

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Follower of Jesus Strives for a Right Relationship with Worldly Wealth



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Lord of Love Lutheran Church

September 18, 2022

DIVINE SERVICE II



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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

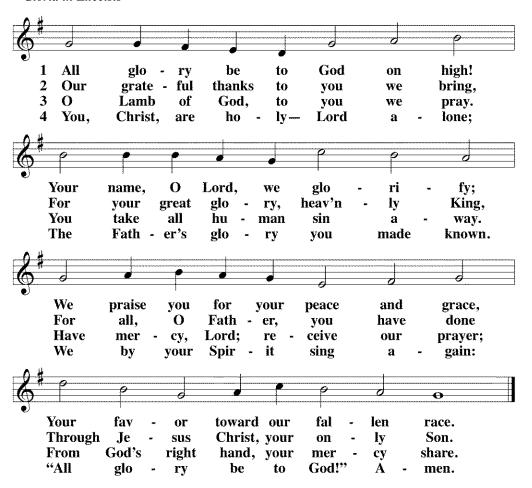
M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

Gloria in Excelsis





THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life. Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ When goods increase, so do those who eat them. What profit, then, does the owner get, except to see these things with his eyes? ¹² The worker's sleep is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but a rich person's abundant possessions allow him no sleep. ¹³ I have seen a sickening evil under the sun—wealth hoarded by its owner to his own harm, ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ Besides this, during all his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, sickness, and anger.

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ for the man seldom reflects on the days of his life, since God keeps him busy with the joy in his heart.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Ever in Joyful Song

STAND

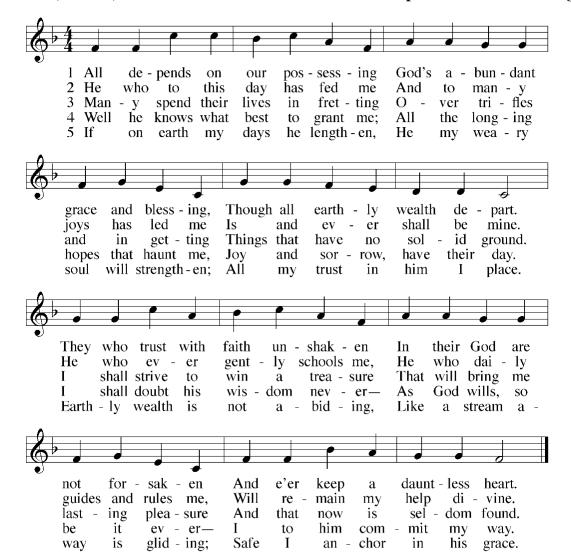
GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:1-13

Jesus also said to his disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. ² 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.' ³ "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. ⁴ I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position as manager, people will receive me into their houses.' ⁵ "He called each one of his master's debtors to him. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'Six hundred gallons of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.' ⁷ 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.'

⁸ "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. ⁹ I tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous mammon, so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ So if you have not been faithful with unrighteous mammon, who will entrust you with what is really valuable? ¹² If you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something to be your own? ¹³ 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."

HYMN (CW 421)

All Depends on Our Possessing



Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, alt.

SERMON

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

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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...

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ 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.

God's Wealth Management Strategies

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERINGS BROUGHT FORWARD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The apostle Paul instructs us: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." Rejoicing in Christ's salvation offered to all, let us call upon God our Father for ourselves and for all people.

Kind Father, your Son declared to us that we cannot serve you and also be devoted to money. Free all your baptized children from obsession with the goods of this world, that they may set their hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you entrust to your people the abundant wealth of Christ's salvation in your Word and Sacraments. Bless pastors, that they might be faithful stewards of these mysteries, and grant that all your people would make proper use of your Means of Grace and rejoice in your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, you have created man and woman for different offices and with different gifts, that they might complement one another and glorify you. Grant that,

in our homes and congregations, your people might rejoice in the callings you have given them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our Savior, uphold our president, our governor, and all whom you have placed in high positions with wisdom and mercy, that we may lead peaceable and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind, those grieving in their sorrows, and the dying in their last hours [especially ______]. Grant them the comfort of your presence, relief according to your will and peace in their hearts. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, your Son gave himself as a ransom for all and now gives himself to us, that we might have life and salvation. Give us unity in faith and hearts eager for mercy as we receive his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in his grace and life until that day when you gather us to be among the saints in glory around your throne; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

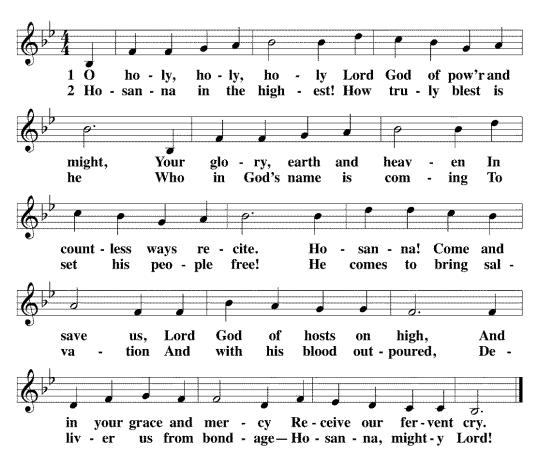
Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBER



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 158)

I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again



Text: Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: Es IST GENUG (10 6 10 6 99 44) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 466)

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose



Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745-88, alt.

Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698–1768, alt.



M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 477 v. 3-4)

What is the World to Me

The world seeks after wealth, and all that money offers, Yet never is content, though gold should fill its coffers. I have a higher good; content with it I'll be; My Jesus is my wealth – what is the world to me!

What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure, My life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my pleasure, My joy, my crown, my all, my bliss eternally. Once more then I declare: What is the world to me!

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Sunday September 18: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: Brian Ehlenbach (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Mike Wilson
- Refreshments: Lisa Myhre
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold

• A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

Sunday September 25: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Ryan Jaeger (8:00 am) and Jim Miller (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Refreshments: *Volunteer(s) needed*
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold

• A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Sharon Kalscheuer (9/19), Kailey Steinbrink (9/19), Wyn Miller (9/21), Eileen Betzer (9/22), Craig Kalscheuer (9/22), Rose Lund (9/22), Kyle Kopplin (9/23) and Ray Natysin (9/24) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Heather & Steven Hurth (9/19) and Allie & Fermin Valencia (9/22) who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Marilyn Richardson and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: 10 Lies About God, Sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: Study of 1st & 2nd Thessalonians, Downstairs

Wednesday 6:30 pm: 2 Corinthians, Downstairs

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45)

Romans, DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Apple Pie sales: The ladies are baking up apple pies as a fundraiser for items on the church's wish list. Pies can be a double crust or streusel top. Choices are baked or unbaked. They are \$18 each. **Orders are accepted until September 18** and pies can be picked up Sunday October 2. To place an order, see the signup sheet at church or contact the church office. Payment is due when you pick up the pie. Checks should be made out to the Ladies Friendship Circle.

Wish List Items	Goal
2 Projectors - sanctuary	\$ 25,000
New carpeting - upstairs	\$ 26,612

Looking Ahead:

- October 2022: Food Drive to benefit DeForest food pantry.
- October 16: Peace Lutheran Junior choir joins our 10:30 worship service.
- November 5: Fall work day at church. 8:00 am 12:00 pm
- December 3, 10 & 17: Children's Christmas service practice, 9:00 am
- December 4: Lakeside Lutheran Acapella Choir joins our worship
- December 4: Advent by Candlelight at Lord of Love
- December 21: Children's Christmas Service, 6:30 pm