



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 18, 8:45 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD

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As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Allegro non troppo in A minor, op. 55, no. 1

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
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.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✠ 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.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 669

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, 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 small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

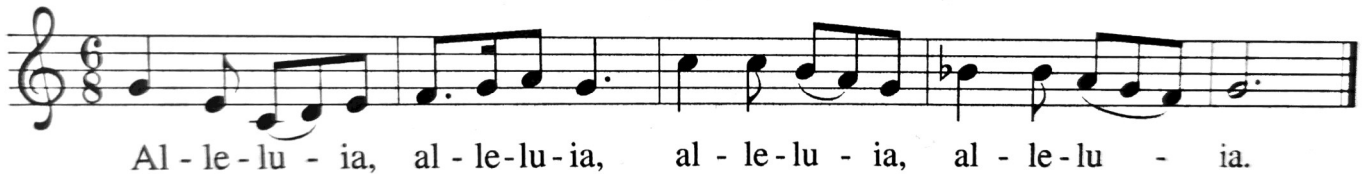
The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



All: Alleluia

Choir: Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; strive side by side for the faith of the gospel.
(Phil. 1:27)

All: Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

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. 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.’ 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. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ 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.’ 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. 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.

“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. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 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.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 678

God, whose giving knows no ending



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006
Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

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.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us
You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

CHORAL ANTHEM

All From the Sun's Uprise

All from the sun's uprise
Unto his setting rays,
Resound in jubilees
The great Jehovah's praise.

Him serve alone:
In triumph bring
Your gifts and sing
Before His throne.

Man drew from man his birth;
But God his noble frame
Built of the ruddy earth,
Filled with celestial flame.

His sons we are,
Sheep by Him led,
Preserved and fed
With tender care.

O to His portals press
In your divine resorts;
With thanks His power confess,
And praise Him in His courts

How good, how pure
His mercies last!
His promise passed
For ever, for ever, for ever sure!

Text: George Sandys (1578-1644), based on Psalm 113
Music: Philip Tomblings (1902-1986)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is right to give our thanks and praise, for in the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

