



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 25, 2022



Welcome to Worship!

We welcome you to the house of our true and living God for worship this Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Today's hymns, Scripture readings, and prayers encourage us as God's people to keep the Lord first in our heart and lives. Because loving money leads to dangerous results, the apostle Paul encourages us to be content with what God has given us because he richly provides for our needs. May the Lord bless our worship!

Our Communion Practice

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we express unity with our Savior and those who share our faith and stand on the teachings of God's Word. Therefore, we invite to our altar those who are members of Our Savior's or members of the WELS/ELS. Visitors who wish to commune are asked to speak to a pastor before the service begins.

Prayer before Communing

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Prayer after Communing

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Serving You in Worship

- Minister – Vicar Caleb Gustafson
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Tony Sulko, Bill Unruh

(Next Sunday – Rick & Karen Leopold)

Our Worship

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 717

- 1 What is the world to me with all its vaunted pleasure
when you and you alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, my soul's delight shall be;
you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
- 2 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!
- 3 The world is like a cloud and like a vapor fleeting,
a shadow that declines, swift to its end retreating.
My Jesus shall remain, though all things fade and flee,
my everlasting rock. What is the world to me!
- 4 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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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not
in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us
our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;
have mercy on us.
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Be seated

The Word

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

The disappointment of serving money

¹⁰Anyone who loves money is never satisfied with money, and anyone who loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is vanishing vapor. ¹¹When goods increase, so do those who eat them. What profit, then, does the owner get, except to see these things with his eyes? ¹²The worker's sleep is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but a rich person's abundant possessions allow him no sleep.

¹³I have seen a sickening evil under the sun—wealth hoarded by its owner to his own harm, ¹⁴or 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. ¹⁵As 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. ¹⁶This too is a sickening evil: Just as he came, so he will go. So what does he gain, he who works for the wind? ¹⁷Besides this, during all his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, sickness, and anger.

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

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6–10,17–19

Serving God with our money leads to a fulfilling life

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

⁹Those 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. ¹⁰For 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.

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

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

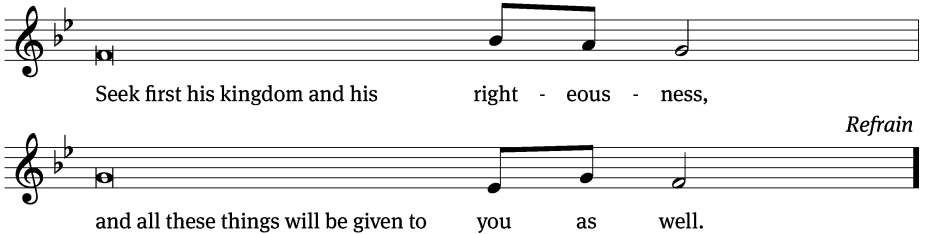
Matthew 6:33



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Luke 16:1–13

Be shrewd in the way you use money to serve Jesus

Jesus also said to his disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. ²The 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. ⁴I 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?’ ⁶He said, ‘Six hundred gallons of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.’ ⁷Then 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. ⁹I tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous * *mammon*, so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰The 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. ¹¹So if you have not been faithful with unrighteous *mammon*, who will entrust you with what is really valuable? ¹²If you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something to be your own? ¹³No 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!

Be seated

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 807

- 1 All depends on our possessing God’s abundant grace and blessing,
though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken in their God are not forsaken
and will keep a dauntless heart.

- 2 He who to this day has fed me and to many joys has led me
is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me, he who daily guides and rules me,
will remain my help divine.

- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting over trifles and in getting things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure that will bring me lasting pleasure and that now is seldom found.
- 4 When with sorrow I am stricken, hope anew my heart will quicken;
all my longing shall be stilled.
To his lovingkindness tender soul and body I surrender,
for on God alone I build.
- 5 Well he knows what best to grant me; all the longing hopes that haunt me, joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never; as God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth he lengthen, he my weary soul will strengthen;
all my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding, like a stream away is gliding;
safe I anchor in his grace.

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Sermon

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

God Richly Provides for You

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 truly 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.

Be seated

Thank Offering & Friendship Register

As the offering is gathered, we ask both members and visitors to sign the Friendship Registers, which are located at the center aisle end of the pew.

Prayer of the Church

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.

God, our Savior, uphold our nations 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.

Maker of the heaven and earth, all good things come from you. You provide for the needs of your people. Help us to appreciate the blessings you give us every day. The greatest blessing being salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Special prayers may follow

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, who has 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.

The Sacrament

Words of Institution

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 \dagger 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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

Be seated

Distribution Hymns

695 Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
there with joy your praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
has this wondrous supper founded.
He, though reigning high and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
and with loving rev'ence greet him,
for with words of life immortal
he is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him,
saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,
that I nevermore will leave you.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure
neither cost nor pain will measure,
but the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
and his blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now I kneel before you lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
on your mighty work I ponder,
by such mystery surrounded,
depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that with you are hidden.

