Paul in prison. Inspire us to find abundance in whatever vocation we are called to in the world and in service to our congregation.....Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

God who abounds in steadfast love, we give thanks for the saints called to the kingdom of heaven. United with them in spirit, hold us firm as we labor in this life and look to the life to come.....Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Stewardship Snippet

“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” –**Matthew 20:15**

Jesus’ parable gives us a glimpse not only into the heart of God, which overflows with love, mercy and generosity, but also into our human hearts, which can be filled with envy and resentment. We learn to be grateful for all God gives to us – and to our neighbors! Gratitude is the soil from which springs generosity.

Lector - We will now worship God with our offering.

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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MEAL

P Let us pray,

C God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving to you,
God, our loving Creator.

In the beginning you reached your hands into the earth
and formed humanity in your own image.
You breathed into us your own breath of love
and gave us hearts and hands and voices
to live your loving purpose in the world.

In the fulfillment of all things, you came to us in Jesus,
born into a human family,
raised in a hometown,
who gathered around himself a community formed by your love,
and yearned to gather all people under the loving wings of a mother hen.

Sitting at dinner with friends
and knowing one among them would break the bonds of love,
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;
broke it; and gave it to his disciples saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send your Spirit upon this meal,
the body and blood of Jesus,
that we overflow with your selfless love.
Turn us to face our neighbors,
that by us and through us your love may be known in the world.

We cry out:
Come, Holy Spirit.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

P So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who are wandering still.

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Amen.

Please be seated

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Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Holy Communion

Prepackaged communion is available for those who wish to remain in the pews.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

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Congregation please stand

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
 2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
 till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
 till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Post Communion Prayer

P Blessed be your name, O God,
 for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
 Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet,
 where none are left out and all are satisfied.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

Charge

P Live for God, practice forgiveness, live the gospel
In the name of Jesus our Lord.

Blessing

P May God whose forgiveness is boundless,
the Christ, whose charge is freedom,
the Spirit, which grants us life and peace,
keep our minds and hearts in grateful communion
as we seek to serve.
Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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P We at Christ Lutheran Church are
C God's called, Loved Children who serve
P Go in Peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God by Nancy Carpenter
In Loving Memory of her husband Donald on his birthday.

Worship Assistants

Lector/prayers – Ernie Meisel

Next Sunday – Joe Abate

Wine – Beverly Reifsnyder

Next Sunday – Ann Fleisher

Grape Juice – Judy Swartz

Next Sunday – Becky Yohe

Altar Guild – Beverly Reifsnyder, Peggy Paden

Next Sunday – Cindy Brookhart

Counters – Terry Kuhn, Becky Yohe

Next Sunday – Stephanie Hofer, Becky Meisel

Ushers – Team 3

Chuck Hoffman, Ken Masser, Kendra Masser,

Lynn Cooper, Jonathan Lentvorskly

SUNDAY September 24th, 2023

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
 NO 8:30am Bible Study
 Worship service – 10:00 am – Holy Communion
 Birthday – Carrie Hoffman
 Anniversary – Kaitlyn & Sierra Kuhn

MONDAY, September 25th, 2023

TUESDAY, September 26th, 2023
 NO Bible Study
 Community Outreach Committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom.

WEDNESDAY, September 27th, 2023

THURSDAY, September 28th, 2023
 LWR Quilters – 1pm
 BibleQuest 365 – 7pm – Zoom.
 Anniversary – Ann & Eric Fleisher

FRIDAY, September 29th, 2023

SATURDAY, September 30th, 2023
 Birthdays – Corinne Bostwick, Mazenzie Hofer Gammon

SUNDAY October 1st, 2023
 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 NO 8:30am Bible Study
 Worship service – 10:00 am - Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Pastor Miriam Nicholson today as our supply pastor.

Ingathering Sunday – On Sunday, October 1st, the quilts that our LWR quilters have been working on for the past year will be displayed and blessed before being shipped to Lutheran World Relief.

Social Ministry Project for September – We are collecting canned sweet potatoes and instant potatoes for Neighbor Helping Neighbor (formerly the Perry County Food Bank).

Join Hands Toiletry Item for September – Soap and shower gel.

CLC Community Aid Donation Number – 10119

September Events/Meetings

September 26 – **NO** Tuesday Bible study.

September 26 – Community Outreach Committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom.

September 28 – BibleQuest365 – 7pm – Zoom.

October Events/Meetings

October 1 – Ingathering Sunday.

October 1 – Blessing of the Animals, sponsored by the Duncannon Council of Churches
Cooper Field – 2pm.

October 9 – Indigenous People Remembrance Service – 7pm.

October 10 – Planning meeting for Oktoberfest. 7pm – Zoom.

October 11 – CLC Book Club. 7pm – Zoom.

October 15 – Worship & Music Committee meeting following the worship service.

October 15 – CROP Walk. 1pm registration at the Presbyterian Church.

October 21 – Join Hands Bingo Fundraiser.

October 28 – CLC Oktoberfest Fundraiser.

Join Hands Bingo Fundraiser – Join Hands Ministry will hold a Bingo Fundraiser at the Dream Barn at New Bloomfield Stables located at 2420 Cold Storage Road, New Bloomfield on Saturday, October 21st.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

September 24, 2023

LECTIONARY 25

Daily Bread for Everyone

We all have a natural sense of justice, and of what is fair. We might easily conflate the two, but justice and fairness don't always lead to the same end. Jesus' parable of the landowner and the workers suggests that God's sense of justice might not seem fair to everyone. Our ideas of what is right are likely upended by the landowner's generosity. He gives to each worker not what they have earned but rather the "daily bread" they need.

Sometimes in the church's ministry, we behave in a spirit exactly opposite that of the parable's landowner, opting to be "fair" above all else. So, for example, the food pantry can insist on the same items in the same amount for everyone, or the soup kitchen rules dictate that everyone get the same thing on their tray. Yet everyone doesn't always have the same needs. What if instead of fairness, we also made a way for generosity to sometimes disrupt the rules? There are good reasons for insisting on fairness. Rules establish helpful boundaries. Fairness can help ensure that when resources are scarce, everyone has a chance to receive something. Yet, in the name of fairness, we can also overlook both God's abundant generosity and the actual needs of others.

Maybe Jesus' parable doesn't mean changing the rules altogether. But maybe it means leaving ample space for those situations in which emulating God's generosity means bending the rules. God's grace frees us from a stubborn insistence on "only what's fair" so that we can care for others with generous spirits. No matter when we come to the baptismal waters, God's word of grace is enough to cover our sins. No matter our circumstances when we are gathered at Christ's table, God's generosity means there is always enough for each and every one of us to receive the daily bread we need.