

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 21, 2025

## WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

**Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

**Quiet room** Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

## THEME: PENTECOST 15 -

### GOD GIVES US MONEY SO THAT WE WOULD RETURN IT TO HIM

God does not give us money to have, but to use... in service to Him. Money cannot make us content. Only God's promises can make us content. We tend to think of our money as our own concern and none of God's business. But Jesus has redeemed our lives - including the way we use money - for Himself. As believers, everything we do in life is an expression of gratitude to Jesus for redeeming us. This leads to the truest enjoyment of life for which we were created.

### PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF "CLOSE COMMUNION"

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

*Flowers are provided by Dennis and Darla Peaslee in thanksgiving to God as they celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting One ..... pg. 154 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	911	<i>God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises</i>
Grades 4,5 (8:00 AM)		<i>Oh, How I Love Jesus</i>
Hymn of the Day	748	<i>Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly</i>
Communion Hymns	695	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>
	717	<i>What Is the World to Me</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Ecclesiastes 5:10-20
Second Lesson	1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19
Gospel Lesson	Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

**Luke 16:1-13**  
*Shrewd and Faithful*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

You may benefit from pages 295-296 in the blue hymnal to prepare for the Sacrament.  
You may find the prayers inside the front cover or on pages 255-258 useful.  
Why not review the Fourth Petition on the top of page 290?

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider.....	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Sermon.....	Rev. Shaun Arndt
Keyboard.....	Mrs. Sarah Bilitz
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers.....	Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr, Mr. Kevin Proeber
Projection Slides .....	Amy Larson

## FIRST READING

## Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

<sup>10</sup>Anyone who loves money is never satisfied with money, and anyone who loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is vanishing vapor.

<sup>11</sup>When goods increase, so do those who eat them. What profit, then, does the owner get, except to see these things with his eyes?

<sup>12</sup>The worker's sleep is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but a rich person's abundant possessions allow him no sleep.

<sup>13</sup>I have seen a sickening evil under the sun—wealth hoarded by its owner to his own harm, <sup>14</sup>or wealth that is lost in a bad investment. Or a man fathers a son, but he has nothing left in his hand to give him. <sup>15</sup>As he came out from his mother's womb, so he will go again, naked as he came. From his hard work he can pick up nothing that he can carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup>This too is a sickening evil: Just as he came, so he will go. So what does he gain, he who works for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Besides this, during all his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, sickness, and anger.

<sup>18</sup>So then, here is what I have seen to be good: It is beautiful to eat, to drink, and to look for good in all a person's hard work which he has done under the sun, during the few days of his life that God has given him, for that is his reward. <sup>19</sup>Likewise, for everyone to whom God has given wealth and riches, if God has also given him ability to eat from it, to enjoy his reward, and to rejoice in the results of his hard work—this is a gift of God, <sup>20</sup>for the man seldom reflects on the days of his life, since God keeps him busy with the joy in his heart.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADES 4-5** (8:00 AM Service)    *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

arr. Walter Ehret, ASCAP

## SECOND READING

## 1 Timothy 6:6–10, 17–19

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly cannot take anything out. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied.

<sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into complete destruction and utter ruin. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils. By striving for money, some have wandered away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>17</sup>Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our

enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Refrain*



*Tone*



*Refrain*

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## GOSPEL

### Luke 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus also said to his disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>The rich man called him in and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be manager.'

<sup>3</sup>"The manager said to himself, 'What will I do, since my master is taking away the management position from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position as manager, people will receive me into their houses.'

<sup>5</sup>"He called each one of his master's debtors to him. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'Six hundred gallons of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.' <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, 'How much do you owe?' And he said, 'Six hundred bushels of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and write four hundred and eighty.'

<sup>8</sup>“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of the light are. <sup>9</sup>I tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous mammon, so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup>The person who is faithful with very little is also faithful with much. And the person who is unrighteous with very little is also unrighteous with much. <sup>11</sup>So if you have not been faithful with unrighteous mammon, who will entrust you with what is really valuable? <sup>12</sup>If you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something to be your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters. Indeed, either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly | CW 748*

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in our frail foolishness we tend to imagine that a little more money could make life better, easier, happier. Change our thinking so that we look only to you for what we need. When we come up short financially, cause us not to panic but to hold tenaciously to your promises. Fill us with faith in your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Reconciliation with you, a conscience free from guilt, escape from judgment, rescue from death, the resurrection of our bodies to eternal life, adoption into your family through Baptism, our status as your royal sons and daughters, the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, the protection of your holy angels, inclusion in the Body of Christ, lives redeemed to a higher purpose, the wisdom of your Word - Father, open our eyes to see the wealth that belongs to us through faith in your Son. Make us content to be your own. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Holy Trinity, bless all who are about to receive your Son's body and blood in the Sacrament. As He gives Himself to us, make us willing to give ourselves to others. Let our trust in you to provide for us express itself in generosity to all. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

All these things we ask in the name of Jesus, for whose sake you are glad to grant us all things.

**Amen.**