A man in a dark jacket and glasses walks past a vibrant mural on a dark wooden wall. The mural depicts Lazarus being raised from the dead, with a large hand holding a cloth over his face. The colors are bold and abstract, featuring reds, oranges, blues, and greens. The text is overlaid on the top right of the image.

At his gate  
lay a poor man  
named  
Lazarus

LUKE 16:20

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**  
**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

# Sunday, September 25, 2016

## Service of Holy Eucharist—Setting 3

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available in the glass chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

**WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.**

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### **Nineteenth 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.*

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;  
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;  
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of overflowing grace,

**we come to you with repentant hearts.**

**Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.**

**Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.**

**Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.**

**Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.**

**Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,**

**and strengthen us to serve you**

**in all that we do and say;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in † Christ Jesus,

who gave himself up for us all,

your sins are forgiven and you are made free.

Rejoice with the angels and with one another!

We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

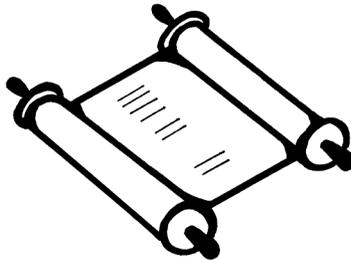
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: “*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*” (ELW 712)**

## **GREETING**

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

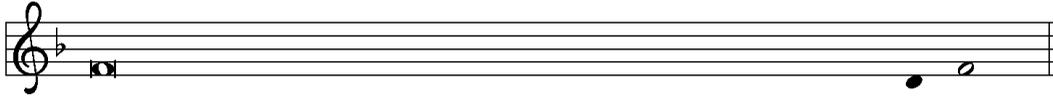
**And also with you.**



# KYRIE



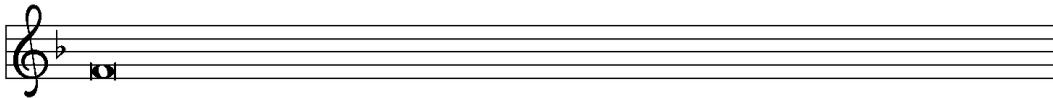
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



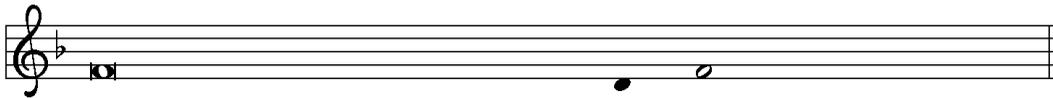
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



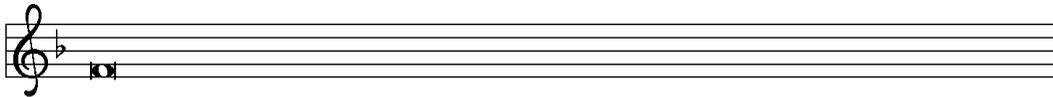
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



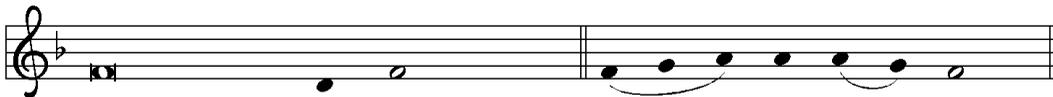
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



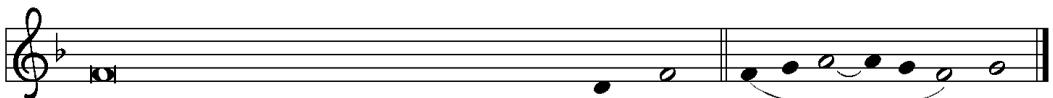
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHOIR ANTHEM: “Consider”

(By Roland Martin, Text by Christina Rossetti)

*Consider*

*The lilies of the field whose bloom is brief:*

*We are as they;  
Like them we fade away,  
As doth a leaf.*

*Consider*

*The sparrows of the air of small account:*

*Our God doth view  
Whether they fall or mount,  
He guards us too.*

*Consider*

*The lilies that do neither spin nor toil,*

*Yet are most fair:  
What profits all this care  
And all this toil?*

*Consider*

*The birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks;*

*God gives them food:  
Much more our Father seeks  
To do us good.*

## 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.*

A reading from Amos.

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
<sup>4</sup>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;  
<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
<sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup>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: Psalm 146**

*The psalm for the day is sung.*

<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**  
**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**  
**and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**  
**who keeps promis- | es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**  
**the LORD | loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**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.*

A reading from 1 Timothy.

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

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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 <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>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

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## **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.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>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.’ <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>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 TIME**

*All children are welcome to come forward to hear a special message for them.*

## **SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: “When the Poor Ones” (ELW 725)**

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

God, we thank you for the church, its mission, and its ministry. Help us to be examples of the faith and to pursue righteousness in all we say and do.

