

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Holstein, IA September 25, 2022 9:00 AM

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Opening Song

O Sing to God Above

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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.

Opening Prayer

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.

WORD

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, ⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰For 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.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight 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. ¹³In 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 ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

¹⁶It 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.

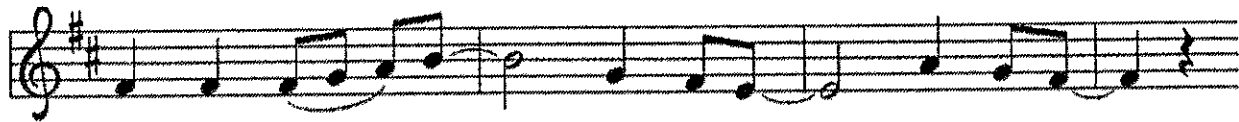
¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing 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.

The Word of the Lord.

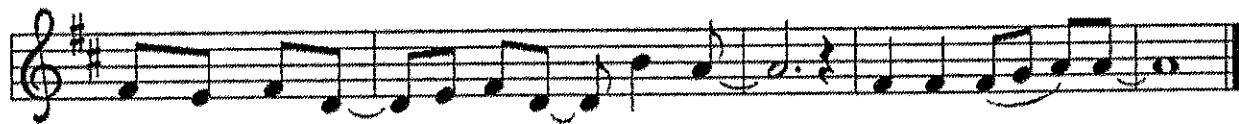
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel According to Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He 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.’ ²⁵But 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. ²⁶Besides 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.’

²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He 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.

Message Pastor Bob Lewis

Hymn of the Day

Christ, Be Our Light

vs. 1, 3, 5

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RESPONSE

Reception of New Members

We confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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.

Children's Offering/Offering

Offering Prayer

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.

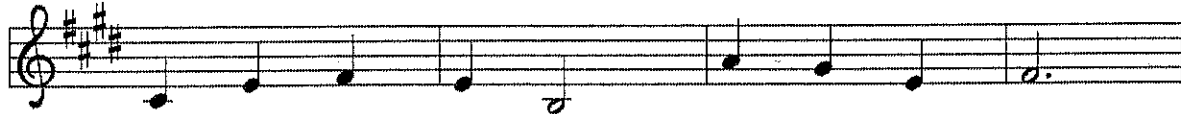
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Hear Our Prayer
Prayer Response



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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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.**

SENDING

Blessing

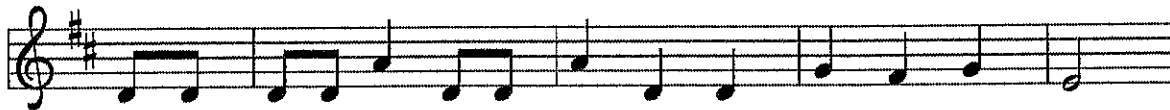
God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Let Us Enter In



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

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New Door Dedication

*Worshippers move to the rear of the sanctuary,
and go outside the doors as you are able.*

Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep ...
Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."
(John 10:7-9)

**Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
Who made heaven and earth.**

Let us pray.

Ever-living God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we dedicate these doors through which we enter this place:

May we come through them to worship you and praise your name;

May we ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power;

May we hear your Word, guiding us in your way;

May we be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son.

Be present always to guide, to illuminate and to bless us as we gather in this place.

Help us also as we exit over this threshold — once nourished and strengthened by your Word and your Presence — to go out, confident in the work of your Mission in the world which you love.

We confess our fear associated with this threshold:

For those who come for the first time through these doors into an unknown place,

help them cross this threshold and be received warmly by our gracious and unconditional welcome; and,

When we go out into the world fearful for the work set before us, help us trust always in the forgiveness and courage you give us through the power of your Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Peace be to this house, and to all who enter and exit here,
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.



Worship Participants

Ministers: All the members
Pastor: Pastor Bob Lewis
DYME: Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist: Sharen Borchers
Pianist: Kris Kistenmacher
Lector: Kathy Sindt
Deacons: Grant Breyfogle and Laura Peuse
Greeters: Steve & Carmen Koth
Acolyte: Drew Burk
Sound and Video: Dave Kistenmacher and Tyler Gebers
Coffee Hosts: Dave & Liz Kistenmacher
Amy Peuse

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, September 25 - The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, September 28

12:00 NN Brown Bag Bible Study

FRIDAY, September 30

4:00 PM Madsen/Delao Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, October 1

4:00 PM Delao Wedding