

# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost RALLY SUNDAY—September 19, 2010

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion

The Rev. Will Baumgartner preaching and presiding



## Welcome!

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As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

We are glad you are worshipping with us. All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune at the rail in continuous fashion. Take an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle or if you prefer grape juice, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the same tray. Ushers will guide you to an empty space beginning at the back of the rail. You are free to return by the side aisles as soon as you are ready.

After worship, please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee.

## Gathering

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THE PRELUDE      Lord, I Lift Your Name on High      Founds, arr. Pethel

### THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ Amen.

☐ Recognizing our need . . . with God and each other.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

☐ God of justice and compassion,

☑ we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, We have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

☐ Heaven rejoices when . . . and of the Holy Spirit. ☑ Amen.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN      We Are Called      #720

### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, . . . be with you all.

☑ And also with you.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Word

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## THE FIRST READING

Amos 8:4–7

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

☐ A reading from Amos:

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, "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 small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM 113

Sung antiphonally

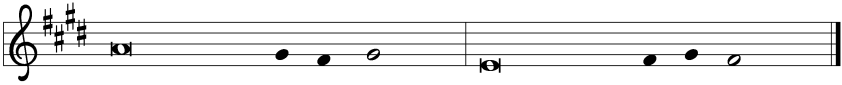
REFRAIN (sung by choir, then all; sung by all at each ☒)

The LORD lifts up the poor from the ash - es.

Psalm 113:7

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VERSES (light=choir, bold=all)



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- A** <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;  
 praise the name | of the LORD.  
**B** <sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,**  
**from this time forth for- | evermore.**  
<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its | going down  
 let the name of the | LORD be praised.  
<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high a- | bove all nations,**  
**God's glory a- | bove the heavens. **B****  
<sup>5</sup>Who is like the | LORD our God,  
 who sits en- | throned on high,  
<sup>6</sup>**but stoops | to behold**  
**the heavens | and the earth?**  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust  
 and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,  
<sup>8</sup>**enthroning them | with the rulers,**  
**with the rulers | of the people.**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house  
 to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah! **B**

We gather participants for CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

## THE SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1–7

*The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

**A** A reading from First Timothy:

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,

who gave himself a ransom for all —

this was attested at the right time. 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.

**A** The word of the Lord. **B** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
- ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Repeat Alleluia  
Live your life in a manner worthy of the gos - pel of Christ; strive side by side for the faith of the gospel.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

**B** Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1–13

**P** 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. 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.' 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. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 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.' 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. 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 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."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Will Baumgartner

*Stand*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior

#655

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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## THE INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

*Congregation council members and Church School teachers come forward.*

*The presiding minister addresses those being installed.*

☐ On behalf of ... you have been elected?

*Response:*

☑ I will, and I ask God to help me.

*The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

☐ People of God, ... all who are baptized?

☑ **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.*

☐ I now declare you ... faithful servants of Christ. ☑ **Amen.**

## THE INSTALLATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

### DIALOGUE

*The assembly stands. The leader begins the dialogue, and the assembly responds.*

☐ O God, everything you do is wonderful, and I know it well.

☑ **Teach us your ways, O God.**

☐ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.

☑ **Teach us your ways, O God.**

☐ Jesus said, Let the children come to me.

☑ **Teach us your ways, O God.**

## PRAYER

☐ The Lord be with you. **☑ And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray. God of wisdom, . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**☑ Amen.**

☐ We begin this academic year in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**☑ Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

☐ Lord, in your mercy, **☑ hear our prayer.**

## THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always. **☑ And also with you.**

*The ministers and people exchange a sign of God's peace.*

Peace be with you. ☒ Peace be with you.

*Sit*

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

THE CHOIR

African Psalm

Patrick M. Liebergen

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Will Baumgartner

*Stand*

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

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## Meal

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## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

☐ God of all creation,

**☑ all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## THE INITIAL DIALOG

☐ 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.**

## THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

- ☐ It is indeed right, ... join their unending hymn:

## THE HOLY

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## THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- ☐ Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.  
The universe ... with every breath. ☑ **We praise you, O God.**
- ☐ Generations ... into the future. ☑ **We bless you, O God.**
- ☐ We give you thanks ... with us now. ☑ **We thank you, O God.**
- ☐ In the night ... for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering his love ... mystery of faith:  
☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- ☐ We pray ... without end. ☑ **Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*Sit*

## THE DISTRIBUTION

## LAMB OF GOD

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## THE COMMUNION HYMNS

We Are an Offering

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Be Thou My Vision

#793

## Sending

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*Stand*

## THE BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood ... keep you in his grace. ☑ **Amen.**

## THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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- ☐ Let us pray. O God, ... through Jesus Christ our Lord. ☑ **Amen**

## THE BENEDICTION

- ☐ The Lord bless you ... and + give you peace. ☑ **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Remember the poor. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Pethel

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at 9 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

## IN NEED OF PRAYER

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*Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.*

Ray Turner (Jill Pfistner), Sandy Abucewicz, David Walentukonis, Sue Alessi, All Teachers & Students, Michael Magnuson (Russell Magnuson's Grandson), Ken Burkett (Russell Magnuson's Son-in-law), Dr. Donald Rotenberg, (Ina & Donald Knapp), Wayne & Dean Lord (Pat Brown), Penny Kinney (Pat Brown), Joe Pavano (Cindy Pavano), Rose Huie (Pat Brown), Rita & Keenen Black (Pat Brown), Lois Arena (Ralph Holmstrom), Lisa Viele (Nancy Michalski), Linda Olson, Pam Andrews, Jeremy West (Tameka Kelley), Crystal, Irene, Bob, Kathy (Pat Brown), Cari Walentukonis, Michael Bonaiuto, Beverly Ketchum, grieving family & friends of Ruth Robinson, grieving family & friends of Barbara Miano, grieving family & friends of Kurt Miller

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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In memory of Rev. Alvar Gustafson on the 90th Anniversary of his birth 9/16/1920 by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Harris.

In memory of Donald Heslin by Allen E. Nelson Sr.

In memory of Gino Spada by Gail Spada & children.

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