

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Fargo, North Dakota

Pre-Service Music - Welcome

Opening Hymn *“Lord of All Hopefulness”*

LSB 738

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

LSB 151

Introit

Psalm 119:138-140, 142; antiphon: v 144, 137

P: Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

C: Righteous are you, O Lord, and right are your just decrees.

P: You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

C: My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.

P: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

C: Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

C: Righteous are you, O Lord, and right are your just decrees.

Kyrie *(sung)*

LSB 152-153

Hymn of Praise *(8:15) “This Is the Feast” LSB 155; (11) “Gloria in Excelsis” LSB 154*

Salutation and Collect

P: ♪ The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

P: Let us pray... O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4-7

R: The Old Testament reading for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Amos, chapter eight.

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we

may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music "Who Is Like Our God," by L Story, E Cash, F Cash, M Maher, & J Ingram

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-15

R: The Epistle is written in First Timothy, chapter two.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise)

Alleluia and Verse

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia and Verse. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C:♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management 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 removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn *“What Is the World to Me”*

LSB 730

Sermon *“Faithful in All Things”*

Luke 16:1-15

Creed (8:15) **Nicene Creed; (11) Apostles’ Creed**

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Prayer of the Church

Offering *(Please sign and pass the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.)*

Special Music: “Offertory,” by Valerie W. Stephenson

+ Service of the Sacrament – 8:15 am +
(Guests and visitors please refer to guideline “Preparation for Holy Communion”, printed on the inside of the bulletin cover.)

Communion Liturgy *LSB 160ff*

Distribution Hymns

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” *LSB 618*

“By Grace I’m Saved” *LSB 566*

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” *LSB 620*

Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction *LSB 166*

Announcements

Closing Hymn *“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”* *LSB 694*

Service Without Holy Communion – 11 am

Hymn *“By Grace I’m Saved”* *LSB 566*

The Lord’s Prayer, Collect, Benediction

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