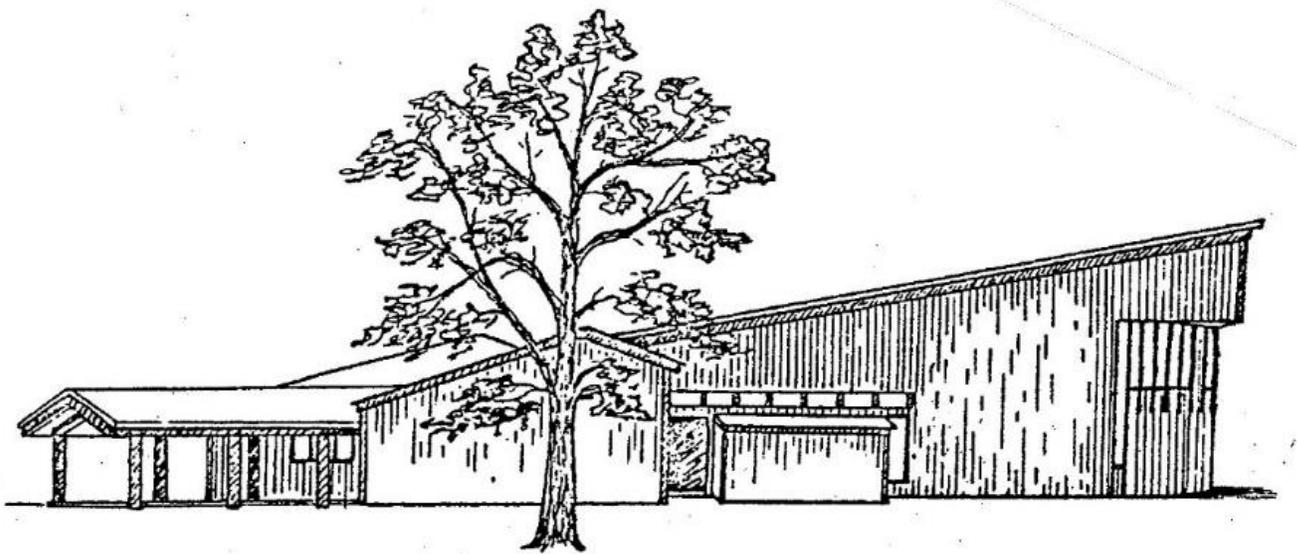


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... GROWING IN FAITH TOWARD GOD
AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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October 3, 2021

Sermon Series: Using Wealth Wisely
(Insights from Proverbs)

Welcome

+ PREPARATION +

Opening Hymn "How Great Thou Art"

Lutheran Service Book, No. 801

Opening Dialog (*from Psalm 98*)

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

Amen.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn--shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

Let them sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Alleluia! He is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession of Sin

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous,

To bring us to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him. (Romans 4:7-8)

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

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

God commands all people everywhere to come before him in humility and acknowledge their sinfulness. We now reflect on our condition and repent of our thoughts and actions.

(Silence for reflection, contemplation, and confession of sin.)

Almighty God,

We come to you in repentance, for we are by nature sinful. If you judge us by our actions, words, and thoughts, you would find them full of sin. We have worshipped other gods. We have disobeyed your commands. We seek forgiveness, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Word of Absolution

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses. *(Acts 13:38-39)*

Because Jesus lives, we also shall live! As a fellow partaker of God's grace, I proclaim to you that all our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations!

I will sing of you among the peoples!

For great is your love, higher than the heavens!

Your faithfulness reaches to the skies! (Psalm 108:3-4)

+ WORD +

Proverbs Reading: Prov. 3:5-10

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and shun evil.

⁸ This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.

⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading: *James 5:1-11*

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading: *Gospel: Luke 12:13-21*

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

- ¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’
- ¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’
- ²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’
- ²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Statement of Faith – *Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him;

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Gospel Surprise Box

Sermon Hymn "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Lutheran Service Book, No. 621

Sermon

Helps for Reading the Proverbs

(Definitions and Explanations)

1. The Proverbs aren't *promises*, but *probabilities*.
2. "Heart" means the inner life. It isn't just our emotions; it is what we say to ourselves in our heads.
3. "Foolishness" is lacking sense, or actually lacking a "Heart."