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

We pray for the well-being of all creation. Make us wise stewards of your rich and beautiful world.

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

Ruler of the nations, we pray for peace in places of conflict and war. We pray for exiles, refugees, and those far from home.

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

We pray for all those who are lonely or homebound, those who are trapped in any kind of prison of body, mind, or spirit, and for those who are sick or injured. We pray especially for Lindsey Larson Meyer; Eleanore Barrett; Trey Sherwood; Peter Munson; Judy Rohr; and the family and friends of Chris DeYoung.

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

God who sits high but looks low, we pray for our brothers and sisters who struggle to make ends meet. Provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs.

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember and give thanks for all your saints in light and for those who have recently died. Thank you for the good foundation of their lives and witness.

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

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY HYMN: “*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*” (ELW 182)

*The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.*

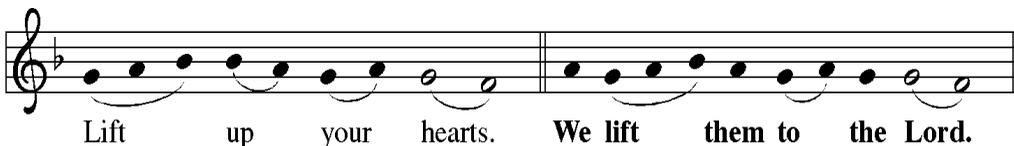
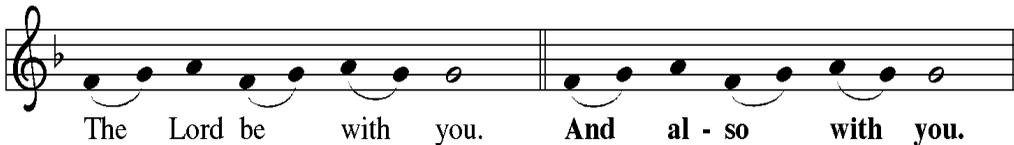
## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills  
were gathered together to become one bread,  
so let your church be gathered together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Take hold of the life that really is life.  
Come, take your place at the table.

## **COMMUNION**

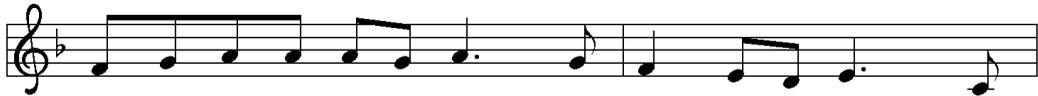
*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

## **LAMB OF GOD**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

***“By Your Hand You Feed Your People” (ELW 469)***

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*The assembly stands to receive the blessing.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

We come again to you, O God,  
giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy  
you have embraced us and healed us,  
making us one in the body of Christ.

Go with us on our way.

Equip us for every good work,  
that we may continue to give you thanks  
by embracing others with mercy and healing;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God Almighty send you light and truth  
to keep you all the days of your life.

The hand of God protect you;  
the holy angels accompany you;  
and the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **PARISH SHARING TIME**

*Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.*

## **SENDING HYMN: "O God of Every Nation" (ELW 713)**

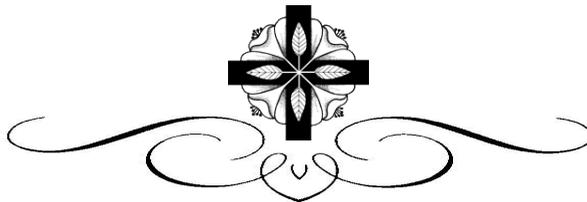
*The assembly stands.*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**







# Serving the Church

**THIS WEEK—September 25, 2016**

**NEXT WEEK—October 2, 2016**

**Preacher:** Intern Halcyon Bjornstad  
**Lector:** 9:00AM Diane Fiedler  
**Acolyte:** 9:00AM Kent Henry  
**Ushers:** 9:00AM Debbe, Lindsay, & Lily Conyers  
**Greeters:** 9:00AM Wendy & Roger Bredehoft  
**Nursery:** 9:00AM Marygrace Buckner

**Preacher:** Pastor Rachel Larson  
**Lector:** 8:00AM Morgan Mathison  
 10:30AM Thom Edgar  
**Acolyte:** 8:00AM Marygrace Buckner  
 10:30AM Rylie Heggie  
**Ushers:** 8:00AM The Anderson Family  
 10:30AM Cindy & Steve Barrett  
**Greeters:** 8:00AM Jennie Lawrence  
 Mark Rehwaldt  
 10:30AM Georgia Mitchell  
 Barb Rouse  
**Nursery:** 8:00AM Kate Jablin  
 10:30AM Kelcey Anderson

**Stewards:** Kris Oolman & Charles Nye

**Altar Guild:** Bobbie & Al Schimek

**Coffee Fellowship:** *OPEN*

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*This is Christ's church...*

*There is a place for you here.*