

# Time after Pentecost

## Lectionary 28

### October 14, 2018



**Gathering Song**      *Praise and Thanksgiving*      **Hymn #689**  
**Hymn of the Day**   *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*   **Hymn #678**  
**Sending Song**      *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*      **Hymn #551**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

#### FIRST READING: Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

*Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.*

**A:** *A reading from Amos.*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,

but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins —  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

*The word of God, word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 90:12–17

*Read Responsively by whole verse (bold type)*

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?**  
**Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us**  
**and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;**  
**prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12–16

*We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.*

**A:** *A reading from Hebrews*

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-

edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*The word of God, word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



**P:***The holy gospel according to St. Mark*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31**

*Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.*

<sup>17</sup>As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard

it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

*The gospel of the Lord.*

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

(Petition Response to Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**)

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*Nicole Nicholson, Church Musician  
Elaine DiChiara, Administrative Assistant  
Roxanne Toomey, Deacon  
April Pace, Nursery School Director*

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**We Welcome all visitors** to our services. Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary. On Sunday mornings we invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Room 2000 immediately following the 9:00 am worship service.

**Parents with Restless Children** may wish to move to the Library where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.

**The Altar Flowers** are by **Kay Riese and Family** in loving memory of **Fred Riese** on his birthday anniversary.

# Serving Today

Deacon: 9:00-Roxanne Toomey  
Lector: 9:00-Roxanne Toomey  
Comm.Assists:9:00-Lilly Ann Munnich, Julie Fisher  
Acolyte: 9:00-  
Crucifer: 9:00-  
Ushers: 9:00-Bob Rath, Michael Soethout, Frank Tetro  
Altar Guild: Doris Ohlander, Joan Drake, Norma Mantay,  
Regina Coons, Edwina Henderson  
Counters: Bill Roser, Joan Drake, Marge Dahlberg, Art Johnson  
Flower Delivery: Emmy Grenzic  
Greeter: Joan Drake  
Coffee Hour Hosts: The Fryer & Reimer Families

## Announcements for the Week of October 14, 2018

**Many thanks** to the **Fryer & Reimer Families** who are hosting our Coffee Hour on this morning.

**Our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Country Fair** is Friday, October 26 - 5pm - 8pm and Saturday, October 27 - 9am - 3pm. See insert for additional information.

**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Hicksville** will be hosting "Barn Dancing" today, October 14 - 6 pm - 8 pm. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Pixie Nursery School & Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church** will be having their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 27 - 10 am - 3 pm. See flyer on bulletin board in the Narthex.

**The Church of St. Jude** is having their Country Fair on November 3 - 10 am - 3 pm. See flyer on bulletin board.

Again we are providing a unique opportunity to show your remembrance of a family member or friend on All Saints Sunday (November 4) through the "**Lights of Love**" program. Please see bulletin insert for additional information.

**Just a reminder – Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection Box** – If you have any eye glasses that you no longer need or use, the Wantagh Lion's Club is collecting them. **Please note the Lion's Club just started collecting used hearing aids also.** There is a box in the hallway outside the Library where you may donate your old glasses and hearing aids. **The Lion's Club is very thankful for all your donations.**

**Nursery School Registration for the 2018 - 2019 School Year is in progress.** There are classes for 2, 2-1/2, 3 and 4 year olds, mornings only. If you have any questions about the program, please call the Nursery School at 516-679-8425

## The following people are on our Prayer List ~ we remember them in our prayers ~

**Jose Alves, Ellen Bacotti, Carole Brodman, James Cathcart, Donna Chillemi, Dennis Colton, Michael Florio, Barbara Grieser, Helen Gscheidle, Edwina Henderson, Susan Jencen, Robert Knox, Carly Mantay, Janet McShea, William McShea, James Pallas, George & Marylou Steele, Natalie Stone**

We ask that you please keep us updated and let us know of any changes. If you would like to add someone to the list who is in need of prayers, please let Pastor know or call Elaine at 221-3286.

### Thrift Shop Hours:

Friday ~ 9am - 3pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month ~ 10am - 2pm

## **St. John's Food Pantry**

peanut butter, evaporated milk, coffee, box instant potatoes, tuna, chili, stew, Spam, hash, mustard, canned peas, canned green beans, rice, Mayonnaise, bar soap, shampoo, facial tissues, laundry soap

## **Weekly Calendar**

**Sun. 9:00am Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 28**  
**Worship Service**  
**10:00am Coffee Hour**  
**10:15am Sunday School & Confirmation**  
**Thurs. 5:30pm Youth Choir**  
**7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal**  
**8:00pm Senior Choir**  
**Fri. 9am-3pm Thrift Shop**  
**Sun. 9:00am Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 29**  
**Worship Service**  
**10:00am Coffee Hour**  
**10:15am Sunday School & Confirmation**