

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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Luke 16:19–20, 22–23

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 22/25, 2022

Serving Us Today:
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(To Our Guests: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymn and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Please note that there is a cup of white grape juice in each tray which contains a drop of wine for those who prefer grape juice. Thank you!)

AS WE GATHER... Hospitality is one of those concepts that is difficult to define but easily perceived when experienced. Several biblical writers encourage the people of God to be hospitable, including Paul as he writes to his young follower Timothy; likewise, Peter in his First Epistle, and also the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews who counsels: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2). Viewing people attending worship

who are not known to us personally as “angels in disguise” may give us a right perspective as we interact with them and make them welcome in our midst. “Seek to show hospitality,” Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans (Romans 12:13). His directive is for us to heed as much as it was for his original readers in Rome.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP HELPS... Please know we have two children’s worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Confession and Absolution

850 God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
 On Your people pour Your pow’r;
Crown Your ancient Church’s story;
 Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the facing of this hour,
 For the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.

- 3 Cure Your children’s warring madness;
 Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal,
 Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit Ps. 119:73–75, 77; *antiphon*: Ps. 119:76

Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant.

**Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.**

Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
because I have hoped in your word.

**I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.**

Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight.

Kyrie *LSB 204*

C **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

C **To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.**

"Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

All: O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Amos 6:1–7 (God's people are warned by the prophet.)*

¹Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!

²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,

³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?

⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

⁶who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 146*

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!**

Epistle 1 Timothy 3:1–13 (*The qualities needed in an overseer and deacon*)

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.

²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up

with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 16:19–31 (The story of the rich man and poor Lazarus)*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they

will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed *LSB 206*

C **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 + of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Children's Message

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,
"All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide.

- 2 "I am the light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.

- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.

- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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Sermon "A Helpful Vision" (1 Timothy 3:1-13)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P: You, Lord, invite us to pray with the promise that You hear our prayers as a loving father hears the requests of his dear children. So we bring prayers before You today on behalf of the Church, the world, and our local community.

You call the Church to fight the good fight of the faith. Grant our synodical leaders, our pastors, and teachers, our DCE's and missionaries, deaconesses and chaplains, and all the people of the church righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. In Your mercy, O Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You provide for the rich and the poor, those who hear Your call and those who don't. Guide all government leaders to hear Your wisdom, to care for the poor, and to make decisions that help the economic well-being of all people. We rejoice in Your sovereign power over all of the kingdoms of this world. In Your mercy, O Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You are the help and hope of those who are downtrodden. For all who suffer from disease, turmoil in relationships, and death, [specific names may be mentioned here] that according to Your will they may experience wholeness, comfort, and peace. In your mercy, O Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You bless the Church with the riches of Your Word, Baptism, and Holy Communion. Help us to treasure these gifts more than possessions and money, so that we may take hold of that which is truly life. In Your mercy, O Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For Jesus, our priceless treasure, we give thanks. We entrust all whom we have named and the unspoken prayers of hearts to You, trusting in Your enduring mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus *LSB 208*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 209*

**C 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 Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini *LSB 209*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

**You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Sit

Distribution Hymns

664 Fight the Good Fight

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
 Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
 Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Your joy and crown eternally.

- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
 Life with its way before us lies;
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
 His boundless mercy will provide.
 Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
 Christ is your life and Christ your love.

- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
 He changes not who holds you dear;
 Only believe, and you will see
 That Christ is all eternally.

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689 Let Me Be Thine Forever

- 1 Let me be Thine forever,
 My faithful God and Lord;

Let me forsake Thee never
Nor wander from Thy Word.
Lord, do not let me waver,
But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace forever
Thy holy name I'll bless.

2 Lord Jesus, my salvation,
My light, my life divine,
My only consolation,
O make me wholly Thine!
For Thou hast dearly bought me
With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me,
Eternal life obtain.

3 O Thou, O Holy Spirit,
My comforter and guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit
I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing
Whom I have known by faith.
Give me Thy constant blessing
And grant a Christian death.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

**C O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,**

**All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.

3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

4 Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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Attendance Last Week: 130 (Sunday only)

General giving last week: \$5826.00

Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

28 Wednesday	Confirmation Class	3:45 pm
28 Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
29 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
2 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am
2 Sunday	Sunday School	10:15 am
2 Sunday	Bible Class	10:15 am

THE FLOWERS BY THE BAPTISMAL FONT are to praise and thank God for blessing Bob and Cathy

Young with 38 years of marriage.

ASLEEP IN JESUS: Minnie Blackmore fell asleep in the arms of her Savior on Friday, September 16th and received Christian burial from St. John on Thursday, September 22nd. May the Lord comfort those who remain with His words: "BECAUSE I LIVE, YE SHALL LIVE ALSO."

HUMAN CARE will take a door collection NEXT WEEK to help provide funds for the work they do for people in need.

SCRIP SPECIAL OFFER: Kwik Trip is offering 10% on its Scrip cards for the month of September.

SHOE FUNDRAISER: Save your gently worn shoes, the school is going to be having a shoe fundraiser in October. The shoes can be any size and style from flip flops to boots. All we need to do is collect them and send them in, then we will get paid! We will be setting up a drop box soon to start collecting them, more information will be coming soon.

ST. JOHN PRAYER GROUP/PRAYER REQUESTS: The St. John Prayer Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month to pray for our congregation, our nation, our world and specifically for the prayer requests submitted in the Prayer Request box in the Narthex. If you have a prayer need you want them to pray for, please fill out a sheet (found next to the box) and drop it in.

EMAIL OR ADDRESS CHANGE? PHONE # CHANGE? Please let the church office know so we can keep our records current. You may drop a note in the church office mailbox or write "CHANGED" on your next communion card and then fill in what has changed in your information. Thanks!!

SERMON OUTLINE
September 22/25, 2022
Theme: "A Helpful Vision"
(1 Timothy 3:1-13)

I. Rules Rule!

- A. Rules can be used to settle _____ between people.
- B. Paul is giving us rules on who can be a _____ and an elder.
- C. God gives us a _____ of a community that works for others.
- D. _____ communities only care for themselves.
- E. God fearing communities live a life of self _____.

II. God's Rules Enable us to Grow

- A. The ability to _____ is one of Paul's primary qualifications.
- B. Jesus demonstrated humiliating _____.
- C. _____ is joined to life experience.
- D. Today, _____ are for war and triumph.
- E. But God's war is on _____ and _____.
- F. Pastors are to teach with a _____ spirit.
- G. God continues to work through human _____.