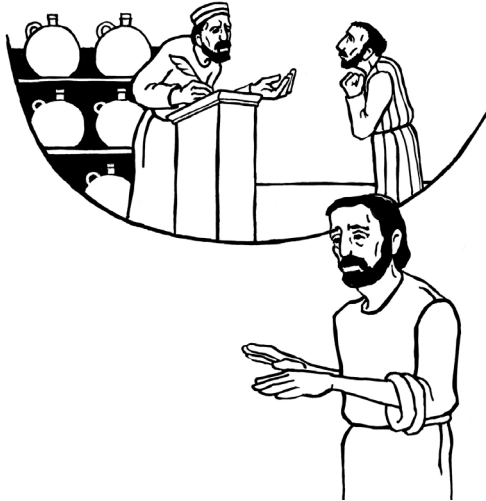




Sunday, September 21, 2025

Time After Pentecost

10:00 a.m.



Pastor Erik Allen

“The ‘Smart’ Life”

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

“Trumpet Voluntary”

John Bennett

Announcements

Gathering Song

Better is One Day

Call to Worship

P: Turn us, O God,

C: away from the world’s temptations and distractions.

P: Return us, O God,

C: to the quiet calm of your presence.

P: Restore us, O God,

C: to the path you call us to follow.

P: Orient us, O God,

C: to the hope of all that is possible.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you.

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: We are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

please be seated

Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

Children's Message Pastor Erik

Sermon The "Smart" Life Pastor Erik

Hymn Take My Life, That I May Be ELW 583

The Apostles' Creed

please be seated

The Offering

Offering Song "As Saints of Old" ELW 696
(vs. 3)

Offertory Prayer

P: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Members: Marion, Kelly, Jeff, Lee, John & Marj, Vickie

Family & Friends: Theresa, Marie, Diane, Brenda, Kate, Wendy,

Kathy, Mary, Carol, Susan, Bob

Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome. Those who do not wish to receive may come forward for a blessing. Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

Benediction

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen!

Song

All Things Are Possible

Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Voluntary in G

Henry Heron

Please join us for a brief Congregational Meeting to affirm our Annual Report and to affirm those who will serve on our Nominating Committee, as a number of Council Members' terms will end in June of 2026.