



15th Sunday After Pentecost

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Lord of Life Liturgy [Dr. Bradley C. Hunnicutt]

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.

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

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.

Silence is kept for reflection

P. 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 Hymn

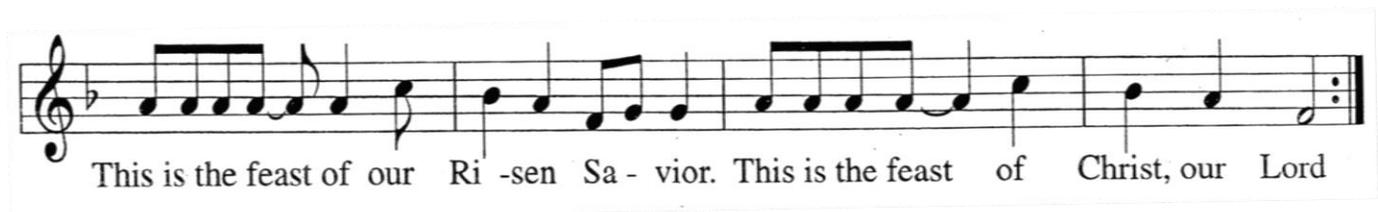
Gather Us In

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P. Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C. And also with you.

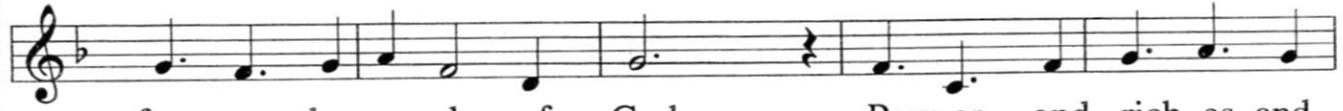
This is the Feast



This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord



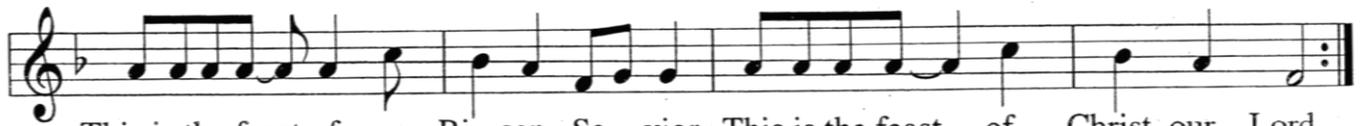
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich es and



wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His.



This is the feast of our Ri -sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord



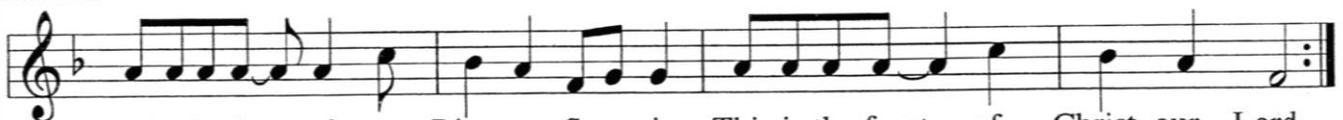
Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



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



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



This is the feast of our Ri -sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord

P. This is indeed the feast of our Risen Savior . . .

. . . And His glorious resurrection has indeed become the Lord of Life!

C:

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Al - le
 lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord

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Hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le-lu - jah. A - men.
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C:

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Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. 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. Amen.



Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Children's Church

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

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

L. Word of God. Word of life.

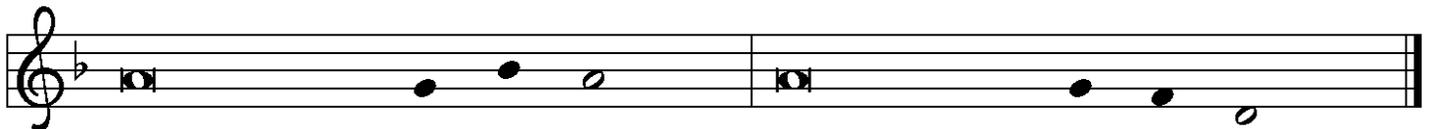
C. Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 113

(tone #9)

chanted responsively



Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants¹ of the LORD;
praise the name¹ of the LORD.

**Let the name of the¹ LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for-¹ evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its¹ going down
let the name of the¹ LORD be praised.