5 Human reason, though it ponders,
cannot fathom these great wonders,
 that Christ's body must be boundless
 since the souls it feeds are countless,
and that he his blood is giving
with the wine we are receiving.
 These great mysteries unsounded
 are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
you have left your throne in heaven
 on the cross for me to languish
 and to die in bitter anguish,
to forgo all joy and gladness
and to shed your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 fount of life, my soul inspiring:
at your feet I cry, my maker,
let me be a fit partaker
 of this blessed food from heaven
 for our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,
help me when this meal is given
 to receive it for my blessing
 as I come, my sins confessing.
In this supper let me measure,
Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
 that, as I on earth have eaten,
 I may be your guest in heaven.

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

CW 748

- 1 Brothers, sisters, let us gladly give to God our all, our best:
service hearty, thorough, honest, with a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving, all our time to him belong;
praise him, then, with true devotion, come before him with a song.
- 2 By his mercy, by his bounty, by the gift of Christ, his Son,
what great goodness he has shown us, what high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely, yield our bodies and our souls,
thankful that his love protects us, that his wisdom all controls.

- 3 Gracious Lord, accept our service for the sake of Christ, your Son; lo, our hope abides now only in the righteousness he won. Bless and save us, help and guide us, watch to comfort and restore, till in heav'n we rest rejoicing, praising you forevermore.

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*Thank you for worshipping with us!
May God richly bless your week.*

Serving the Pastoral Vacancy - Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St. Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is pastorm@mysaintpeter.org.

Call Meeting - Rev. Dale Reckzin has prayerfully returned our call. The next call meeting will be held this Thursday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 pm.

Men's Club – Men, you are again invited to join the St. Peter Men's Club for their monthly meeting (with supper included!) on Monday, Sept. 26 at 6:00 pm.

Mission Festival 2022 – We will celebrate our annual Mission Festival with a special worship service focusing on Home Missions on Sunday, October 9th. Please note that a free will door offering will be gathered to support:

- a) the WELS “100 new missions in 10 years” initiative and
- b) Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Beloit, WI.

This is a mission church that is starting up a Little Lambs Learning Center to reach out to young families in the community. The Western Wisconsin District Mission Board is encouraging all churches in our district to consider giving an offering to help this ministry.

Open Gym – Join us for a fun school year kickoff event this Friday, Sept. 30 from 5-7 pm. Parents, students and friends are invited for supper (pizza and beverages provided), open gym and kickball in Our Savior's gym. Parents will also learn about plans to start a Parent Teacher Organization, which will help plan future social events like this. If you'd like to help with set up, please contact Mr. Lemke.

Lutheran Women's Mission Society – The Fall Rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 8th from 8:30-12:00 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mosinee. Anyone wishing to donate for missions should have their donations in by Sunday, October 2nd. Please make checks out to Our Savior's and write LWMS on the memo line.

WELS Youth Night - Coming Sunday, October 23rd from 5:45-8:30pm at Northland Lutheran High School is our first area "WELS Youth Night"! Our youth who can attend will experience an inspiring evening of games, music, prayer, Bible message, small group discussion, and fun with high school youth (9th-12th grade) from local WELS congregations in your area. Pizza will be provided! The goal is for our youth to see that they are not alone and to be encouraged to enjoy the faith they share with others. This is at Northland, but not just for Northland students. Teens from all around the area are invited to join us! It is totally free.

A **sign-up** is on our church website (www.oursaviorswausau.org), <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a48aef22aaf94-easter> or at Northland, see Ms. Schibbelhut.

Planning and Helpers for Outdoor Nativity – The Core Group for mission outreach in the Kronenwetter area is looking for help to plan and present an outdoor Nativity, December 16th & 17th. We are looking for help now with marketing and designing and building sets. We're also looking for those willing to be actors or serve refreshments that weekend. Please partner with us to share the JOY and to warm tummies and hearts that need to hear the GOOD NEWS. Call or text Guy Russ at 715-297-1106 if you want to help.

Holy Smoke! – Redeemer Lutheran in Weston is hosting a community event called Holy Smoke this Saturday, October 1st, 11 am – 2 pm. The event features a BBQ cookout contest and will have teams from local WELS congregations smoking meat for sampling by the community. Along with the BBQ contest, there will be music, games, and a food drive for The Neighbors Place food pantry. Sign up your BBQ team and find more information at redeemerweston.com

Favorite Hymn Sunday – We thank everyone who submitted your favorite hymns and Scripture readings for last Sunday’s special service. In all we received 56 suggestions for hymns and 26 for the Scripture readings. If you were not able to attend the service on Sunday, extra folders are available in the entryway.

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This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class
Monday	6:00 PM	Men's Club at St. Peter
Thursday	6:30 PM	Call Meeting
Friday	5 - 7 PM	Open Gym at OS School
Saturday	11 AM - 2 PM	Holy Smoke BBQ - Redeemer, Weston
Sunday 10/2	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: Sept. 18, 2022

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