things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN: "Oh, Love, How Deep"

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*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

Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Holy and ever-living God, uphold your people with your word, that we remain steadfast in our life with you. Deliver mercy and grace to us through Jesus, our high priest. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Reclaim lands and waters that have been polluted through human neglect and greed. By your creative Spirit introduce again the vibrant and diverse life you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Establish your justice through the work of judges, juries, and officers of the court. Bless them, and those whom they serve, so that your goodness will flow through them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pour out compassion on your servants in time of need. Where people dwell in darkness, let the light of your truth and mercy refresh and renew them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Knock down the barriers in our lives that keep us from following you. Show us how to open doors for others to enter into your saving presence. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your everlasting gift of forgiveness has sustained the saints throughout all generations. Continually immerse your people in that same gift until we stand before your throne of grace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING

*CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY



*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.**

one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

*GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:17-31

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' "²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all

14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.
15 Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17 (sung responsively, cantor and congregation)

¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

13Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry? Be gracious | to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.

¹⁶Show your ser- | vants your works, and your splendor | to their children.

¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son:
and to the | Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and e- | ver shall be:
world without end. | Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

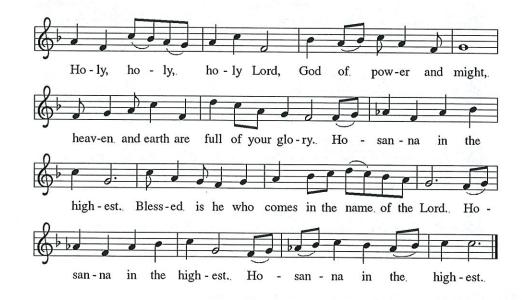
¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*PROPER PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

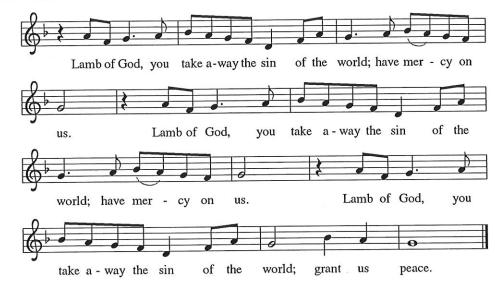
Our Father in heaven,

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

God gives food to those who hunger. Come, be fed, be healed.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY: (In unison)

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: "A Prayer for the Night" by Roland Martin Chancel Choir

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

A reading from Amos.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

11 Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

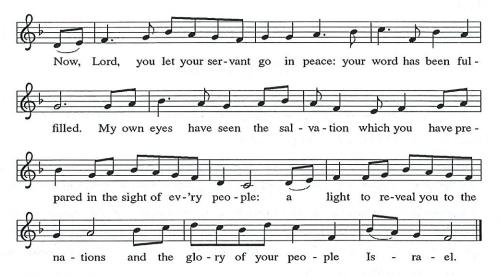


*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

*POST COMMUNION HYMN



*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in the world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

*HYMN:

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

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*SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

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Announcements

CHRIST IS PRESENT WITH US as we worship today. We are grateful that you are among us. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with Pastor Rachel and indicate your interest on the pew pad.

Welcome University Students! We gather on Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m. at Trinity. There's a free supper, great conversation and informal worship.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. White grape juice is available in the glasses in the center of the trays. Gluten free bread is available. If you would like us to bring the bread & wine to you, please let one of the ushers know.

A nursery is provided during worship just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found at the end of the row. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. If you or someone you know is ill, having surgery or is hospitalized, please inform Pastor Rachel.

PLEASE SIGN the Pew Pads and pass them down to the end of the row and then return them to the center.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Dockters in honor of Lexi's 19th birthday.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Today, at 3:00 p.m. October 11 on the grounds of the cathedral we join St. Matthew's Episcopal congregation in an ecumenical Blessing of the Animals. All animals and their human companions are welcome. Bring bags of cat or dog food to contribute to Interfaith/Good Samaritan.

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

"Gather Us In" *HYMN:

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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.

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| Choir Director | Larry Hazlett |

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

*Please rise

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth, who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well.

Amen.

