8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP September 18, 2022 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We are grateful for the worship leadership of Pastor Jimmy Collins today. As Pastor Collins is not an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA or in one of the ELCA's full-communion partner denominations, he has received temporary authorization from Bishop Bill Gafkjen of the IN-KY Synod to preside at Holy Communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" – M. Burkhardt

P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

You may either stand or kneel.

- P: God of resurrection life, we come before you today as those who would die to sin and rise to newness of life.
- C: Lower into the grave all selfishness, greed, and envy, all harmful desires and unworthy ambitions.
- P: Raise from death the good that is in us -- and gift us with the good that is not in us.
- C: Help us to love neighbors, strangers, and those we do not even like.
- P: We have failed you.
- C: We have failed our world.
- P: Give us the skill and the desire to bring healing into this world.
- C: Forgive us the sins we can name and the sins we cannot name.

(Silence to ponder our wrongs.)

- P: Lord, make us channels of blessing for the impoverished and injured souls of this world.
- C: In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

- P: As the Apostle Paul teaches us in Romans chapter 5: If in Adam and Eve all have died—so now--in Jesus Christ--all are made alive. Let us rejoice in the lifegiving power of God's unconditional love. Our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.
- C: Amen.



GATHERING HYMN: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"



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.

HYMN OF PRAISE:



PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P. The Lord be with you
- C. And also with you.
- P. Let us pray

Almighty God, give us wisdom for daily life. Give us the wisdom to reflect your grace in the way we live at home, at work, and at play. Through the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY

FIRST LESSON: Amos 8:4-7

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PSALM 113 - Spoken responsively, the congregation speaks the lines in **bold** print.

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

²Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 16:1-13

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C. Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading of the Gospel:

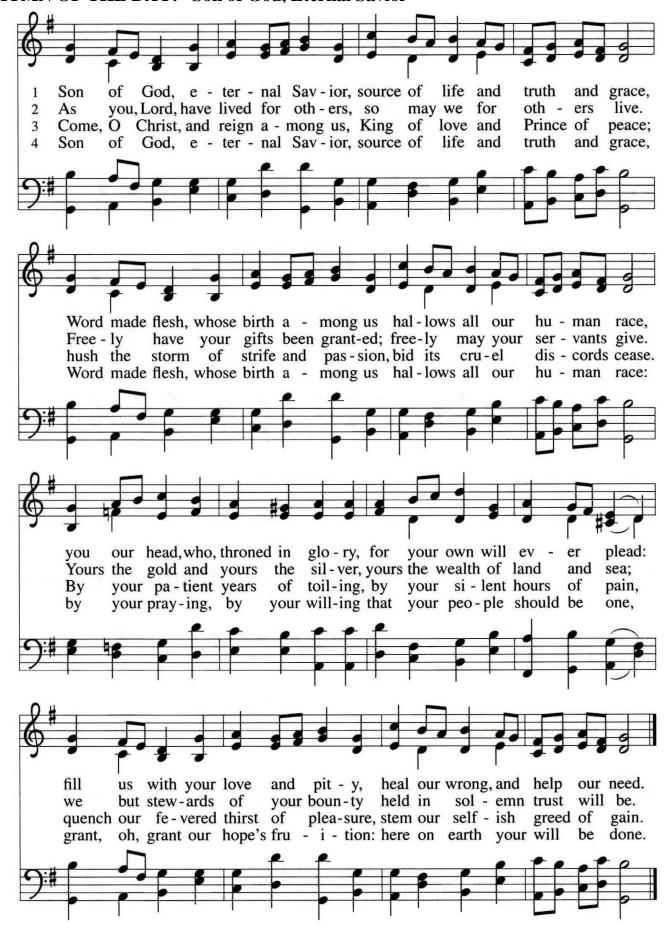
P. The Gospel of the Lord"

C. Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor Jimmy Collins

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



APOSTLES' CREED:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision" -- arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that thou are. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with the and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I head not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'ns joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")

P. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING:



OFFERTORY PRAYER:

- P. Merciful Father,
- C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

COMMUNION LITURGY

P. In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

Again, 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 sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the "real presence" of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.

As you approach the altar rail, please keep a good space between yourself and others. The floor is marked where you may stand or kneel.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

P. Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION:

P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Praise and Thanksgiving"



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DISMISSAL:

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C. Thanks be to God.

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Today's altar flowers are given by Kelly Shelton in honor of her son's birthday and by Bob & Lucie Stricker in honor of Josh Fuhs' birthday and Karla & Josh's anniversary.