



Celebrating 65 Years

Holy Cross
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**MISSION SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HARVEST HOME
BIBLE TRANSLATION SUNDAY**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may use this prayer: **Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.***

INTRODUCTION

The readings for this day continue the theme of the past several weeks, asking God's people to consider their relationship to wealth. Our money can be a powerful tool for alleviating suffering in the world, but it can just as easily become a strong force that alienates us from the riches of God's love. We need to know where we place our deepest values.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Great God, as We Are Gathering" (W&R # 604)

Unison N.C. Fm $\frac{Bbm}{Db}$ Eb Fm Fm $\frac{4}{2}$ Fm Eb Ab

1 Great God, as we are gath - er - ing, you watch your peo - ple come;
 2 Great God, with - in this gath - er - ing, quell en - mi - ty and fear,
 3 Great God of man - y gath - er - ings, you make your peo - ple one;
 4 Great God, as from this gath - er - ing we go our sep - arate ways,

Ab Fm Fsus Fm Cm $\frac{Fm}{C}$ Cm $\frac{Cm}{Bb}$ $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ $\frac{Gm7(b5)}{Bb}$ $\frac{Fm}{C}$ Cm7 Fm

as yet, we're walk - ing out of step, help us to walk as one.
 bring hon - es - ty and o - pen - ness, make un - der - stand - ing clear.
 from dif - ferent back - grounds, ways and lives, our jour - neys have be - gun.
 we're joined by you, we go as one, to trav - el all our days.

WORDS: Andrew Pratt (1948-)
 MUSIC: Kentucky Harmony, 1813

MORNING SONG
 C.M.

INVOCATION (= All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God: the only Sovereign,
 Who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, Who came to save sinners; the
 Holy Spirit, Who lives within us.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Recognizing our need for mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek
 reconciliation with God and each other.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: God of overflowing grace, **C: we come to You with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve You in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

AMEN.

P: There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

HARVEST HOME DIALOG

L: In the wisdom of God there are seasons on earth which determine the cycles of all life.

C: He has made a time for sowing, a time for tilling, a time for harvesting and a time for the land to rest.

P: In the generosity of God He sends the rain and the sunshine both on the obedient and the disobedient.

C: We gratefully acknowledge the love of God which brings grain, vegetables and fruit for all to receive.

L: In the providence of God He gives His command that we should share our food with those who lack.

C: We are not owners but stewards of all that God gives us, and so we shall obey His wishes.

P: This is the time of harvest and we offer a portion of His gifts for the needs of others, for the abundance is truly the Lord's,

C: and by these gifts may others join in our praise.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

(Maj # 89 - favorite - Text: Henry Alford; Tune: George J. Elvey)

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest-home;
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take His har - vest-home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest-home;

1 All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin:
 2 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - rows grown:
 3 From His field shall in that day All of - fens-es purge a - way,
 4 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin:

1 God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied;
 2 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear;
 3 Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 4 There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bid;

1 Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest-home.
 2 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
 3 But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er-more.
 4 Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest-home. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: God of love, You know our frailties and failings. Give us Your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 91:1-8, 14-16

(congregation reads indented)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
 will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress,
 my God, in whom I trust.”

Surely He will save you from the fowler’s snare
 and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with His feathers,
 and under His wings you will find refuge;
 His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror of night,
 nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
 nor the plague that destroys at midday.

A thousand may fall at your side,
 ten thousand at your right hand,
 but it will not come near you.

You will only observe with your eyes
 and see the punishment of the wicked.

“Because he loves Me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him;
 I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call upon Me, and I will answer him;
 I will be with him in trouble,
 I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him
 and show him My salvation.”

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)* “We Are One in the Spirit”

(W&R # 595 - favorite - Peter Scholtes)

Unison

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

CHILDREN'S CHAT (8:30) Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READING....Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, 26-41.....p. 1228

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....1 Timothy 2:8-3:16 p. 1847

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“God, We Praise You!” verse 1 (W&R # 3)

1 God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sov-ereign Lord!
4 Christ, at God's right hand vic - to-rious, you will judge the world you made;
Might - y King whom an - gels wor-ship, Fa - ther, by your church a - dored:
Lord, in mer - cy help your ser - vants for whose free - dom you have paid.
all cre - a - tion shows your glo - ry, heaven and earth draw near your throne
Raise us up from dust to glo - ry, guard us from all sin to - day;
sing - ing, “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts, and God a - lone.”
King en - throned a - bove all prais - es, save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

WORDS: Christopher Idle (1938-); para. *Te Deum Laudamus*
MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELLuke 16:19-31.....p. 1626