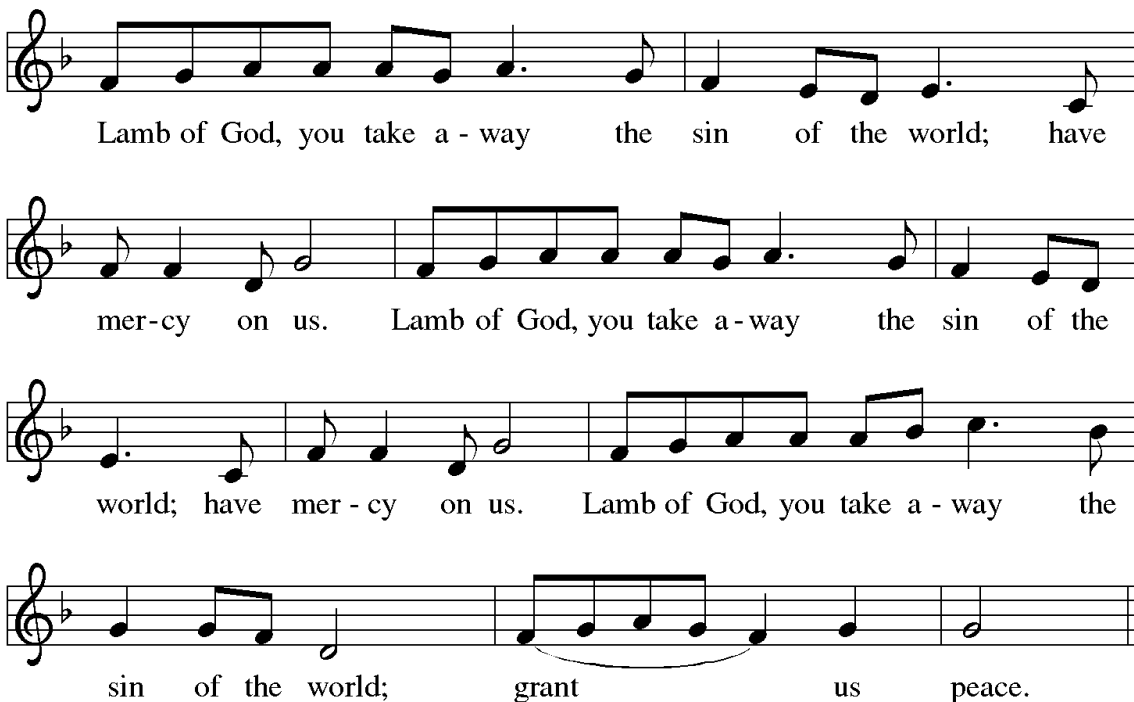
COMMUNION

When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup. If you wish gluten free bread, simply let the server know .

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

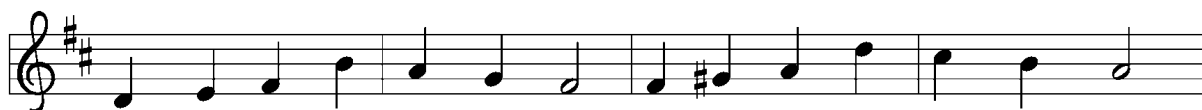
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Sung by the choir.

Psalm 113—Anglican chant by Ray Francis Brown

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 685

Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, finding us and holding us from eternity
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 589

All Depends on Our Possessing



Men 1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and
 Women 2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y
 3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -
 4 Well you know what best to grant me; all the long - ing
 5 If on earth my days should length - en, God, my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.
 new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.
 hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.
 soul still strength - en; all my trust in you I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are
 God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly
 To your lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der all my be - ing
 I shall doubt your wis - dom nev - er; as you will, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
 I sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a - lone I build.
 be it ev - er; I com - mit to you my way.
 way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in your grace.

Text: Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace,
 with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All Depends on Our Possessing
 1947)

Kenneth Kosche (b.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

COMMUNION SERVERS

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

READERS

8:45 Melissa Groen, *Director of Children's Ministries*

11:15 Ruth Manchester, *Parish Nurse, Director of Caring Ministries*

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Schola Cantorum



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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, Sept. 18—15th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM Reception
10:15 AM Forum
11:15 AM Holy Communion
3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation online

MONDAY, September 19

8:00 AM CDS Classes
6:00 PM Yoga

TUESDAY, September 20

8:00 AM CDS Classes
1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Reformation Bells
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY, September 21

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections
8:00 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Women in Community
1:30 PM Zoom Program Staff Meeting
5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program
5:30 PM Zoom Sara/Lydia Circle
7:30 PM AA
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 22

8:00 AM CDS Classes
4:00 PM CARing Project
7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, September 23

8:00 AM CDS Classes
7:00 PM Book and Video Discussion Group

SATURDAY, September 24

9:30 AM AA

SUNDAY, Sept. 25—16th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Prayer Partners Brunch
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM Reception
10:15 AM Forum
11:15 AM Holy Communion
5:00 PM Wickre Organ Concert (Organized Rhythm)

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

Sunday, September 18, 2022

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

Saint Luke Update 9/18/2022 Edition

THE COVID TRANSMISSION RATE in Montgomery County has for now decreased, so now masks are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED indoors at Saint Luke. Thank you for staying safe and well.

FAITH FORMATION

Christian Education Classes for all ages begin **today, during the 10:00 a.m. hour**. A detailed schedule is available in the narthex on several of the credenzas. We thank all who convenes these learning opportunities. Thank you to all teachers and leaders. This detailed list of opportunities is also on the website and was sent out yesterday as well on the listserv. Check it out.

BRUNCH : HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

Yes, it's a brunch and we sure hope you come. All are invited to gather in the **Big Top, (Upper Parking Lot) next Sunday, September 25, 10:00 a.m.** (after the first service) until no later than 11:00. Come enjoy delicious food and also let us celebrate the ministry of prayer.

Are you a present Prayer Partner, a new Prayer Partner, want to hear a bit about this ministry, or simply enjoy the fellowship? Come to the Big Top.

Also, there will be a brief testimony/story about prayer in our lives.

