

WELCOME

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY SEPT. 27/SUNDAY SEPT. 28, 2025



“PROFIT WITHOUT THE PITFALLS”

AS WE GATHER

Though it sounds like a contradiction, the “poor rich man” in today’s parable of Jesus apparently never really heard or just ignored the dire warning of God’s prophets like Amos against trusting in earthly gain and riches to the exclusion of trusting faith in the merciful promises of God. The temptation of earthly wealth infects all people throughout history to this day, regardless of outward circumstances, rich and poor alike. Paul sums up the challenge for faith as he contrasts the “great gain” (or profit) of godly faithfulness and the temptations (or pitfalls) of temporary riches. We all know the sentence of Paul, “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1

Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only “money is the root of all evil.” Money is not the problem. There’s no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian’s true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith. It is the life we can take with us through and beyond the grave and gate of death. “Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live” (Psalm 146:1–2), which will be forever!

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *LSB 802*

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/753g6et0jA?si=OG7yasJvzIWeA>
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**1. Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,**

**Most blessèd, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.**

**2. Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.**

**3. To all life Thou givest—
to both great and small—
In all life Thou livest,
the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish—
but naught changes Thee.**

**4. Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,**

Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
of light that hides Thee

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 146:3, 5*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Put not your trust in princes, in whom there
is no salvation.

**People: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD
his God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠WORD✠

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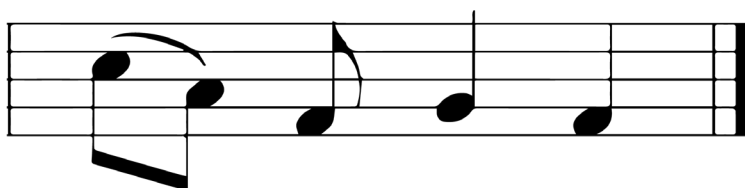
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C Lord, have mer - cy;



Christ, have mer - cy;



Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“All Glory Be to God Alone” [*LSB* 948, St. 1 & 5]

https://youtu.be/P8_76C00xfI?si=G_evnAyP2p

**All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among us may His gracious will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.**

**You only are the Holy One
And over all are Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
With Him You evermore shall be
One in the Father's majesty.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 6:1–7*
(Woe to those at ease in Zion.)

6 “Woe 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!

2 Pass 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,

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

4 “Woe 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,

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

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

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“To God Be the Glory” *Crosby/Doane*

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 6:6–19 (True contentment of faith)

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some

have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous

and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(LSB p. 205)*

<https://youtu.be/IsTHg6eL9gU>

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19–31 (The rich man and Lazarus)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named

Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And 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.' ²⁵ But 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. ²⁶ And 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.' ²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to

him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” *LSB 704*

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/nLYbcDzYhLM?si=P3xI565Sdp3EiAGc>

**1 Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.**

**2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.**

**3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.**

**4 Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face,
O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

**CONFESSION OF FAITH –
THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of
the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He
descended into hell. The third day he rose again
from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits
at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens and all the powers therein. The cherubim and seraphim sing Your praise, and with them we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(LSB, p. 161)

<https://youtu.be/ZobNgwoGKPs?si=6xU0ZdIbMhfdmOvW>

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;

Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

“O Jesus, Lamb of God”

Tune: LSB 791

<https://youtube.com/clip/UgkxSqnp3c9tgRk6M2e8ukVHyWLFo2YuXGdx?si=ZFS164S6lDjmvvgK->

**O Jesus, Lamb of God, we pray,
Take all our sin and guilt away.
Have mercy on us; hear our plea.
Your peace and grace, Lord, may we see.**

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+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*

- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/TeMtVLLks0?si=41IRB5ck6TiwmvAp>

**1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**2. He who His saints in this world
rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes
the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**3. Come forward then
with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(LSB, p. 181)

<https://youtu.be/IEr4JmmoXJE?si=G-RI3msIx3le1fF->

**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

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks to You for taking hold of us to support us in our life of faith in order that we may take hold of You and the eternal life

You have won for us. Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“My Faith Has Found A Resting Place”

<https://youtu.be/Z5Jjf1awdfI?si=eeZwS3rqkyNMXjXY>

**1 My faith has found a resting place,
from guilt my soul is freed;**

**I trust the ever-living One,
his wounds for me shall plead.
I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.**

**2 Enough for me that Jesus saves,
this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul, I come to him,
he'll never cast me out.
I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.**

**3 My heart is leaning on the Word,
the written Word of God,
salvation by my Savior's name,
salvation thro' his blood.
I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.**

**4 My great Physician heals the sick,
the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed,
for me his life he gave.
I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.**

By Lidie H. Edmunds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
known to others”**

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 4.

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- **Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- **Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gonski**
- **A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie
Stan & Cheryl Grey,
Dawn Oswald, Josh Walton**
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald
(oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**

- **CHURCH PICNIC:** Next Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day and have our annual Church Picnic. Enjoy Mexican food from the Pina Mexican Eats Food Truck and play Bingo afterward.
- The LWML monthly mites collection will be next weekend, October 4-5. All ladies are invited to a Women of Hope fall rally at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Burlington. Saturday, October 11, from 9:00-11:30. Bible study and fellowship. Please contact Beth Schneider for more information, 262-351-6578.
- The first Sunday evening of bowling is next Sunday, October 5th, at 5:00pm at Towne & Country Lanes in Burlington, WI. \$2 per game of bowling, \$2 shoe rental, \$2 food and drink menu. Everyone is welcome and little kids have their own lane with bumpers. Any questions, ask Brian and Amanda.
- Interested in a small group setting study of the Book of Numbers? Please see Pastor or Mike Gomski.
- Beginning in October, the Sharing Center will be distributing holiday foods. If you would like to donate, needs are cranberry sauce, canned green beans, canned fried onions, gravy, stuffing/stuffing sides, canned ham, instant mashed potatoes, and canned sweet potatoes. Gail will deliver. Also needed are frozen turkeys, which can be delivered directly to the Sharing Center, 25700 Wilmot Road, Trevor between 9 - 1 Mon-Wed, and Friday between 8 - noon.

- **Hope will need a new TREASURER as soon as possible. Please talk to Pastor if the LORD might be moving your heart to serve in this important role.**
- **CONFIRMATION: Any parents who have children that you would like to see catechized and go through the Rite of Confirmation, please contact Pastor Tim. If any members have family or friends who might be interested in this even though they are not members, Pastor Tim would gladly reach out to them; just let him know and pass their contact info on to him.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Paul Trettin
Communion: Paul Schneider
Acolyte: Joules Tonkinson
Ushers: Bill & Sue Keating
Fellowship: Tami Voigt
Altar Guild: Paul & Carol Trettin

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Rev. Maurice Lind
Communion: Mike Gomski
Ushers: John & Peggy Tueting
Fellowship: Peggy Tueting
Altar Guild: Phyllis Klen

BIRTHDAY

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Calendar of Events This Week

9/29/25 – 10/5/25

Wednesday:	6:00pm	Bible Study-“Selected Stories from Genesis”
Thursday:	6:00pm	AA Meeting
Friday:	8:00am	Men’s Breakfast Elders’ Meeting
Saturday:	9:30am	Worship Service
Sunday:	8:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:20am	Bible Study & Children’s Sunday School
	11:00am	Church Picnic & Lunch
	5:00pm	Bowling-Towne & Country
	7:00pm	AA Meeting