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 4*

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON “Jeremiah & Timothy - Part III: Godly Leadership”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

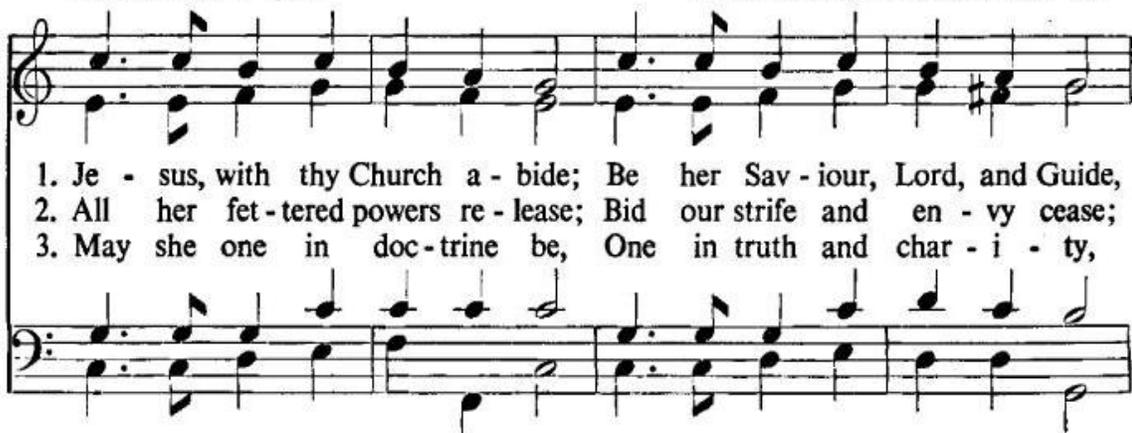
(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Jesus, With Thy Church Abide” (SBH # 153 2nd tune verses 1-4, 6-7)

LITANY. 777, 6.

WILLIAM HENRY MONK, 1823-89



1. Je - sus, with thy Church a - bide; Be her Sav - iour, Lord, and Guide,
2. All her fet - tered powers re - lease; Bid our strife and en - vy cease;
3. May she one in doc - trine be, One in truth and char - i - ty,



While on earth her faith is tried: We be - seech thee, hear us.
Grant the heav - en - ly gift of peace: We be - seech thee, hear us.
Win - ning all to faith in thee: We be - seech thee, hear us. A - men.

4 May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken-hearted bind:
We beseech thee, hear us.

6 May her lamp of truth be bright;
Bid her bear aloft its light
Through the realms of heathen night:
We beseech thee, hear us.

7 May she holy triumphs win,
Overthrow the hosts of sin,
Gather all the nations in:
We beseech thee, hear us. Amen.

Thomas Benson Pollock, 1836-96

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part IV. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:*

L: What is Baptism?

C: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water contained within God's command and united with God's Word

L: Where in the Word of God is this?

C: Where our Lord Christ spoke in the last chapter of Matthew (*Matthew 28:19*): "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

L: What gifts or benefits does Baptism bestow?

C: It gives us the forgiveness of sins, redeems us from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as God's words and promises declare.

L: What are these words and promises of God?

C: Our Lord Christ spoke, in the last chapter of Mark (*Mark 16:16*): "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

OFFERING *(Please sit.)*

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

MISSION MOMENT Lutheran Bible Translators &
Wycliffe Bible Translators (Marcos & Sarah Baughman)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy; C: hear our prayer.)

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

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: 

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Praise and Thanksgiving, Father, We Offer” (LBW # 409)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments in the Gathering Place. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can also brew your own gourmet coffee using the Keurig® in the Parlor/Library.

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*Sharon Branigan
in memory of Charles Branigan, Jr.*

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1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise
 4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -

Em Am Em G C Am F C

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
 fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will

Am G C G Am G C

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
 with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care.
 hun - ger; In your love's sway you Nour-ish the land.

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 Tune: Gaelic

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Sharon Branigan
SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski
SONG LEADER: Pastor David
LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Marianne Sands
CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler
LECTOR: 8:30-Eric Quan / 10:45-Kathy Ballek
ALTAR GUILD: Jan Stryker / Sharon Branigan
PHONETREE: *Volunteer Needed*
PRAYER CARE: call Darlene Treisner 610-442-8494
COUNTERS: Karen Brown / Michele Sciarra / Jan Stryker
HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry
GRASS CUTTERS: Pat & Chris Chmela / Jim Steiner (9/26 to 10/1)

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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