

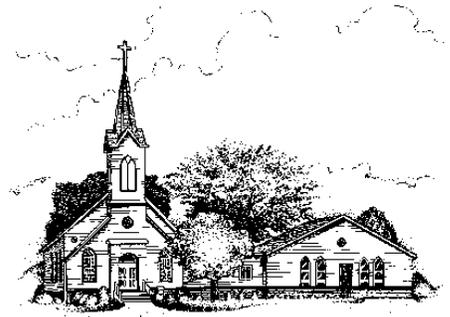


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Welcome to God's House

There are more than 2300 Bible passages that speak about money. Why? There are few temptations Satan uses more powerfully to tempt us to sin. Sometimes money gives a false sense of security. Sometimes it can become a source of pride. Jesus knows that serving money makes it impossible to serve God because the human heart is not big enough for both. As a result, Jesus does all he can to expose the futility of serving money. Instead of money being a lord to serve, it becomes a resource for serving the Lord. This is the hard truth. There is no way for us to serve both God and money. But we can serve God with our money.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly #748

Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
give to God our all, our best:
service hearty, thorough, honest,
with a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving,
all our time to him belong;
praise him, then, with true devotion,
come before him with a song.

By his mercy, by his bounty,
by the gift of Christ, his Son,
what great goodness he has shown us,
what high marvels he has done!

Let us to him promptly, freely,
yield our bodies and our souls,
thankful that his love protects us,
that his wisdom all controls.

Gracious Lord, accept our service
for the sake of Christ, your Son;
lo, our hope abides now only
in the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us, help and guide us,
watch to comfort and restore,
till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
praising you forevermore.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession of Sins

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: JEG VIL MIG HERREN LOVE



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life. Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

¹⁰ Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.

This too is meaningless.

¹¹ As goods increase, so do those who consume them.

And what benefit are they to the owners
except to feast their eyes on them?

¹² The sleep of a laborer is sweet,
whether they eat little or much,
but as for the rich, their abundance
permits them no sleep.

¹³ I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:
wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,

¹⁴ or wealth lost through some misfortune,
so that when they have children
there is nothing left for them to inherit.

¹⁵ Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb,
and as everyone comes, so they depart.

They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands.

¹⁶ This too is a grievous evil:

As everyone comes, so they depart,
and what do they gain, since they toil for the wind?

¹⁷ All their days they eat in darkness,
with great frustration, affliction and anger.

¹⁸ This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. ¹⁹ Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰ They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Blest Are Those Who Love You – 128C

The congregation is invited to sing the psalm and the refrains together.

Refrain



Blest are those who love you, hap - py those who
fol - low you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

Tone



**Blessed are all who / fear the Lord,
who walk in obedi- / ence to him.**

**You will eat the fruit of your / labor;
blessings and prosperity / will be yours.**

**Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with- / in your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your / table. *Refrain***

**Yes, this will be the / blessing
for the man who / fears the Lord.**

**May the Lord bless you from / Zion;
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days / of your life.**

**May you live to see your children's / children—
peace be on / Israel.**

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-10; 17-19

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs...

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 6:33



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well. *Refrain.***

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other,

or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

All Depends On Our Possessing #807:1-3, 5-6

All depends on our possessing
God’s abundant grace and blessing,
 though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
in their God are not forsaken
 and will keep a dauntless heart.

He who to this day has fed me
and to many joys has led me
 is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
he who daily guides and rules me,
 will remain my help divine.

Many spend their lives in fretting
over trifles and in getting
 things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
that will bring me lasting pleasure
 and that now is seldom found.

Well he knows what best to grant me;
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
 joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never;
as God wills, so be it ever;
 I commit to him my way.

If my days on earth he lengthen,
he my weary soul will strengthen;
 all my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
like a stream away is gliding;
 safe I anchor in his grace.

Sermon

Luke 16:1-13

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith

may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially...*].

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

Hymn

O God, Your Hands the Heavens Made #751

O God, your hand the heavens made
and all that they contain;
the world appeared at your command,
and in it now you reign.
The restless sea, the land, the sky
your handiwork declare;
the touch of your creative pow'r
is present ev'rywhere.

To us are given gifts divine,
all talents you have sent;
inspire us now to use them well
your kingdom to extend.
We hold each gift a trust from you
nor claim it as our own;
we gratefully acknowledge, Lord,
all things are yours alone.

Deliver us from selfish aims,
true stewards we would be;
endow us with a deep desire
to live unselfishly.
A full accounting we must give
and see you face to face;
let us approach your throne with joy,
supported by your grace.

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

My Worth Is Not in What I Own #753

1 My worth is not in what I own,
not in the strength of flesh and bone,
but in the costly wounds of love
at the cross. (v. 2)

2 My worth is not in skill or name,
in win or lose, in pride or shame,
but in the blood of Christ that flowed
at the cross. *Refrain*

*Refrain: I rejoice in my Redeemer—
greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in him, no other;
my soul is satisfied in him alone.*

3 As summer flow'rs we fade and die;
fame, youth, and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us
at the cross. (v. 4)

4 I will not boast in wealth or might,

or human wisdom's fleeting light.

