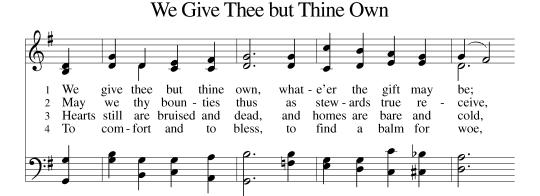
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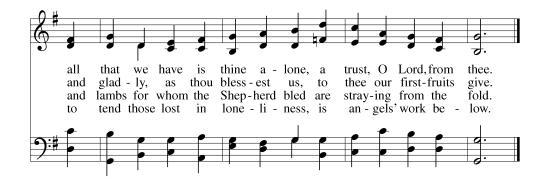


As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By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

# PRELUDE – WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER REQUESTS

\*GATHERING SONG: We Give Thee But Thine Own (verses 1-4) – Green Book: 410





- 5 The captive to release, the lost to God to bring, to teach the way of life and peace it is a Christlike thing.
- 6 And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be: whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, Mason and Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

#### **GREETING:**

L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

L: You are treasured people of the Lord,

ALL: a people holy to the Lord our God.

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

ALL: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

L: One does not live by bread alone,

# ALL: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you,

# ALL: And also with you.

L: 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. **ALL: Amen.** 

#### FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

- L: <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.
- L: The word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: 113**

- L: <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.
- ALL: <sup>2</sup> Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.
- L: <sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.
- ALL: <sup>4</sup> The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.
- L: <sup>5</sup> Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,
- ALL: 6 but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- L: <sup>7</sup> The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
- ALL: 8 enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.
- L: <sup>9</sup> The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

# **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

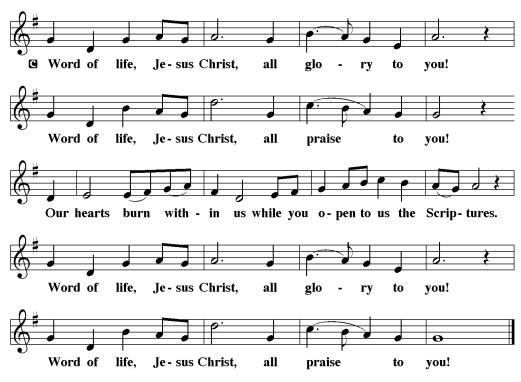
L: <sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and acceptable 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.

L: The word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**GOSPEL:** Luke 16:1-13

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

## ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: <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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord. ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

#### **SERMON: Deacon Rachel Sosebee**

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY: Let Streams of Living Justice

# Let Streams of Living Justice



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#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

ALL: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith

ALL: 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 power of 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.

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

ALL: pray in the Holy Spirit.

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

ALL: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

ALL: Everything old has been passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

A moment for silent prayer.

Gracious God,

ALL: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

#### \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

You are invited to greet your neighbors with a sign of Christ's peace.



SCAN ME

#### **OFFERING**

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the OR code provided or go to

trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

#### \*OFFERTORY



L: Let us pray together. God, our Creator,

ALL: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence*.

O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones (*especially*). May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. We also ask your guidance for Zion Lutheran Church of Gasport. God of grace,

ALL: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of grace,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: And knowing that you hear our needs that are too deep for words to express, we share those needs with you now in this time of silent prayer.

A moment for silent prayer...

L: God of grace, ALL: receive our prayer.

L: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

ALL: Amen.

#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

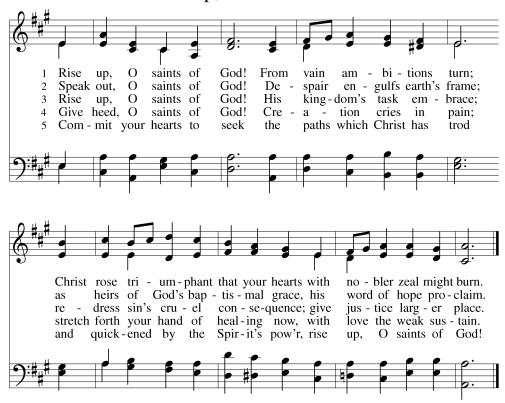
L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### \*BLESSING

L: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever. **ALL: Amen.** 

\*SENDING HYMN: Rise Up, O Saints of God! Green Book: 383

# Rise Up, O Saints of God!



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#### \*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

# **About Today's Readings:**

# 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.

# 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.

# **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.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# <u>Please Hold in Prayer:</u>

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.

We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:

Dale Kruschke Ray Francis Kate Powell Wes

We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of: Mary Jo Schumacher Lisa Black Daryl Mazza

#### Weekly:

Sunday worship at 9:30 Sunday School at 10:45 Thursdays at 10am Bible Study (see Bible Study list for location)

#### **Food Pantry:**

First Monday of the Month: Food Pantry setup @ 8am

First Tuesday of the month: Food Pantry distribution @ 8am

Counters: September: Jennifer, October: Glenn

Council: October 14th at 7:00

Office Info: Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

Tracy: Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote

Call, text or email any time.

# Upcoming

**TBD: Corn Shucking!** 

Today: Prayer Pal Reveal at noon at Sue's

October 11th: Chowder Sale

# **Bible Study**

Trinity's Bible Study has merged in with the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study! Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

- -September 18<sup>th</sup>: Zion Lutheran, 4447 Central Ave, Gasport
- -September 25th: St. Johns, St. John's Lutheran Church, 10213 Rosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville
- -October 2<sup>nd</sup> here at Trinity!

# **Sunday School Photos**

We would like to get a photo of every student to post on our Sunday School board. We will plan to take photos today – please head downstairs!

<u>WI-FI:</u> To access our community wifi, go to 'Trinity Guest' on your device, and then when prompted, enter the password:

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