

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Stewardship Month – October!  
October 10, 2021 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



**Thought:** *A worship tradition always starts with: L: God is good; and the C: All the time. Then L: All the time; and the C: God is good. By grace and gratitude this is how we live. On our BEST days, we believe this. On our WORST days, we doubt it. Most of life is lived somewhere between the two extremes. Like most Affirmations of Faith, we profess it on the good days so that we can claim it on the bad days. Stewardship is the reality of our response.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

## **Stewardship Call to Worship:**

A: God is Good

**C: All the time.**

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Take My Life and Let It Be – THENBA

<https://youtu.be/Gf11rReeWIs>

## **ELW # 685 – Lillian Pinkston**

*Vs 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise*

*Focus: Vs 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold, take my intellect and use eve'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.*

**Scripture: The Widow's Mite**

**Mark 12: 41-44**

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

**Thought** – What "mite" would we withhold?

## **Opening Hymn**

<https://youtu.be/mqXt-t9LNFY>

For the Fruit of All Creation – First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln Neb.

## **ELW #679 – Lillian Pinkston**

- 1 *For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.*
  
- 2 *In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.*

### **Invocation**

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

**Amen.**

### **Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Loving and forgiving God, you have reached into our souls and have seen us as our true selves.

*A time of silence for reflection*

You know where we have been faithful and where we have come up short.

**C: Forgive us when we believe we have kept all your commandments, but have forgotten to remember the poor,**

**the weak, the stranger, and the hurting. Instill in us an understanding of your love and grace.**

P: We are forgiven in Christ as we reach out to others and share that same love with them.

**C: Amen.**

### **Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also, with you.**

### **Kyrie**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

For the people 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen and Amen!**

### **Hymn of Praise**

<https://youtu.be/-UW7IxAiPSc>

We Are An Offering – Chris Christian

**The Word**  
**Old Testament reading – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**  
*Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live*

- <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
- <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!
- <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
- <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.
- <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.
- <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.
- <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.
- <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 90:12-17**

*So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.*

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<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?**

**Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad<sup>l</sup> all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

### **Epistle reading – Hebrews 4:12-16**

*Approach the throne of grace with boldness*

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us

therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel – Mark 10:17-31**  
<https://youtu.be/jM1m9Tp0NMQ>

*What must I do to inherit eternal life*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another,

“Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of The Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Prayer of the Day

A: With your Son’s disciples we raise our voices, O God:

**C: “Who, then, can be saved?”**

A: For we are all rich with your blessings.

**C: Your goodness comes to us anew every day.**

A: Yet it is difficult for the rich to enter your kingdom –

**C: more difficult than squeezing a camel through a needle’s eye.**

A: Lead us to acknowledge that our riches come from you, O God –

**C: to know that they are YOURS.**

A: Lead us to serve you with these riches...now and always.

**C: We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Children’s Time

<https://youtu.be/tcoejFpXslQ>

### Homily – “A Camel and a Needle’s Eye”

<https://youtu.be/mH6DhLRhjmY>

## Hymn of the Day

<https://youtu.be/Ha3KLi3nKO4>

We Give Thee but Thine Own – Parklands Ward Social Media

### ELW #686 – Lillian Pinkston

- 1 We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
  
- 2 May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our firstfruits give.

### Prayers of Intercession

**P:** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and

world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind (*local ministries may be named*).

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died (*especially*). Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Offering – A time of silence and prayer**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

A: Heavenly Father, you have made us rich

**C: rich in many gifts.....many talents.**

A: We offer them back you, O Father,

**C: for they are yours.**

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

### Lamb of God – Mass Song

<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer

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.**

## Distribution

### Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

OR

<https://youtu.be/99FEyfdLikM>

I Am The Bread of Life – Emmanuel Episcopal Church - Geneva

### Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

#### Post Communion Prayer

A: You have enriched us, O Christ –

**C: enriched us through this meal’s healing power.**

A: Continue to lead us, O Christ

**C: You are the Lord forevermore. Amen.**

### Benediction – Numbers 6

#### Sending Hymn

[https://youtu.be/zjRf3\\_QZQWE](https://youtu.be/zjRf3_QZQWE)

Praise and Thanksgiving – Distant Voices

### ELW #689 – Lillian Pinkston

- 1 *Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.*
  
- 2 *God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,*

*harvesting, milling for daily bread.*

*3 Father, providing food for your children,  
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
with us, all others may know your care.*

*4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.*

### **Dismissal**

A: We go out serving with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude**

