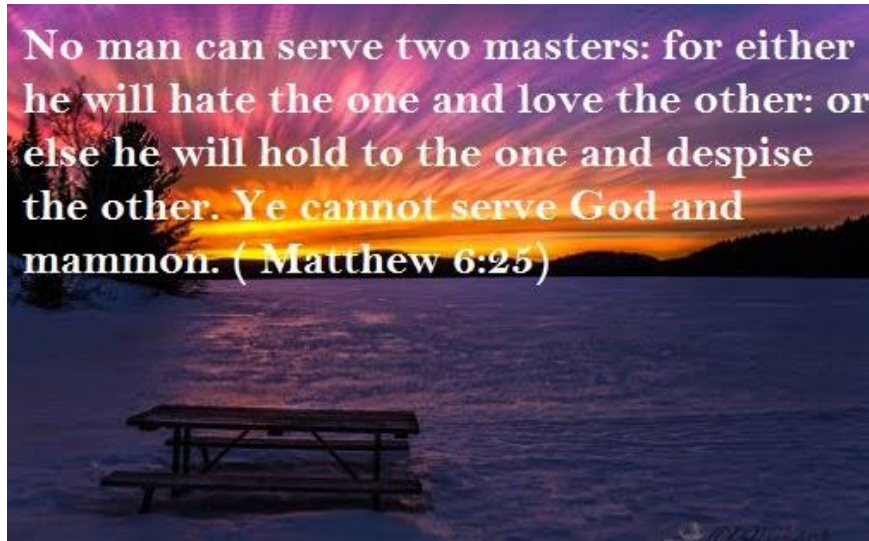


Sunday, September 18, 2022

15th Sunday after Pentecost



Thought: A question that we don't often ask in our daily living – who is at the center? Are you and I devoted to life that moves our desires and wishes forward or being faithful to the covenant that God made in our baptism? It is so easy to slide off into serving the worldly needs rather than stay solid in Jesus walk with us. No one can *serve* two masters; for you will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. It's a heart thing!

Prelude – Sonja Sanders

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: O God, you are the Master of our lives.

C: May we never make earthly possessions our master.

A: O God, your presence enriches our lives.

C: May we never trade your presence in our lives for the riches of this world.

A: O God, you wish to have first place in our lives.

C: May we never seek to replace you with something or someone else.

A: O God, you have become a part of who we are.

C: May we never be pulled apart from you.

A: In thanks and joy we come to worship.

C: We are the Body of Christ! Amen.

Gathering Hymn – “When Peace Like a River”ELW #785

<https://youtu.be/M8of9CQ9Fes>

When Peace Like a River – The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square

Invocation

P: Blessed by the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Dear Friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

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

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen!

Hymn of Praise – “Be Thou My Vision ” ELW # 793

<https://youtu.be/dXDhCEnM-bQ>

Be Thou My Vision – Audrey Assad

Prayer of the Day

A: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love
for one another.

**C: 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. Amen.**

The Word

Old Testament reading – Amos 8:4-7

Warnings to those who trample on the needy and poor

4 Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor
of the land, 5 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, 6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a
pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” 7 The LORD
has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their
deeds.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 113

The Lord lifts up the poor from the ashes

1Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the
name of the LORD.

2**Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth
forevermore.**

3From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of
the LORD be praised.

4The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.

5Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

6but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

7The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

8enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

9The LORD makes the woman of a childless housetop be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

Epistle reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

To make supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings for everyone

1First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, **2**for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. **3**This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4**who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **5**For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, **6**who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. **7**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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Luke 16:1-13

<https://youtu.be/iBG7WmoT6-8>

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

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

¹Then 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. ²So 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.’ ³Then 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. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then 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.’ ⁸And 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. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰“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. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No 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.”

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

Children of God time
<https://youtu.be/JpqG-G8wvz0>

Homily – “Right for the Wrong Reasons!”
https://youtu.be/jpAGc_0qUcU

Hymn of the Day – “Jesus Remember Me” ELW# 616 (sung twice)

<https://youtu.be/r6tVReXsioM>
Jesus Remember Me – Maureen Teresa Ward

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

P: 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.

A brief silence.

A: 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.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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.

P: 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.

Amen.

Offering/Offertory Prayer

A: Gracious God, we bring you our gold,

C: for you are our Master.

A: We bring you our things,

C: for you are our Lord

A: We bring you our lives,

C: for you are our Father.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

"Here is Bread"

ELW # 483

<https://youtu.be/GgysV3EZKas>

Here is Bread – Chet Valley Churches

Words of Institution

The 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.

Distribution

Communion Music – Sonja Sanders

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, you left your Father's side, in glory, to serve
us,

**C: stooping even to serve us, here, your own body, your own
blood.**

A: Motivate us, by your example,

C: to serve your darkened world.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – “Shine Jesus Shine” ELW # 671

<https://youtu.be/gr5Y63bDNNq>

Shine Jesus Shine - ASKBB

Dismissal

A: Help us keep our lives centered in You O God, as we go to serve.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude – Sonja Sanders

The easy way or climbing the barriers of life with God's help!
Sometimes "easy" is where you become
caught!

