

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 16, 2025 - 8:30am

To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshiping with us.

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

Joyful Giving Opportunities: The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click on the QR code to the right. →



Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online. Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online by clicking here: →



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Summer Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Pre K thru Kindergarten		Room 15
1 st thru 3 rd grade		Room 8
4 th thru 6 th grade		Room 10
7 th thru 8 th grade		Room 12
High School Youth		Youth Room
Adult Bible Studies		
Nicene Creed	Pastor Joel and Vicar Fritz	Rooms 1-4
Prayer	Pastor Davenport	Rooms 5 & 6
Reading the Bible Together	Marie Schlosser	Library
The Hymn of the Day	Tom Schroeder	Sanctuary Balcony
Bethel: The New Testament	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel
Habits of the Household	Lindsay Miller and Josh Kittleman	Gym

The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" 1 Corinthians 11:27. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat. God bless your worship!

"STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE"

This is the second week of our stewardship emphasis, **Everyday Stewards**. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we are transformed into new people who become God's stewards. As the Apostle Paul stated, "...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The theme for this week is "Stewardship as a Way of Life." Christian stewardship involves more than what we do just on Sunday. Stewardship is faith in action, and it refers to all the activities that we do in Christ's name. We are God's stewards in our homes, workplaces, schools, and in our neighborhoods. We are stewards each and everyday. Our stewardship is a way of life. Where God places us, we are called to be His faithful stewards.

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Joann Rogers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

T Preparation T

OPENING HYMN

"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

LSB 903

- 1. This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own. Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.
- 2. Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell; Today the saints His triumphs spread And all His wonders tell.
- 3. Hosanna to the anointed King, To David's holy Son! Help us, O Lord; descend and bring Salvation from Your throne.

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- 4. Blessèd is He who comes to us With messages of grace; He, in the Lord's name, comes to us To save our fallen race.
- 5. Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.

 The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns, Shall give Him nobler praise.

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Job 19:25a; Psalm 107:2a; Exodus 15:13; Psalm 118:24

- P For I know that my Redeemer lives.
- C Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.
- P You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;
- C You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.
- P This is the day that the LORD has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Colossians 1:13-14

- P The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
- and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- P Almighty God and Father,
- we confess, as Your people, our sinful human nature and the thoughts, words, and actions that are evil in Your sight. We need Your rescue. We need Your righteousness. We need a Redeemer. Mercifully draw near to us, O Lord. For the sake of Jesus Christ and His cross, rescue us from our troubles and cover our sin with true righteousness. Redeem our lives, that our days and deeds would be directed in Your peace. Amen.
- P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

T Service of the Word T

KYRIE LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



P 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.



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



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



HYMN OF PRAISE

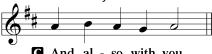
"Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship"

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- Heav'nly hosts in ceaseless worship "Holy, holy, holy" cry;
 "He who is, who was and will be, God Almighty, Lord Most High."
 Praise and honor, pow'r and glory, Be to Him who reigns alone!
 We, with all His hands have fashioned, Fall before the Father's throne.
- 2. All creation, all redemption, Join to sing the Savior's worth; Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth. Wealth and wisdom, pow'r and glory, Honor, might, dominion, praise, Now be His from all His creatures And to everlasting days!

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ρ The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- Ρ Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- С Amen.

STEWARDSHIP LITANY

- Ρ Lord God, bless us with a zeal to be Your stewards as we serve You through serving others.
- Lord, through Your Word, You have called us to be Your stewards. Help us to be C faithful Everyday Stewards.
- Lord God, we thank You for Your grace which enables us to understand that we were created for Your purpose, not ours. Change our mindset from what we want to do to what You want us to do.
- Lord, help us to understand that all we are and have come from You and belongs to You. C
- Lord God, You direct us in Your Word to give freely because we have received freely. Through Your grace, make us channels through which Your blessings can flow.
- Help us Lord, to be fruitful stewards of the opportunities You give to us. Help us to C use our time, talents, and treasures for Your glory.
- Lord God, we ask for loving and giving hearts so we can be Everyday Stewards. All: Through Jesus, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 119:33–40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. ³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. 35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. ³⁶Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! ³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. ³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared. ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your just decrees are good. 40Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

- Р This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God. C

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 16:1–2

¹Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ²On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

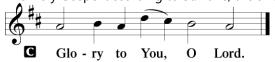
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 16:9–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



⁹"And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for 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 God and money."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



- 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!
- The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.
 But what I truly prize Above all things is He,
 My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!
- 3. The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon 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!
- 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!

SERMON

"Stewardship as a Way of Life"

Luke 16:9–13

THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Redeemed in the Lord, we go to our God with our thanks, praise, and petitions, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Before Your throne, O Lord, we have an advocate: Jesus Christ, the Righteous. Grant to us the perfect peace of knowing He pleads for us and for our world.
- C Hear us and be near us, O Lord.
- P Your Word, O Lord, is firmly fixed in the heavens. Teach us to turn to Your Word, trusting that by it You deliver us from danger and surround us with salvation.
- C Hear us and be near us, O Lord.
- P You are faithful, O Lord, yet we are prone to wander. Pursue the weak, the worried, and the worldly, and bring them home to Your heart of love.
- C Hear us and be near us, O Lord.
- P In times of trial, O Lord, You promise Your unfailing presence. Strengthen the sick and suffering... Supply them with support of both body and soul.
- C Hear us and be near us, O Lord.
- P Your blessings abound, O Lord, yet we often fear scarcity and covet what others have. Give us contentment with the daily bread that comes from Your fatherly hand.
- C Hear us and be near us, O Lord.
- P Insufficient are our prayers, O Lord, and so we rest in the intercession of the Spirit, the supplication of Your risen Son, and Your fatherly goodness, trusting that near to us, You see our truest needs and You will grant to us those petitions that are beneficial to our faith in Christ and our vocations in which You call us. We place these prayers into Your hands in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.

Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.

PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P Heavenly Father, receive these gifts joyfully brought to you this day for Your use in Your kingdom. Bless them and all the gifts which you have entrusted to us so that with them, the kingdom is strengthened to Your glory. Strengthened to sustain the saints and for their witness to those who have not yet awakened to know Jesus, Your Son, as their Lord and Savior.
- C All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.
- P Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C Amen.

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. 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. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shall choose. Use my heart, my mind and will. Through my life Thy plans fulfill. Use my life: my talents, time, my all. May I hear Thy holy sov'reign call. Lord, 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. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, Lord, to Thee.

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T Service of the Sacrament T

PREFACE

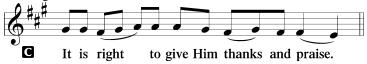
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly worthy, proper, and beneficial that we would give thanks to You in every time and place, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who bought our redemption through His sinless obedience and innocent suffering and death. Shedding blood more priceless that gold, Christ won for us pardon and peace, and now lives and rules at Your right hand, that He might intercede for those He has purchased from sin, death, and Satan's power. As we eagerly await His returning, gather our hearts and voices with all the redeemed, that along with angels and archangels we may bless and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for You have displayed Your power and Your provision in the merciful sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We praise You that He wore our flesh and bore our sins, and that He invites us to His Table to share in the fruits of His victory. Gather us in faith to receive the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus, as those in need of His redemption. Give us hearts that overflow with gratitude and yearn for the nearness of our Redeemer, who died, who is risen, and who is coming again, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Mate

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI (sung) Lamb of God LSB 180

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.

CHORAL ANTHEM "When We Eat This Bread" Thomas Keesecker

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus. Oh, come to us in this holy meal, as we gather 'round this table. Fruit from the vine and grain from the field: God, fill us with Your blessing and grant us Your grace. You have sent Your Son to free us from all sin. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus. Oh, come to us in this holy meal, as we gather 'round this table. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good, and happy are the people who delight in God's love. Oh, bless the Lord, let your mouth be full of praise. God has blessed us and saved us and called us by name. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus. Oh, come to us in this holy meal, as we gather 'round this table. Reveal Yourself in this breaking of bread. Raise us up! Make us the body of Christ for the world. Into us breathe life! Send us forth with hearts aflame. Let justice and mercy find freedom to reign. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus. Oh, come to us in this holy meal, as we gather 'round this table.

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 Gracious God, You send great blessings New each morning all our days.
 For Your mercies never ending,
 For Your love we offer praise.

Refrain: Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

- 2. By Your Word You formed creation Filled with creatures large and small; As we tend that endless treasure May our care encircle all. Refrain
- 3. In His earthly life, our Savior Knew the care of faithful friends; May our deeds of dedication Offer love that never ends. Refrain
- D 4. Heav'nly Father, may our caring
 Bear the imprint of Your grace;
 With the Son and Holy Spirit,
 Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

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THANK THE LORD (sung)

LSB 181

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as You have enlivened our hearts through Your Holy Supper, keep us ever alert and awake, ready to meet You and rejoice in Your drawing near. By Your grace, allow us to stand in Your truth and lift our heads in firm faith, that free from fear, we would witness to Your redeeming love for us and for the world, for You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

P 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 T give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

"Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"

LSB 737

- 1. Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, A cheerful trust maintain; For God, the source of ev'rything, Your portion shall remain.
- 2. He is your treasure, He your joy, Your life and light and Lord, Your counselor when doubts annoy, Your shield and great reward.
- 3. Why spend the day in blank despair, In restless thought the night? On your Creator cast your care; He makes your burdens light.
- 4. Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard ev'ry childhood day? And did He not in threat'ning hour Turn dreaded ills away?
- 5. He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down; And all your sins He casts aside In ocean depths to drown.
- 6. His wisdom never plans in vain Nor falters nor mistakes.
 All that His counsels may ordain A blessèd ending makes.
- 7. Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, And trust His guiding love; Then like a rock your peace shall stand Here and in heav'n above.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



Everyday Stewards Week 2: "Stewardship as a Way of Life"

WE ARE GOD'S STEWARDS, TOOLS IN HIS HANDS TO DO HIS WORK.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Andrew and Sally Lubeck, in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary today.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –

Preaching: Pastor Davenport

Liturgy: Pastor Werner

Director of Music: Tom Schroeder

Musicians: COS Festival Choir

Elder: Andrew MacAfee

Communion Assistants: Gunther Ruck, Caleb O'Hara, Chris Trapp, Jess Hatten

Acolyte: Beckett Wolfram

Altar Guild: Ruth Dobberfuhl and Shari Colwell

Greeter: Judy Bruder

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