So we get a count, **please RSVP by Friday, September 24, to Ruth Manchester, rmanchester@saintluke.us** or call the church office, 301-588-4363 to let us know you will be attending.

And...can you spare a few minutes each day praying for a few people/families? **We need you – how wonderful to be a faith community rooted in prayer. Again, if you can help, kindly let Ruth Manchester know –** Prayer Partners will be commissioned during both morning services on September 25.

WICKRE ANNUAL ORGAN CONCERT

The annual Paul and Carrie Memorial Organ concert will feature **Organ and Percussion Duo “Organized Rhythm” on Sunday September 25 at 5:00 p.m.** followed by a reception on the patio. Come enjoy popular music such as Fanfare for the Common Man and Hoe Down of Aaron Copland as well as Danse Macabre of Saint-Saëns and Jupiter from The Planets of Gustav Holst. There will be a free-will offering.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Yes, it is time to invite Fluffy and Fido (and all other pets) to church. It is a service just for them, this coming **Sunday, October 2, 5:00 p.m.** in the Bit Top. Yes, it is the **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**.

Just a reminder then to make sure it is on their schedule. Humans warmly welcomed, too. Please know all animals must be on a leash or in a crate. A reception will follow – for the animals.

Please pass the word to neighbors and friends.

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Norman O. Forness, 1936-2009

This hymn is an updated version of the original hymn "Rise Up, O men of God!" written by William Pierson Merrill for the Presbyterian Brotherhood Movement. Forness used the same three opening words set to the same tune and fashioned a new trinitarian hymn. It works out from Christ's resurrection and baptismal grace to proclamation to creation's cry of pain and to justice. - ELW Hymnal Companion

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards, 1915-2006

In 1961 the Hymn Society of America was conducting a search for new hymns on Stewardship. During a summer vacation in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the author and his family were listening to recordings of hymns and the Welsh Tune HYFRYDOL caught his fancy. With this meter in mind he wrote this text which was one of the winning hymns and explains and highlights the meaning of our stewardship of God's resources so graciously given to us. The ELW has set this text to RUSTINGTON, written by English composer C. Hubert H. Parry.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Take My Life, That I May Be

Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

Miss Havergal during a visit with friends prayed that God would use her witness to win all ten members of the family to Christ. "Before I left the house everyone had got a blessing," she wrote. On the last night of her visit twelve couplets came to her mind dealing with true consecration, which involves mind, body, words, deeds, intellect, will, money, possession, and the whole self. The final couplet integrates and sums up these with "Ever, only All for Thee!" - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

All Depends on Our Possessing

Anonymous, circa 1673

This hymn, translated by Catherine Winkworth in 1858, was first published in Nürnberg in 1676. The version in ELW is the one found in the LBW in which the original third stanza was omitted. - ELW Hymnal Companion

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Allegro non troppo in A minor, op. 55, no. 1—Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Guilmant was a French organist and composer. He was the organist of La Trinité from 1871 until 1901. A noted pedagogue, performer, and improviser, Guilmant helped found the Schola Cantorum de Paris. He was appointed as Professor of Organ at the Paris Conservatoire in 1896.—Wikipedia

The Allegro non troppo in A minor is the first piece in Op. 55 which is part of the collection *The Practical Organist* privately published by Guilmant between 1871 and 1880. It has a meandering melody with an air of melancholy. A contrasting section in the dominant comes back in the tonic. The final section ends in the major mode.

Choral Anthem : All From the Sun's Uprise—Philip Tomblings (1902-1986)

All from the sun's uprise is a festive paean of praise based on Psalm 113 by Philip Tomblings, a rather obscure English organist who spent his career as a school master and parish organist.

Prelude: All Depends on Our Possessing—Kenneth Kosche (b. 1947)

Kenneth T. Kosche is emeritus Professor of Music, Concordia University Wisconsin (Mequon, WI) where he directed the Concordia Chorale (chapel choir) and Kammerchor (touring choir), served as director of the parish music program, and taught conducting, choral literature, and composing/arranging to undergrads and graduate students in the Masters in Church Music degree program. His setting on the hymn tune ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN has a first section which hints at the tune, but has a lot of passing tones. The second section has the tune proper in the right hand with a punctuating left hand.