



# Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church

LIGHT OF CHRIST  
ST. JOHN'S WINDISH  
ST. PETER'S

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**

**5:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION AND LIVE STREAM AT ST. PETER'S**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

**FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**9:15 AM – Holy Communion at Light of Christ**

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**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE**



## **INTRODUCTION**

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

## **~~~~~THE GATHERING~~~~~**

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**WELCOME:** *Pastor Suzanne*

**PRELUDE:** *Gather Us In - arr. Behnke*

*The assembly stands as able.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C: Amen.**

*P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. God of mercy and forgiveness,*

**C: 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.**

*P: 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.*

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG:**

**Gather Us In**

**(ELW 532)**

*1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*3 Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away--  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

**GREETING**

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

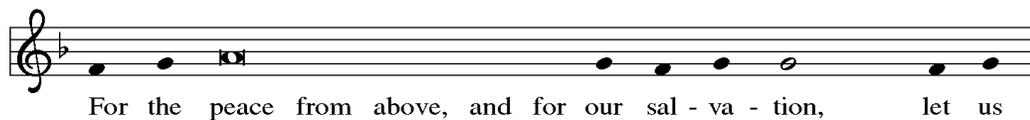
**C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

**(ELW P. 120)**



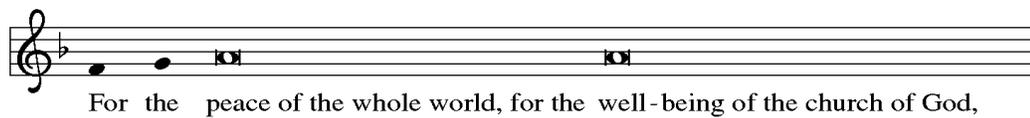
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



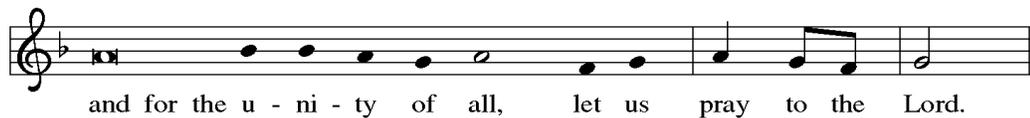
For the peace from above, and for our sal-va-tion, let us



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



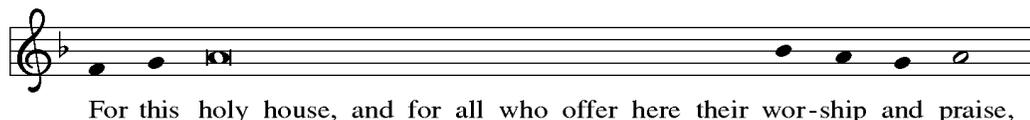
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



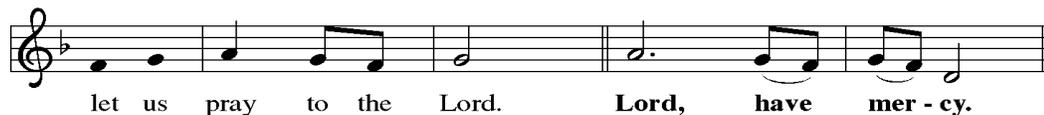
and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer-cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**A - men.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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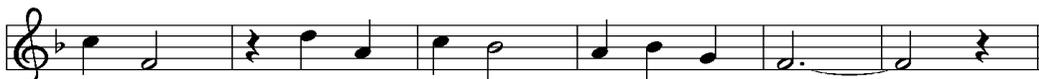


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



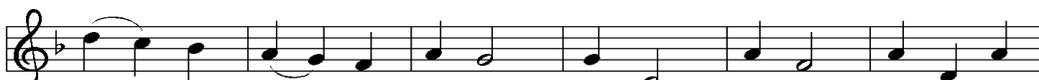
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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let Us Pray:*

*A: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **~~~~~THE WORD~~~~~**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

#### **FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7**

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

*A/L: A reading from Amos:*

*<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."*

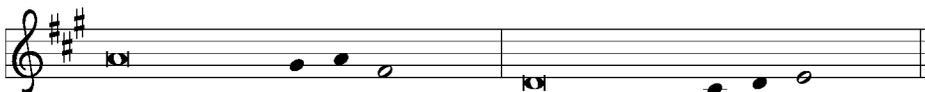
*<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.*

*A/L: The word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 113**

**Tone:**



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*A/L:<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants <sup>1</sup> of the Lord; praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord.*

**C:<sup>2</sup>Let the name of the <sup>1</sup> Lord be blessed, from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.**

*A/L:<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its <sup>1</sup> going down let the name of the <sup>1</sup> Lord be praised.*

**C:** <sup>4</sup>The Lord is high a- | bove all nations; God's glory a- | bove the heavens.

A/L: <sup>5</sup>Who is like the | Lord our God, who sits en- | throned on high,

**C:** <sup>6</sup>but stoops | to behold the heavens | and the earth?

A/L: <sup>7</sup>The Lord takes up the weak out | of the dust and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,

