

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – November 17th, 2024 (11:11 am)

STEWARDS OF THE LORD

Psalm 67

2 Corinthians 9:6–15

Mark 12:41–44

WELCOME (Deanna)

GATHERING SONG – NOT BE SHAKEN

I will declare my choice to the nations
And I will shout for joy in the congregation
I will worship God (worship God)
All my days
Those who love the Lord are satisfied
Those who trust in Him are justified
And I will serve my God (serve my God)
All my days

***When the nations crumble
The word of the Lord will stand
Kings may rise and fall
His love will endure
Though the strong may stumble
Oh the joy of the Lord is strength
To my soul
I will not be shaken
I will not be moved
I will not be shaken***

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THANKS AND PRAISE

We are here together
To lift our hearts as one
We're in our Father's presence
His Spirit is with us
***It is good to lift the name of the Lord our God
It is right to give Him thanks and praise
For His heart is overflowing with love for us
And His mercy we can never contain***

And each and every morning
We'll tell of His great love

Of all His faithful mercies
And all that He has done
For who can match His kindness
And who can count His works
Oh let our praise continue
'Til evening draws in close
*Glory honour wisdom power and strength
To our Saviour Jesus worthy of all praise
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CALLING ON GOD'S NAME

P – In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TOGETHER – God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

(Time of silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P – God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C – Amen.

EPISTLE READING – 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15 **(Kaye)**

The Cheerful Giver

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

**“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”**

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

READING OF HOLY GOSPEL – MARK 12:41-44 (Kaye)

The Widow's Offering

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

KID'S SONG – GIVE TO CAESAR

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's,
Give to God what is God's.
Give to Caesar what is Caesar's,
Give to God what is God's.

KID'S MOMENT – PUPPET WITH BILLY AND BOBBY

WORSHIP SONG – YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart
(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation

And all Your people sing along
***Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me***

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SERMON – “STEWARDS OF THE LORD!” (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

WHY we give—our money, time, talent, and creative energy—is as important as
WHAT we give. I invite you to make this belief yours as well:

- 1. All that we have, and all that we are, belong to God.**
- 2. Our offering to God is a response to His countless blessings to us**
- 3. The attitude for giving to God is humility, gratitude, and joy, not guilt, fear, or obligation.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I have faith in God – because of His great love for me. I believe that He created me and all that I have. All things belong to Him.

I have faith in Jesus – because of His great love for me. I believe that He died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His death is mine; His resurrection is mine; new life is mine – because of His words and work.

I have faith in the Holy Spirit – because of His great love for me. I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us, and lives within each child of God. He continues to call people to Himself, and to build up the Church of Christ. Through Him I have power to stand in strength against all adversity. I believe that Jesus is coming again to unite all believers for all eternity. Amen.

[By: Handt Hanson; Source: The Other Song Book]

WORSHIP SONGS – BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,

Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,

Robed in flowers of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;

He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,

Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – (Prayer Cam)

LORD'S PRAYER (Prayer Cam)

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.

PREPARATION TO HOLY COMMUNION – O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar

The Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with

The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior

Isn't he wonderful

Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bow down before him

For he is Lord of all

Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

'As a Lutheran Church, we believe that Jesus' body and blood are really and truly present in the Lord's Supper. And we believe that Jesus is giving real and true spiritual gifts to us through this eating and drinking: forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is pure gospel for our comfort and spiritual strength.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

These are our statements about Holy Communion:

- **I know I am a sinner.**
- **I believe that Jesus is my personal Savior.**
- **I believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine.**
- **I intend, with God's help, to change my sinful life and live for him.**
- **I understand that when I come to this table, I publicly state that I believe these things.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (**Pastor**)

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 his disciples and said: "**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**"

DISTRIBUTION – SONGS:

JESUS MESSIAH

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names

Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners

The Ransom from heaven

Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

All our hope is in You

¹ "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink."
(<https://catechism.cph.org/en/sacrament-of-the-altar.html>)

*All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world*

**Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all**

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Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it
Name of Thy redeeming love
O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Make Thy goodness like a chain that
Binds my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above
O that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed in righteousness and glory
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Jesus Lord of all creation
God's own Son poured out for us
How we'll bow in adoration
Saved by His redeeming blood

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND THANKS TO THE LORD

BENEDICTION (Together)

ALL TOGETHER: 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 favour and give YOU peace. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG – THANKS AND PRAISE

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And each and every morning
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Of all His faithful mercies
And all that He has done
 For who can match His kindness
 And who can count His works
 Oh let our praise continue
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