

# Worship Service ~ September 21, 2025, 9:00 am

## 15th Sunday after Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Thank you to Lorri Messelt for sponsoring today's broadcast in loving memory of my dad, Noel Messelt; and gratitude for everyday I have together with my mom, Sharon Messelt.

### PRELUDE

*"Everything"* Words and Music by Lauren Daigle, Paul Mabury, and

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### OPENING SONG

#### TAKE MY LIFE

Words by Frances Ridley Havergal, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

Music by Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio and Henri Abraham Cesar Malan

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### INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*~Silence for Reflection~*

L: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

**C: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYER LAB MINUTE

R: A reading Amos.

**Amos 8:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain,

and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals

and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*HALLE, HALLE, HALLE*

R: A Gospel reading from the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Luke 16:1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

<sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

SONG OF THE DAY ELW #793 *BE THOU MY VISION* stz 1, 2, 3

MUSICAL OFFERING "*Celtic Grace*" by Tammy Waldrop; Bells of Faith, Dean Jensen, director

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OFFERTORY SONG ELW #184 *LET THE VINEYARDS*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: Let us give our thanks and praise to God!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion.*

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COMMUNION MUSIC    *"Grace Divine"* by Mark Schweizer; Faith Choir; Alan Ball, piano; Linda Burk, director

Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,  
In a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;  
Give up ourselves, through Jesus' power, His Name to glorify;  
And promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.

The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;  
We will no more our God forsake or cast these words behind.  
We never will throw off the fear of God Who hears our vow;  
And if Thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.

Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,  
Present with Thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;  
to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,  
And register our names on high and keep us to that day!

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

#### BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG      ELW #688 *LORD OF LIGHT* stz 1, 2, 3

#### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

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