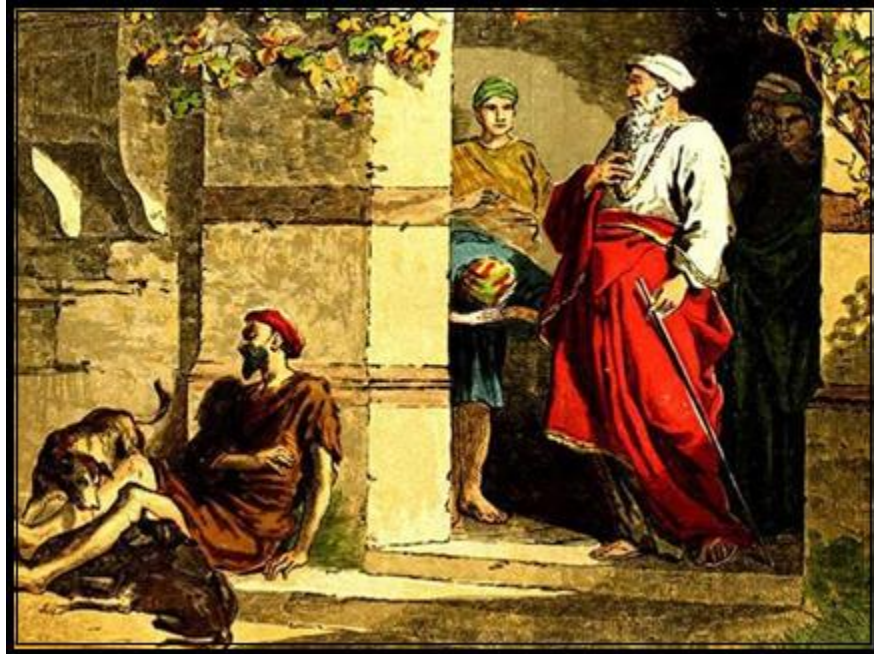


Sunday, September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 16C

Pastor Kim Swenson



The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

*The congregation is invited to say the **bold** words.*

Opening Hymn

“What is This Place”

Cranberry #524



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
 3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
 sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
 we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
 what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

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Call to Worship


Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

We have gathered in this place to worship,
Because Jesus invites us to come!
We come as we are,
the young and the old with our faith and our doubts,
with our successes and our failures,
Because Jesus invites us to come!

Come Let Us Eat vs 3


Cranberry 491

Leader or All




3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,

All



in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.

Leader or All



In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,

All



in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.

Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God from which nothing can separate us,
and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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. Amen.

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

WORD

Scripture Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

³Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
⁴**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**
⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
⁶**who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;**
⁷who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**
⁹The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰**The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!**

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰For 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.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight 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. ¹³In 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 ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign,

the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶If 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.

¹⁷As 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. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Leader or All



A - le - lu - ia! Words of stead - fast love.

All



A - le - lu - ia! Words of stead - fast love.

Leader or All



Save us as you pro - mised; we will trust your word,

All



save us as you pro - mised; we will trust your word.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He 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.’ ²⁵But 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. ²⁶Besides 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.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He 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.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Christ Be Our Light"

Cranberry #715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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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 the People

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

MEAL

Offering Prayer

Before us is a world in great need, waiting in hope.
We are a people holding treasure meant to be given away:
the good news of Christ; resources of time, talents, and money.
All we have is a gift from God;
therefore let us offer our lives to the Lord.
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. Amen.

Come Let Us Eat vss 1-2

Cranberry 491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Lord God,
for the blessing of your law
and the challenge of your prophets.

You have shown favor to your lowly servants
and remembered your promise to our ancestors.

You have been faithful to your covenant
and rescued us from the hands of our enemies.
You have revealed your saving purpose to all,
a light to the nations for the glory of your people.

We give you thanks, Lord God,
for the coming of Jesus Christ
and the proclamation of his kingdom.

Jesus was anointed to bring good news to people who are poor,
proclaim release to people who are captive,
restore the sight of those who are blind,
grant freedom to those who are oppressed,
and announce the year of your favor.
Let these words be fulfilled today.

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.

We give you thanks, Lord God,
For the gift of the Holy Spirit
And the calling of the church.

Pour out your Spirit upon all flesh.
Keep us ever faithful, devoting ourselves
to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
the breaking of bread and prayers,
until Christ returns in glory to reign. **Amen.**

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.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING

Announcements

Come Let Us Eat vs 4

Cranberry 491

Leader or All



4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Benediction

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

Hymn "Canticle of the Turning" Cranberry #723

1 My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for-tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na-tions rage from . . . age to age, we re-

God of my heart is great, and my spir-it sings of the
work great . . . things in me, and your mer-cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be-ware for your
mem-ber who holds us fast: God's mer-cy must de-

won-drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus-tice tears ev-'ry ty-rant . . . from his throne.
liv-er us from the con-quer-or's crush-ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your ser-vant's plight, and my
Your ver-y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun-gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the
This sav-ing word that our fore-bears heard is the

weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev-er earn; there are ta-bles spread, ev-'ry
prom-ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a-bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a-bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a-bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn-ing the world a-round.

Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.
Wipe a-way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

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Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

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Bethel Weekly

Just Mercy Discussion about the movie and book after worship TODAY in the Lounge.

Emails Needed Please check the list of emails on the clipboard in the lounge to make sure we have your correct address. Reminder that the October Bethel Herald will be coming to you by email. Printed copies will be available at church.

Congratulations Stephanie Lindow and Ben Rodgers will be married at Bethel on Saturday, October 1st.

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack registration is now open. Registration is on-line by going to FMSC.org, "click" on Volunteer and 2210-060SC Green Bay Community MobilePack should come up. Follow the registration prompts from there. Join the confirmation class and sign up on Monday from 7-9pm.

American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at Bethel on Mon, Oct 3rd from 11am-4pm. Sign up to donate at www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins will not be turned away.

Worship Change Wed, Oct 5th Due to the Packer Game being broadcast Sunday, October 9th in the morning from London and with Pastor Kim gone for the weekend, we are changing service from Sunday to Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30pm. The service will be recorded and uploaded for people to watch at a later day and time.

Special Congregational Meeting Sun, Oct 23rd There will be a special meeting called to take a first vote on the updated Constitution and Bylaws. We will also vote on the costs needed to make our one door completely handicap accessible.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister:	Charla Hilla
Altar Guild:	Sharon Hilla
Ushers:	Kathy Long and Dar Schuurmans
Video Tech:	Pegi BeDell