

*Welcome to Moe Lutheran Church*  
*Pentecost 16 ~ September 28, 2025*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK:** *Stewardship Committee*

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

**Merciful and loving God,  
we are your stiff-necked people.  
We trample on the needy.  
We grumble about your grace to others.  
We turn away from the poor.  
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.  
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.  
Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.  
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG:** *"Son of God, Eternal Savior"*

*ELW 655*

**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:**

**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.**

## 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.*

- <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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 113

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!  
Praise, O servants of the Lord;  
praise the name of the Lord.  
<sup>2</sup> **Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time on and forevermore.**  
<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised.  
<sup>4</sup> **The Lord is high above all nations  
and his glory above the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup> Who is like the Lord our God,  
who is seated on high,  
<sup>6</sup> **who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?**  
<sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
<sup>8</sup> **to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.**

## 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.*

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> 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:

***ELW Holy Communion Setting 10, page 205***



## GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

*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.*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 16th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> 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."

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

**SERMON SONG: "O God of Mercy, God of Light" Vs 1-4 ELW 714**

**SERMON**

**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.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY:

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

### PRAYERS:

We come before our Heavenly Father, the giver of all good gifts, to pray for the Church, for our community, and for one another.

God who inspires ... we pray for our Church's witness in this world. May our mission and ministry boldly reveal the good news of your saving grace for all people.

Lord in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**

God who motivates ... we pray for this congregation's witness in our community. May we live our faith in a way that makes a difference for those around us who are struggling or hurting.

Lord in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**

God who calls ... we pray for all who are baptized into Christ. May we cherish this gift of new life in Christ, given thru Baptism. Help us honor you by walking the path of faith and service you call us to live.

Lord in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**

God who teaches ... we pray for our children and youth. Protect them from all harm. Guide them to hear your Word. Help them to grow in faith and love for you.

Lord in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**

God who comforts ... we pray for those for those who struggle with depression or addiction, for those who feel sad and alone, and for those who are grieving ... especially today we pray for the family of Verland Orvis and the family of David Vatnsdal. Be their comfort and strength as they entrust their loved ones to you.  
Lord in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**

God who listens ... we lift these and all the prayers of our hearts to you, confident that you hear us and know all that we hope for and need.  
In your name we pray ... **AMEN.**

**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.**

**BENEDICTION:**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**Three-fold Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”** **ELW 551**

**DISMISSAL:**

*Go in peace. Serve the Lord!*  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Thank you, Janet Johnson, for leading us in worship  
and sharing your message today!*

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