4. To be filled with Wisdom means to be filled with the Spirit of God. This is not something people can do for themselves, but what God does *for* them.

5. Proverbs is not a book of how to be saved, but how to live a saved life. It isn't the ROOT of salvation, but the FRUIT of salvation.

Offering

Members, please leave your tithe or offering in the offering plate in the entryway. Guests, we are honored by your presence, please do not feel obligated to leave an offering.

Prayers of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Christ our Lord, once again you have gathered us as your community of faith. Grant that we may defend, protect, commend, and encourage each other that we may be one as you and the Father are one. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer for a deepened fellowship among us.

Lord of the Church, you led your apostles to choose Matthias to replace Judas. Guide your Church on earth as she calls and chooses men to serve in the pastoral office that your Word would continue to grow and bear fruit. Especially we pray that you would seek out and call a shepherd to serve this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer to provide our next pastor to equip and inspire.

Lord, our Protector and Savior, look in mercy upon those suffering persecution for the sake of your name. Take them into your keeping, hear their cries and do not let them be afraid. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer of provision for our persecuted brothers and sisters.

Lord of all nations, it is your will that we would pray for all in authority, we believe with confidence that you hear our prayers on behalf of our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges. Teach them the testimony of truth, that they may be wise and effective in their offices. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer for wisdom, justice, and mercy.

Eternal Father, eternal life is given in your Son, Jesus, whoever has Him has life. Hear our prayers for all who are sick and in distress [especially _____]. Heal them and give life to all those who hold your Son in faithful hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer for health and healing.

Holy Father, accept the prayers we offer through your Son, our Savior, and keep us forever in your name and Word, that we may be one, just as you are one. Sanctify us in the truth; your Word is truth.

Amen.

Into Your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, in Jesus' name,

Amen.

Lord's Prayer (Inside the back cover of the hymnal)

+ SACRAMENT +

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Thank you, dear Father, for the gift of your Son, Jesus,

For His birth in Bethlehem, His life of service, his acts of love,

His ministry of healing and deliverance, His giving of His own life on the cross,

And for His rising again in victory over death.

Thank you, dear Father, for His precious body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

Thank you, dear Father, for this Sacrament in which we receive your gift of life and salvation and strengthening of our wavering faith.

For this treasure, we offer our thanks and praise to you, dear Father, by the Holy Spirit, through your Son, Jesus, for you live and reign, ever one God, now and always.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Communion Distribution

(Faith Lutheran offers communion wafers that are gluten-free; as well as non-alcoholic wine. Please inform Pastor or Communion Assistant of this requirement during distribution).

Distribution Hymn "What Is This Bread"

Lutheran Service Book, No. 629

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Lutheran Service Book, No. 805

New Revitalization Team

Faith Lutheran Church was blessed to have seven members step up a year ago to serve on the Revitalization Team. They met to more fully understand church dynamics and create goals for the congregation to consider. In January we chose five goals to fulfill Jesus' calling to be his witnesses and make disciples.

On October 24 during worship we will do two things. First, we will thank those brothers and sisters in Christ who dedicated time and effort to revitalize the life and mission of Faith Lutheran Church. Second, during worship we will choose seven people to serve on a New Revitalization Team to present goals to the congregation at a voters meeting early in 2022.

Please pray and consider whether you would like to serve in this way as we continue to grow and make a difference for Jesus in this community. If you are willing to serve in this way, please submit your name to Pastor Bo.



Our *hearts*
in HIS *hand*

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).

LWML Sunday 2021

We will celebrate the ministry of the *Lutheran Women's Missionary League* on *October 10th* with a special service.

Thank you from Sonja Baumeister

Thank you for thinking of me and sharing the homemade blanket with me. Winter is coming so it will have lots of opportunities for use. Thank you, too, for your partnership in sharing the Gospel with the world. When each of us uses the gifts God has given us in the unique corner of the world where he has placed us, he can reach the lost through us. May God continue to bless each of you. He has certainly blessed me through you! Sonja

Choir Practice Begins

Come make a joyful noise to the Lord! We will begin Choir Practice on Thursday, October 7 at 6:00.



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