

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN: Jennie Lawrence is organizing a prayer chain. Want to be a part of it? Please contact her at Missjennae@yahoo.com (preferred), or 761-1085. Contact her with any prayer requests.

SIGN UP! SIGN UP! See the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Gruver Room. Thank You!

Sharing a Cup of Coffee with your fellow worshipers? Sign up to **bring goodies and/or set up for our Coffee Time and start the coffee.**

Flowers: Would you like to provide flowers Sunday services? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gruver Room. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone, or just because.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Robert Dolan, (Sept. 28); Jonah Henry, (Sept. 28); Jordan Rhodine, (Sept. 28); Donna Engen, (Sept. 29); Richard Babcock, (Sept. 30); Jonathan Klinker, (Sept. 30); Mark Bock, (Oct. 1); Dottie Bock, (Oct. 3); Jason Sherwood, (Oct. 3); Richard McCormick, (Oct. 4) and Dorly Piske, (Oct. 4). Happy Birthday!

MENG'S PIANO STUDIO is accepting new students. She is more than happy to share her skills and knowledge on piano with any students of all ages. Speak with her if you are interested.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE:
Jan-August budgeted expenses: \$147074.36
(Yearly budget divided by 12 * 8)
Jan-August actual general fund expenses (checks written): \$132804.73
Jan-August actual deposits to general unrestricted account: \$138632.62
Financial status: Yearly unrestricted offerings versus general fund expenses as of 8/31: \$5827.89

RIDE MINISTRY: If you are interested in providing rides to worship, please call the church office @ 745-4222 or talk with Lois Hiller, 742-6455.

TRINITY'S OCKTOBERFEST: Please come to the Oktoberfest at Trinity! Starting at noon on Sunday October 12, please join us for some great German food and music. The food will be provided, but if you wish to bring your favorite German dish, you are welcome to do so. There will be a sign up for this event to help plan on how much food to prepare. Donations for lunch will be accepted. This event is to raise money for a sound system for our church. If you have any questions, please contact Kris Oolman.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP will be meeting this Saturday at 8 a.m. @ the east *McDonald's*. All men are welcome.

NEEDS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday School is in need of the following items on a continuous basis, please consider helping in this way. There will be donation drop boxes under the coat racks. Thank you, from your Sunday School teachers and the kids.

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| Crayons | Tempera paint |
| Markers (fat and thin) | Lined paper |
| Construction paper | Glue sticks |
| Kid friendly scissors | Elmer's glue |
| Kleenex | Glitter |
| Clorox wipes | Pipe-cleaners |
| Paper plates for art projects | Yarn |
| Popsicle sticks for art projects | |
| Paint shirts (old t-shirts or button up shirts for the kids to wear over their nice church clothes to protect them) | |

YOU'RE INVITED! On Sunday, October 19th @ 7.30 p.m., we will be offering the first of the 2014-15 **St. Matthew's Friends of Music** organ concert series. The concert is free and the cathedral is ADA compliant. The concert will last about 1 hour. All are welcome.

The series will continue through May of 2015 with a concert at one of the following locations: St. Matthew's Cathedral, Fine Arts Auditorium, Arts & Sciences Auditorium, and Trinity Lutheran Church. The concerts are always free and they are held the 3rd Sunday of each month. The concerts start at 7:00 p.m. The exception will be the Christmas Carol concert which will be at 3:00 p.m. at the Fine Arts Concert Hall. Once the schedule is worked out, it will be listed in the Sunday bulletins. Articles will be printed in the Boomerang as well.

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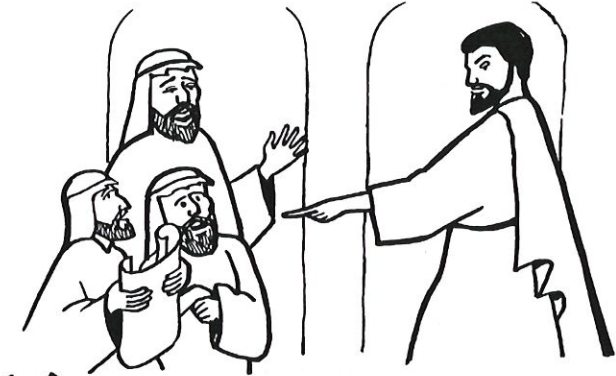
	<u>TODAY (9/28)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (10/5)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. Maia Anderson	8:00 a.m. Bob Middleton
	10:30 a.m. Thom Edgar	10:30 a.m. Gladys Crane
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. Emily Brande	8:00 a.m. Albert Steiner
	10:30 a.m. Eric Van Wig	10:30 a.m. Lindsey Meyer
<i>Ushers:</i>	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. Al & Bobbie Schimek
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m. Jason & Teresa Sherwood
<i>Greeters:</i>	8:00 a.m. Al & Bobbie Schimek	8:00 a.m. Tracy Bennett Janet Talbott
	10:30 a.m. Hanna Heggie Shirley Heggie	10:30 a.m. Ed & Lois Hiller
<i>Nursery:</i>	8:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson	8:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson
	10:30 a.m. Tracy Kidwell	10:30 a.m. Tracy Kidwell

