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WE WORSHIP OUR LORD
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022, 11:15AM. +

Fill your lamps with the oil of Christ's love so that when it's midnight you might hold your lamp brightly before the darkest path.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

MIDDLE CROSS PRAISE SONG

[P] In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

[C] **Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

[P] Let us humble ourselves before God, confessing our sins to Him, and begging His forgiveness.

We Fall Down

[P] God forgives you and strengthens your faith. As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

P Together, we pray,

C **O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 6:1–7

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the
house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to
Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these
kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory,
³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near
the seat of violence? ⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of
ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 3:1–13

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.

⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.

⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.

¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19–31

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every

day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear

Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE MIDDLE CROSS, PRAISE SONG

SERMON

Say What?! Part Two

CREEDAL PRAISE SONG, THERE IS ONE REDEEMER

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

PRAYERS OF HIS CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious
to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you
peace.
C Amen.

THE MIDDLE CROSS PRAISE SONG

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