**C:** <sup>8</sup>enthroning them | with the rulers, with the rulers | of the people.

A/L: <sup>9</sup>The Lord makes the woman of a | childless house to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING First Timothy 2:1-7**

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

A/L: A reading from First Timothy:

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

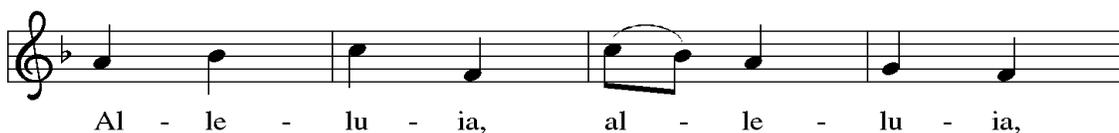
A/L: The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

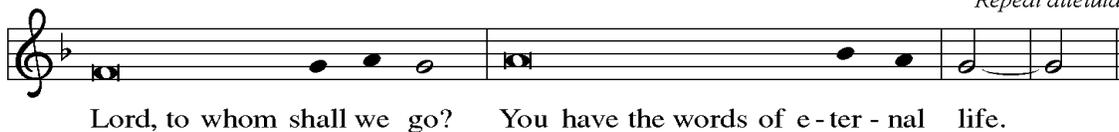
The assembly stands as able.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**(ELW p. 124)**



*Repeat alleluia*



## **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13**

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.*

*<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."*

*P: The gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON:** Seminarian Josh Gulotta

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands as able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**Son of God, Eternal Savior**

**(ELW 655)**

- 1 *Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.*
  
- 2 *As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.*
  
- 3 *Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.*
  
- 4 *Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.*

**BAPTISM:** *The Baptism of Micah Robert Petrushka (follow the inset).*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*A: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation. God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those*

*preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*A: Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*A: Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders (especially Dag Hammarskjöld) and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*A: Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters (local outreach may be named). God of grace,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*A: Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*A: God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us (especially), and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*A: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.*

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*P: The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Anthem: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship - arr. Pethel*

~~~~~THE MEAL~~~~~

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The assembly stands as able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
 brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let Us Pray:

*A: 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.*

**C: Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Prepare your communion elements

## **DIALOGUE**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

*P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*P: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.*

*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.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**C: 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.**

### ~ ~ ~ COMMUNION ~ ~ ~

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*P. Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.*

### **COMMUNION SONG**

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.

*The assembly is seated.*

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

*and each person may respond  
"Amen."*

*Please take note: If you are abstaining from receiving Holy Communion, please utilize this time of silence to share the following prayer.*

***C: I believe that You are truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I always desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim Your resurrection. I love You above all things, and long for You in my soul.***

***Since I cannot receive You in the sacrament of Your Body and Blood, I implore You to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with Your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from You. May I live in You and You in me, in this life and in the life that is to come. Amen.***

Based on a prayer from: *The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

***When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul) (ELW 785)***

*1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.*

*3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul.*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

***Take My Life, That I May Be (PATMOS)***

***(ELW 685)***

*1 Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*2 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.*

*4 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.*

*5 Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be ever, only, if all for thee.*

## **TABLE BLESSING**

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

***C: Amen***

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*A: Let Us Pray: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

***C: Amen.***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **~::~THE SENDING~::~**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BLESSING**

*P: 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.*

**C: Amen**

### **SENDING SONG:**

***This Little Light of Mine***

**(ELW 677)**

*1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

### **DISMISSAL**

*A: Go in Peace. with Christ beside you.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Allegro - Bruckner

*Flowers are donated by Michele Anderson in celebration of her daughter Brynn Anderson entrance into Seminary.*

*The fellowship hour after service is in honor of Linda Maule's 40th anniversary as organist will take place at the Social Hall, Light of Christ.*

### **GOSPEL MESSAGE: The Grace of Confusion**

*In today's gospel, Jesus tells a challenging parable about a dishonest steward that ends with an unsettling moral: "And I tell you, make friends for*

*yourself by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes" (Luke 16:9).*

*Is Jesus being ironic or sincere? Do the characters in the story somehow represent our relationship with God? Are we supposed to emulate the dishonest steward? This text is filled with questions. If you find Jesus' words today perplexing, even baffling, don't worry—you are in good company. Both the details of the parable itself and the lesson Jesus is drawing from it have vexed and puzzled generations of the best interpreters, theologians, and preachers.*

*There are many plausible ways to explain what is happening and what it means for our lives as Christians that might be explored in your assembly today. At the same time, scriptures like this are a reminder that the life of discipleship does not always come with easy answers and neatly packaged meanings. The gospels frequently report moments when Jesus' disciples simply could not understand what he was saying to them or profoundly misinterpreted his meaning.*

*The value of the community you join today does not come from the perfect understandings of either the assembly or its leaders. It comes from the one who continues to speak even when we do not understand, who daily affirms God's love for us through the waters of baptism, who offers his own body and blood at the table each week for those who are still struggling and learning what it means to be his disciples—and that includes all of us. In short, the value of the community you join today comes from a Lord committed to leading us as disciples, even when we are unclear of the way.*