# 10:45 Celebration Worship Service



September 25, 2022



Welcome to all, especially visitors! <u>It is no accident that you are here!</u> We've been praying for you. We believe God has brought you here and wants to touch your life. You are among friends.

- ♦ If you are visiting, please sign in on our guest sign in sheet in the Welcome Lobby.
- ♦ At our 10:45 service: words for the contemporary hymns are projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.
- ♦ For the hearing impaired: hearing devices are available in the Narthex outside the sanctuary.
- ♦ *Restrooms:* To locate a restroom, exit the back of the worship area. Take two rights and proceed down the hallway. At the stairs, go left. The Women's Room is on the left, the Men's Room is straight ahead.
- ♦ Holy Communion at ELC: We welcome to the Lord's Table all the baptized people of God. Gluten free options and Grape juice are available.
- ♦ *Nursery:* We have a fully staffed nursery for infants through children six years of age or children of any age with special needs. The nursery opens at 10:30 AM on Sunday morning for our 10:45 AM worship service. The nursery is equipped with a pager system to help parents feel at ease.

\*Criminal Background Checks have been done for all of our Nursery & Children's Ministry Volunteers. September 25, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

# **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** 

# WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Please stand

# 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 for reflection and self-examination.
- P God of mercy and for giveness,
- 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 for given + 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

**ELW 532** 

# **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.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated

# FIRST READING 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

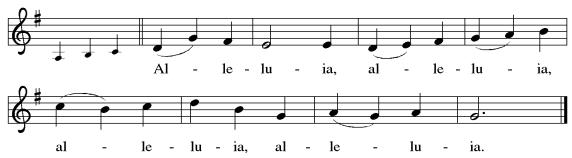
<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL Luke 16: 19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

# P The holy gospel according to St Luke the 16th Chapter C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames. Fast Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment. <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup>He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

P The gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Alan Smith

# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

After the children's message, the children are welcomed to be a part of the Children's Worship that takes place in our Sunday School Room #105. Children return from Children's Worship during the sharing of the peace.

**SERMON** Pastor D

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

**ELW 715** 

# THE 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



Members of Our Congregation: Marge Angerer, Don Cool, Karla Oller, Phyllis Shindle and The Family of Susan Kirby

Friends of the Congregation: Carolyn Campbell, Howard Held, Maci Jane, Diane Martz, Diana Hagerty Miner, Regina Spahnolgtli, Michaeline Srsic, Tracey Stoops, Alicia Wood and The people of Ukraine and all the Refugees

(Names will be posted for a month. If you would like to have them on longer, please contact the church office.)

#### PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Feed Us Celebration Choir arr. Brian Wetzel

Please stand

# **MEAL**

# **OFFERING**

Thank you for your continuous support of ELC ministries. Your generosity is making a difference. Please place your offering in one of the boxes at the entrance to the Sanctuary. You are a blessing!

#### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, 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.

# C Amen.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

# 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.

Please be seated

# **COMMUNION SONG**

Lamb of God How Deep the Father's Love for Us They'll Know We Are Christians

Please stand

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray. 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.

# **SENDING**

# BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN DISMISSAL **Everlasting God** 

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

# **POSTLUDE**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Acolyte	Luke McDannell
Altar Guild	Rachel Moritz/ David Hollinger/ Wayne Caouette
Children's Message	Alan Smith
Children's Worship	Andrea Oslikova
Communion Asst.'s	Lorna Hughes & Mandy Bakner
Flower Delivery	Donor
Greeters	McDonald Family & Denise Gates (Welcome) Harry Morningstar (Choir)
Lectors	Jeff Mace
Ushers	Team C
Sound Board	Brian Walker
Screens	Michelle Kring



In memory of Robert Stoops On his birthday By Pauline, Sandy, Eric & Robbie



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