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September 8, 2024 – 10:00 AM

16th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord’s Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God’s forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the *Friendship Register* in each pew. Visitors are asked to also complete a *Visitors Card* from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Again, Welcome!

***Invites the Congregation to stand.**

HOLY COMMUNION

“Now the Feast and Celebration” - Musical Setting by Marty Haugen

Prelude “Elegiac Prelude” written by Gerald Bales

Welcome and Announcements

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

[C] Amen.

[P] Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

[P] Gracious God,

[C] have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[P] God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

[C] Amen.

***Gathering Hymn:** “Earth and All Stars!” ELW #731
As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.

***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.**

***Kyrie**

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



For the reign of God, and for



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



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Lord. For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have



Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.



mer - cy. A - men.



***Hymn of Praise**

“Now the Feast”

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

***The Prayer of the Day**

- [P] The Lord be with you.
- [C] **And also with you.**
- [P] Let us pray...
- [C] **Amen**

Insert

Children’s Message

Vicar James Hilden-Minton

Children’s Church (*Children are invited to the Fellowship Hall for further worship/education.*)

The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Insert

- [L] The Word of the Lord.
- [C] **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 146; refrain, Ps. 146:2

Insert


(*Congregation sings verses in **bold** print only.*)

The Second Lesson: James 2:1-17


Insert

- [L] The Word of the Lord.
- [C] **Thanks be to God.**


***Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we



go? _____ You have the words of e - ter - nal



life: Al - le - lu - ia! _____

Repeat

***The Gospel:** [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter.

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 7:24-37

Insert

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Vicar James Hilden-Minton

***The Hymn of the Day:** *“Light Dawns on A Weary World”* ELW #726

***The Prayers**

Insert

After each portion of the prayers:

[A] Hear us, O God.

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

***The Peace** is shared by all.

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] **And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The Offering

Offertory: *“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”*

Geoffrey O'Hara - Sung by Norby Lanford

***Offertory Hymn**

“As the Grains of Wheat”



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

***Offering Prayer**

[A] Let us pray together,

[C] **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Presider: Congregation: Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Congregation:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you God of po - wer and
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

[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.

[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.**

The Communion *Please follow the instructions of the ushers in coming to receive communion.*

The Congregation is invited to sing "Lamb of God".

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
 you are God's word of pro-mise made flesh:
 you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
 you are the way of mer-cy and love:
 mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us,
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns: (1) “Healer of Our Every Ill” ELW #612
 (2) “God, Whose Almighty Word” ELW #673

***Post-Communion Blessing**

[P] Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name.

[C] Amen.

***Praise to You, O God of Mercy**



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b’ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

***Post-Communion Prayer**

[A] Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] Amen.

***Benediction (Blessing)**

[P] God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

[C] Amen.

***Recessional Hymn:** “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ELW #886

As the cross is carried out during the singing of the hymn, the congregation turns to face the cross.

***Dismissal**

[All] Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

“Allegro”

G. F. Handel

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