But I will boast in knowing Christ
at the cross. *Refrain*

5 Two wonders here that I confess:
my worth and my unworthiness.

My value fixed—my ransom paid
at the cross. *Refrain*

This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Bible study
Mon-Tue:	10:00 a.m.	Symposium at the Seminary
Tue:	1:00 p.m.	OWLS Meeting at the Lomira Community Center
	6:30 p.m.	Ladies' Aid meeting
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Fri:	6-8:00 p.m.	KML Ultimate Alumni Tailgate Party
Sun:	7:30 / 9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	1:30 p.m.	150 th Anniversary Service at St. Peter, Kekoskee

In Our Prayers Barry Kershaw, undergoing a medical procedure; also Herbie Justman, undergoing cataract surgery this week; Sandy Eicksteadt, dealing with some health challenges.

We thank Anna Bode, who served as our accompanist today (Sunday).

Teacher Installation Today (Sunday) in the early service the following teachers will be installed as our Sunday school staff for this year: Pre-K: Barbara Kluever; 1st-2nd: Shannon Allison & Tarah Allison; 3rd - 4th: Julie Wolf, Jenny Roemer, Heather Stensaas & Abbi Wolf; 5th-6th: Joy Pamperin; 7th-8th: Adam Janz.

We thank them for their willingness to volunteer their time and talents to teach. Please keep these volunteers in your prayers as they assist parents in the extremely important task of bringing the children of Zion up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Bible Study Does God want you to be happy? Does he really help those who help themselves? Would he really send people to hell? In a society that has largely formed its own opinions about who God is and what he would or would not do, this study will take a look at 10 popular lies that people have swallowed about God. Join us on Sundays at 8:45 in the fellowship hall as we set the record straight according to God's Word. By the way, if anyone is interested in a weekday bible study (probably more for seniors), suggest a topic and a day /time that would work and we'd be happy to add another class to the schedule. If you think about it,

The WELS Connection for September will be shown after church today. This month you'll meet Lauren Glenney, a new member at Intown Lutheran Church, a home mission in Atlanta, Ga. You'll also learn about a new Home Missions initiative starting in 2023: 100 missions in 10 years. You can learn more by visiting www.wels100in10.net

Cleaners There was a mixup in the original cleaning calendar that came out at the beginning of the summer, so that there are still two open weeks to clean church. If you have some time during one of these last two weeks of September, please consider signing up on the bulletin board.

Sign Up as a Greeter! It's always nice to be welcomed with a smile and a bulletin as you walk into church. In order to make the process of signing up a little easier, here is the link to sign up on your phone or computer (also available on our website – zionallenton.org).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FoA44ACAE2CAoFA7-zion1> Please include your name(s) in the comment section as well as your phone number. You'll receive an email reminder 2 days before your scheduled day as well as a phone call reminder 2-3 days prior from Mark Pamperin. If you wish to volunteer, but are unable to use the online sign-up, please call Mark Pamperin 262-707-2312 or contact Bonnie Herman at kbherman99@gmail.com 262-483-8018. Thank you for volunteering to greet!

Baby Item Collection In connection with the Fall Lutheran Women's Missionary Society rally in October, our congregation will be collecting baby items for the Central African Medical Mission in Zambia. There is a need for knit hats, booties/socks, washcloths, receiving blankets, fleece blankets, onesies, gowns. They can be new or very gently used. If you'd like, consider including a short note of encouragement to the staff as well. Bring your donations to church during the month of September and place them in the baby bassinet. At last glance, it's almost filled, but we could work at filling it again!

Pew Cushions If you would like a pew cushion to use for our hard pews, you're more than welcome to use one of the cushions that can be found on top of the coat racks in the entryway.

Reading Material / Devotionals There are still a number of copies of the September newsletter, church calendar and September *Forward in Christ* on the cabinet. Check out the excellent lead story in the *Forward*. It tells the story of Clark Woods and how a Sunday morning basketball game led him to a church in Folsom, CA – and a relationship with his Savior.

College Student Address Update If you are a college student (or parent), help us stay in touch by updating your status for school this year and giving us your (their) contact information. Contact our church secretary, Janet Salzman, or the pastor.

Singles Event - Hiking at Parfrey's Glen Want to see one of the most beautiful spots in Wisconsin? The WELS / ELS Singles Group will be hiking to Parfrey's Glen (E1377 CR-DL, Merrimac WI) on **Saturday October 8 at 2:30 pm**. It is a hike of about .75 of a mile to the waterfall. Questions? Please contact Rachel Fritz at rachelfritz@yahoo.com.

Trunk or Treat at KML Join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on **Sunday, October 16, from 3:30-5:30 PM** for Trunk or Treat! Face painting, food for sale, candy, and more! **Register to bring your children** to trunk or treat by October 7th at kmlhs.org/trunkortreat. You are invited to host a trunk for this event. **Register to host a trunk** at kmlhs.org/hostatrunk...oalso by October 7th.

Kitchen Items If you brought any food items for the recent funeral or church picnic last Sunday and you forgot to bring them home, check the church kitchen before you leave.

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