

Holy Communion
Sunday, September 22, 2019
Pastor - Rev. Dennis Tollefson
Organist - Lori Free

Organ Prelude

Pastor's greeting

Opening Hymn: **WOV #781 My Life Flows On in Endless Song**

Order of Worship: pages 94-96, 147-150

Prayer of the Day - Celebrate

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: 113

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **WOV #765 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

Apostle's Creed: page 105

Prayers of Intercession - Celebrate

Offertory: Hymn 186 in Service Music - "Create in me..."

Communion: pages 152 - 155

Communion Hymn: **WOV #756 Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

Sending Song: **WOV #723 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve**

Dismissal

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS
CELEBRATING OUR 137th YEAR
IN HIS SERVICE
1882 - 2019

Pastor Dennis Tollefson is currently retired and lives with his wife Mary in Minnetonka, MN. He has served parishes in Vermillion and Wakonda, SD; Fargo, ND; Madison, WI; Cambridge and Ham Lake, MN.

Dennis graduated from St. Olaf College and served three years as an infantry officer in the U. S. Marine Corps. He attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Dennis and Mary have three married daughters and eight grandchildren.

Dennis and Mary have been serving at Bethany for 26 years since coming for the first time in 1993.

Currently they are leading a small group from Westwood Lutheran Church in St Louis Park, Minnesota discussing a prayer of good courage found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 304, Evening Vespers.

*We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today.
If you spend time in Door County please consider becoming
a member of our special ministry. Contact any member for
information.*

**All baptized Christians who celebrate the Real Presence
in the Sacrament of Communion are invited to the Lord's
Table.**

Restrooms are located in the Pioneer School

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and follow our worship service live, and archived,
on the web site.**

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, you call your church to serve you. Free your people from the deceptions of false masters so that we discover the true richness of serving in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you have made all kinds of creatures. Protect animals in the midst of seasonal migration, whether by water, through the air, or over land. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wise God, you rule the nations. When the powerful trample on the needy and take advantage of the poor, turn them from their selfish ways. Show us your ways of truth that lead to justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, you raise up those who have been brought low, and you remember the forgotten. We lift up to you all who are in need (*especially*). Grant them joy and comfort in your presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mothering God, you give us life. Give strength to families experiencing infertility or challenging pregnancies, to foster parents, parents of adopted children, single parents, and families of all varieties. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, you hold us close even in death. We lift to you our thanks for those who have recently died and are now at rest with you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preparing for Next Week

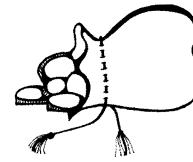
Monday Psalm 12. **Tuesday** 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. **Wednesday** Proverbs 21:10-16. **Thursday** Psalm 146. **Friday** Proverbs 28:3-10. **Saturday** Proverbs 28:11-28. **Michael and All Angels** Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3; Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22; Revelation 12:7-12; Luke 10:17-20 **OR 16th Sunday after Pentecost** Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

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Celebrate

Sunday, September 22, 2019
15th Sunday after Pentecost

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 recall 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.

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.

Hear this, you that trample on the
needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the
land,
⁵saying, "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,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the
wheat."
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of
Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of
their deeds.

