

Whoever
is faithful in
a very little
is faithful
also in
much

LUKE 16:10



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“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE: *Voluntary in C Major* – John Stanley

*Throughout this bulletin, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

Please be seated or kneel if able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the **✝** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and prayer

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **✝** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN #825: You Servants of God LYONS

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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GLORIA

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation responds: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7 *(printed on back cover)*

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 113 *The psalm is spoken responsively.*

¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

² **Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.

⁴ **The Lord is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶ **but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸ **enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

⁹ The Lord makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (*printed on back cover*)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13 (*printed on back cover*)

Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Vicar Philip J. Supeck

Silence is maintained for reflection after the sermon.

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY #678: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending RUSTINGTON

APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

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 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.**

Please kneel or be seated.

PRAYERS

*Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen.***

Please remain seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Trio in G Major* – John Stainer

As the offering is presented, the congregation stands to sing the offertory hymn.

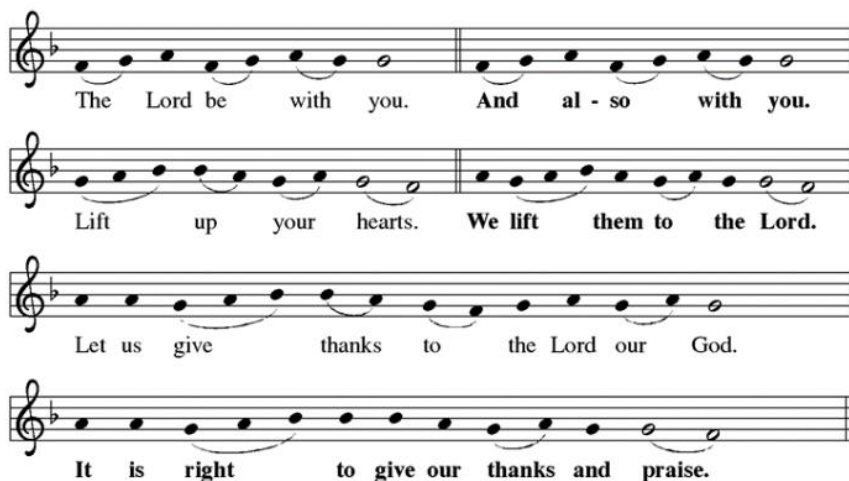
OFFERTORY HYMN #182: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.**

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.

SANCTUS

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The congregation responds: **Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray...

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.

FRACTION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Blessed are all invited to His feast.

AGNUS DEI

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COMMUNION

*The congregation is seated. The ushers will dismiss the assembly for communion. All are welcome to receive communion. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the rail should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.***

COMMUNION MUSIC: Aria – Noel Rawsthorne

Please stand if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift of faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING



☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



☩ A - men

HYMN #669: *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* FESTAL SONG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Look Up, My Soul, to Christ Thy Joy* – Robert Elmore

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God.

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Vicar	Philip J. Supeck
Organist	Roger Kurtz
Asst. Minister/Lector	Jill Clubb
Altar Guild	Emma Miller
Acolyte	Joyce Burkholder
Ushers	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson, Charles Sweigart Jr.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

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.

Psalms 113

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications,
prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be
made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are
in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet
and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.
³This is right and is acceptable in the sight
of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to
be saved and to come to the knowledge of the
truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God
and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For 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.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

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. ²So he summoned him and said to
him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give
me an accounting of your management, be-
cause you cannot be my manager any longer.'
³Then 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. ⁴I have decided what
to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager,
people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So,
summoning his master's debtors one by one,
he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my
master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive
oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down
quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked an-
other, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied,
'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to
him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And
his master commended the dishonest manager
because he had acted shrewdly; for the chil-
dren of this age are more shrewd in dealing
with their own generation than are the chil-
dren of light. ⁹And 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.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faith-
ful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in
a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then
you have not been faithful with the dishonest
wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?
¹²And if you have not been faithful with what
belongs to another, who will give you what is
your own? ¹³No 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."

Next Sunday's Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

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