**The LORD is high a-¹bove all nations;
God's glory a-¹bove the heavens.**

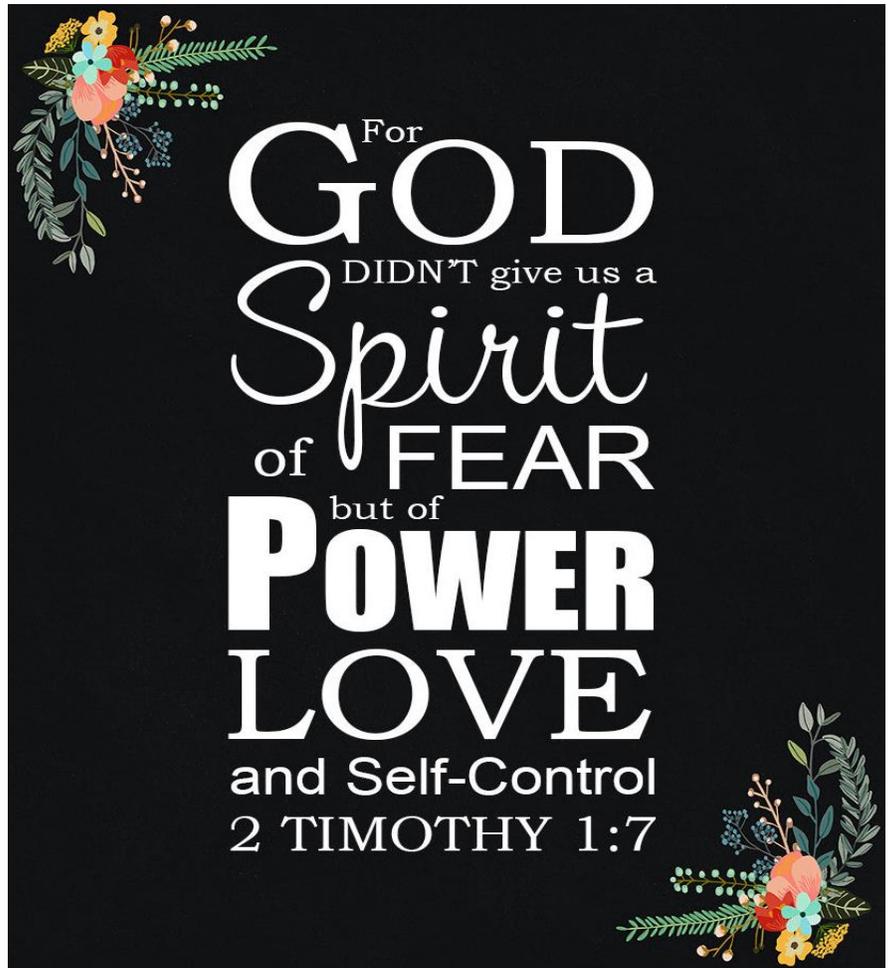
Who is like the LORD our God, who sits en-¹throned on high,
but stoops to behold the heavens¹ and the earth?

**The LORD takes up the weak out¹ of the dust
and lifts up the poor¹ from the ashes,**

enthroning them¹ with the rulers,
with the rulers¹ of the people.

**The LORD makes the woman of a¹ childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.¹ Hallelujah!**

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



- L. Word of God. Word of life.
- C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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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. Al-le- lu -ia.

- P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter Sixteen.

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. 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.' 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. I have decided what to do



so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 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.' 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. 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.

"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. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 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."

C: Glo - ry, glo - ry to you, O Lord. Al - le - lu - ia.

P. The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise, Praise to you, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Sermon

"Faithful: Little Much"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

The Offering

Anthem

Offertory: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. 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 dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble with your
pres-ence, Lord, your pres-ence, Lord, your pres-ence, Lord.
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste,
give us a fore-taste, give us a fore-taste of the
feast to come. A-men.

Offertory Prayer

A. Gracious God,

C. 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.
Amen.

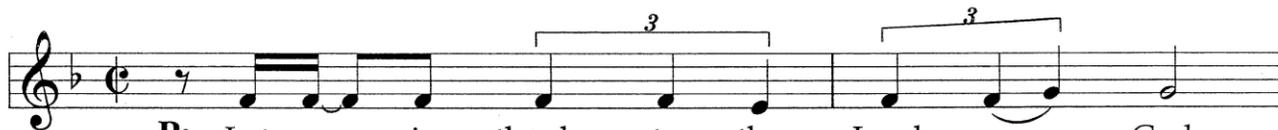
The Great Thanksgiving



P: The Lord be with you. C: And al- so 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 God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...join in their unending hymn:



Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might: heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
slower san - na in the high - est. *a tempo* Bless - ed, bless - ed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est

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

Invitation to Communion

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

C. Amen.

Lamb of God

slowly

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, bear-er of our sins, have mer-cy, have mercy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world, give us your peace.

Communion Hymns

<i>Come and Fill Our Hearts</i>	ELW 528
<i>Creating God, Your Fingers Trace</i>	ELW 684
<i>We Plow the Fields and Scatter</i>	ELW 681



Post Communion Blessing and Canticle



The musical score is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of eight lines of music. The lyrics are: "P: The bo - dy and blood of our Lord Je - sus Christ streng-then you and keep you in His grace. C: A-men. Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry - one what God has done. Let ev'-ry - one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peop - ple forth in joy with shouts, with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!" The word "A-men." is underlined in the original image. The final line of the score includes a handwritten "Al-le-lu-ia!" with a double underline and a flourish.

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le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

Post Communion Prayer

- A. 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.

Benedictus

Presider
The Lord bless you and keep you. The

Congregation
The Lord bless you and keep you, too.

Lord make his face shine on you and be gra-cious to

The Lord make his face shine on you

you. The Lord look up-on you with fa-vor and

and be gra-cious to you. The

give you peace. A - men.

Lord look up- on you with fa - vor and give you peace. A - men.

Sending Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW 537

Dismissal

- A. Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
- C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Brad Hunnicutt

Servers for Sunday, September 18th

Assisting Minister Shannon Thomsen
Reader Shannon Thomsen
Altar Guild Helen Holderman
Greeters / Counters Alecia Harrison / Sylvia Lambert
Acolyte Antonio Smith

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

Candles for the month of September are given by Tom & Alecia Harrison in honor of all Baptisms.



Flowers this week are given by Sheryll Albert in loving memory of Dicky Barnes.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.

After worship fellowship today is provided by your Church Council.

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OYSTER-FEST

Date and time: Thu, October 13, 2022, 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM EDT

Location: Agri Supply of Garner, 409 US East Highway 70, Garner, NC 27529

Food served from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Band of Oz Playing 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Menu: Steamed Oysters (shuck your own tables and pre-packaged cups), fried catfish, BBQ Pork (pulled), bistro clam chowder, coleslaw, salt potatoes, green beans, rolls & banana pudding.

Beer and Wine: \$4 each or 3 for \$10

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