Stewards: T. Rittenburg / E. Wright *Altar Guild:* Debbe & Lindsay Conyers

Coffee Fellowship: Fellowship Committee

	<u>This Week at Trinity</u>
Sunday, Sept. 28	8:00 a.m. Worship (HC) 9:15 a.m. SS / Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship (HC)
Tuesday, Sept. 30	9:00 a.m. Quilters
Wednesday, October 1	10:00 a.m. Women's Study 6-8 p.m. Weds. Get-Away (Campus Ministry) 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7-8:15 p.m. Confirmation
Saturday, Oct. 4	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ east McDonald's

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 17th Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 5:1-17; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.



You did not believe him
MT. 21:32

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon.

Welcome University Students! As you begin the fall semester, may God's peace be with you. We gather Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at Trinity. There's a free supper, great conversation and informal worship.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to approach the communion rail, please let one of the ushers know and we will come to you. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray.

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

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. Please recycle the pieces you choose not to keep by putting them at either end of the back pews of the church. Thanks.

taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

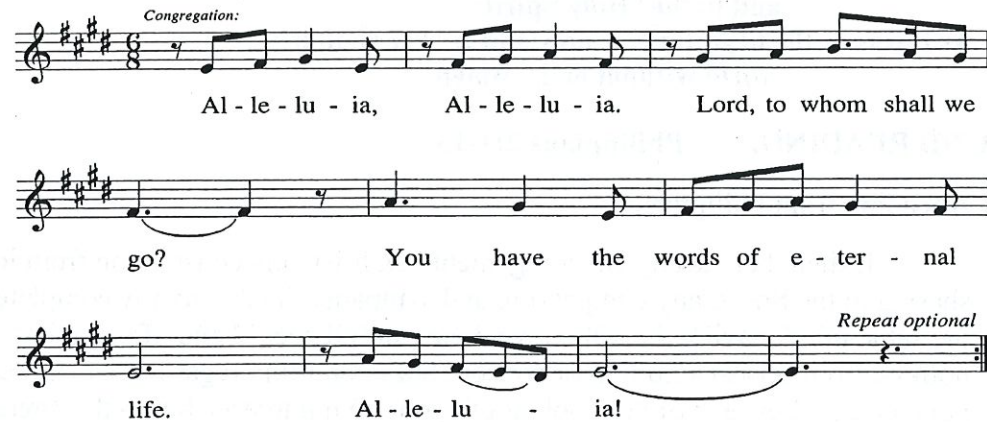
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my
presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with
fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will
and to work for his good pleasure.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

*GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people
came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these
things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you
one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I
do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human
origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to
us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are
afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus,
"We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I
am doing these things.

²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said,
'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he
changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and
he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his
father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax
collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For
John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax
collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not
change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

*HYMN: "To Be Your Presence"

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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**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church throughout the world with the spirit to work for your pleasure.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Teach us how to value and enjoy the beauty of your creation with humility and to set aside selfish ambitions in how we share its resources. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Refresh the people of all nations with your compassion and love and give us the same mind in Christ, living in peace with loving hearts. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Rush to the aid of those who wait for you. Heal their pain, mend their brokenness, take away their sorrow, lift them out of their troubles, and relieve their burdens. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Encourage us in our lives together. Lead us in your path and teach us to care for the needs of the poor, the exploited, and the outcast. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Make our joy complete in the knowledge of the good news of the resurrection.
Console those who mourn and give us the assurance of your presence in this life and the next. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9 (sung responsively)

¹To ¹you, O LORD,
I lift ¹up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be ¹put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹over me.

³Let none who look to you be ¹put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame ¹who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ¹ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your ¹truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all ¹the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- ¹sion and love,
for they are from ¹everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- ¹ness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up- ¹right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹in your way.

⁹You lead the low- ¹ly in justice
and teach the low- ¹ly your way.

**Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son:
and to the ¹Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ver shall be:
world without end. ¹Amen.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: "Behold, A Sower"

Chancel Choir
Early American Hymn Arr. Crawford Thoburn

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

A reading from Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY**

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

To refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

***PRAYER**

Let us pray.
God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

President: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with

President: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

President: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Congregation: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

***NOW THE FEAST**

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

Refrain

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

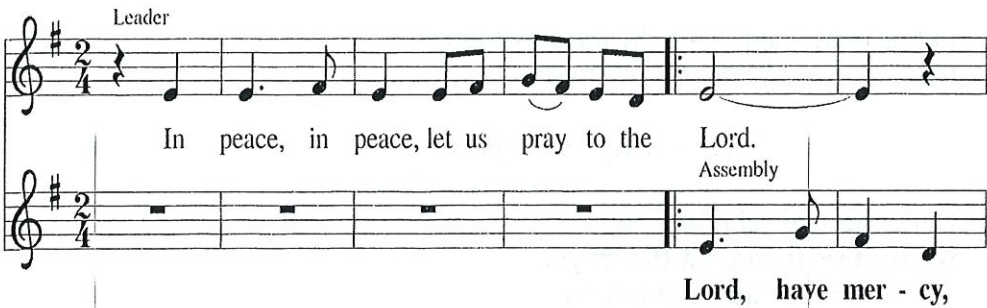
3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

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God; to make all things new.

*KYRIE

Leader

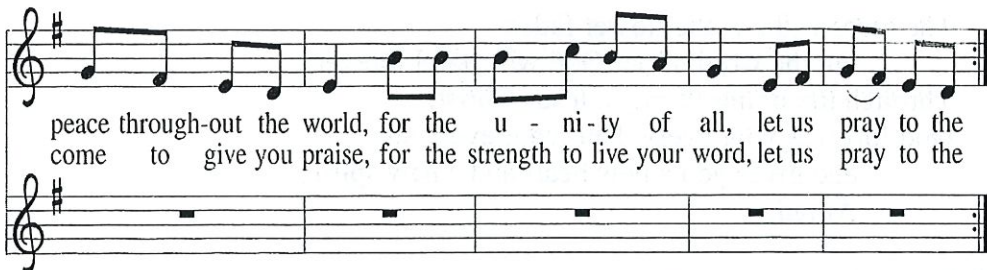


In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda



For the reign of God, and for
For your peo - ple here who have
Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

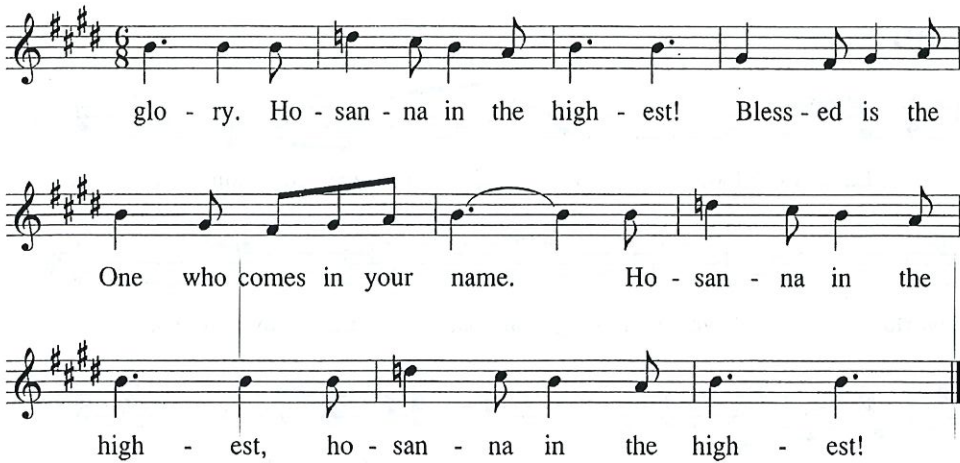


peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Coda



Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
cy. A - men.



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

The reign of God is at hand.
Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

*LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Come, Let Us Eat”

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*POST COMMUNION HYMN

Congregation:
1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Let us boldly approach the throne of grace,
trusting in God's mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Generous and faithful God,
we confess to you all the ways,
known and unknown,
that we reject and undermine your steadfast love.
Though you made us your people,
we treat strangers with suspicion.
Though you forgave our debts,
we collect without mercy.
We are quick to pass judgment on others.
Have mercy on us, O God,
and remember your promise to us,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.
Through the living Word, + Jesus Christ,
God forgives your every debt, your every sin,
and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.
Amen.

*HYMN: “Gather Us In”

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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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God's Work...
... Our Hands

Sunday, September 28, 2014 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Sovereign over all the earth,
the Wisdom from on high,
our merciful Judge and Savior.
Amen.

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.
3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others unto these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior.

Amen.

*BLESSING

Presider: May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

— give us peace. A - men.

PARISH SHARING TIME

***SENDING**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 29, 2014 - Michael and All Angels

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

Tuesday, September 30 - Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

Saturday, October 4 - Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Saturday, October 4 - Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

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Be of the same **MIND**
having the same **LOVE**
being in full **ACCORD**