<u>CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE</u> here at Trinity *this evening* at 6:00 p.m. This is a 30 minute candle-light service of songs, readings, prayer and silence. All are encouraged to pause for reflection at the beginning of a long busy week.

<u>THE CHURCH COUNCIL</u> will be meeting this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

QUARTERLY REPORTS for the 3rd quarter of 2015 are available in the north lobby area. Please pick yours up today.

<u>PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES</u> are here. One has your name on it! Please pick yours up in the north lobby area.

ADULT SMALL GROUP STUDY: Beginning this Thursday, October 15th at 6:30-8 p.m., we will host a Fall Adult Small Group Study. Meeting bi-weekly in the Gruver Room, on the first and third Thursdays of the month, this group will explore what it means to change the "lens" through which we read the Bible. In this 4-session study, our group will look at different methods of scriptural interpretation, as well as take a specific interest in one "lens" of interpretation as it applies to "empire theory" and cultural oppression. Please make plans to join us for this in-depth and challenging 4-session study. For more information, please contact Intern Jennifer at the church office or email her at jmichael@wartburgseminary.edu.

<u>CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK</u>: Moira Hamerlinck, (Oct. 11); Alice Telander, (Oct. 11); Gulla Burke, (Oct. 13); Lexi Dockter, (Oct. 13); Klaus Hanson, (Oct. 14); Len Baldwin, (Oct. 16) and Patrick Passow, (Oct. 17). Happy Birthday!

GUEST ORGANIST next Sunday, October 18. Dr. Chad Winterfeldt will play at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship. The U.W. Collegiate Chorale, with Dr. Nicole Lamartine, conductor will sing at 10:30 worship. Organ recital is at 2:00 p.m. See posters around the church building.

We will celebrate <u>REFORMATION SUNDAY</u> October 25th, with an **Oktoberfest** themed potluck dinner at noon. The Fellowship Committee is providing the bratwurst, so please sign up in the Gruver Room to bring your favorite side-dish. (You are also invited to bring your favorite beer that day!) Following the meal, we will have a **Ministry Fair** with lots of fun and good times for al ages. So make plans to join us on Sunday, October 25 for a grand German festival!

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: The 21st Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.

Serving the Church

| | <u>TODAY (10/11)</u> | | NEXT SU | NEXT SUNDAY (10/18) | |
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| Lector: | 8:00 a.m. | Bobbie Schimek | 8:00 a.m. | Trey Sherwood | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Diane Fiedler | 10:30 a.m. | Eric Nye | |
| Acolyte: | 8:00 a.m. | Rylie Heggie | 8:00 a.m. | Madie Jablin | |
| 2 | 10:30 a.m. | Makayla Renneisen | 10:30 a.m. | Silja Alexander | |
| Ushers: | 8:00 a.m. | Mark Rehwaldt | 8:00 a.m. | Keith Ensley | |
| | | Jennie Lawrence | | Mike Nutter | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Ed & Lois Hiller | 10:30 a.m. | Bob Campbell | |
| | | | | Barb Rouse | |
| Greeters: | 8:00 a.m. | The Jablin Family | 8:00 a.m. | Betty Carstens | |
| | | | | Morgan Mathison | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Barb Rouse | 10:30 a.m. | Mike Smith | |
| | | Helen Sussenguth | | | |
| Nursery: | 8:00 a.m. | Hailey Anderson | 8:00 a.m. | Kelcey Anderson | |
| - | 10:30 a.m. | Kate Jablin | 10:30 a.m. | Tracy Kidwell | |

Stewards: Sharon Leder and Terri Rittenburg

Altar Guild: Klaus & Jan Hanson

Coffee Fellowship: Brianna Wright

This Week at Trinity

| Sunday, October 11 | 8:00 a.m. | Worship (HC) |
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| • 1 | 9:15 a.m. | SS / Coffee Fellowship |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship (HC) |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Blessing of the Animals |
| | | @ St. Matthew's |
| | 5-7 p.m. | Campus Ministry Group |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Contemplative Worship |
| Tuesday, October 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Church Council |
| Wednesday, October 14 | 10:00 a.m. | Women's Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| Thursday, October 15 | 6:30 p.m. | Adult Study |

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