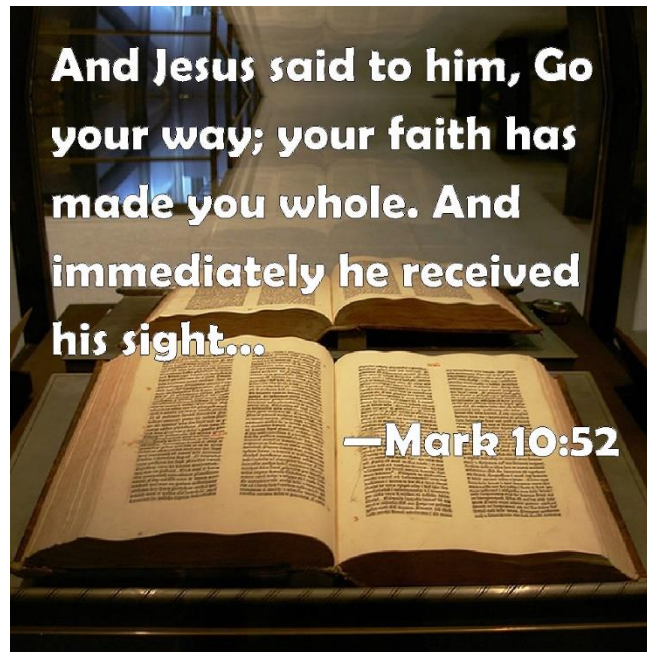


Our Savior Lutheran Church
Stewardship Month
October 24, 2021 - Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



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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C: God is good.

ELW # 685 Take My Life and Let It Be

<https://youtu.be/Gf11rReeWIs>

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 5:

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Scripture: *Well done, good and faithful servant* – Matthew 25:14-25

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

Thought – Have we buried our talent in the backyard or are we willing to take a risk?

Opening Hymn - ELW #673 God, Whose Almighty Word

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfdR7r7xgN8>

Lillian Pinkston

Vs. 1:

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took flight:
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Vs 2:

Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and
sight;
health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind let there be light.

Invocation

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

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open
heart.

(Silence for reflection)

L: God, our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in +Christ Jesus, God makes us righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all our sins.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace 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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

A: Eternal light, shine in our hearts.

C: Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

A: Eternal compassion, have mercy on us.

C: Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness,

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:7-9

.⁷For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading – Hebrews 7:23-28

²³Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

Holy Gospel – Mark 10:46-52

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

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him,

“Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Message – Tim Leitner, SAM

<https://youtu.be/Ewl5dfIoxis>

Hymn of the Day

ELW 779 -Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbL7iXf69xQ>

Lillian Pinkston

Vs 1:

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that save a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Vs 2:

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Vs 3:

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

Offering – A time of silence and prayer

Offertory Prayer

A: God of abundance,

C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly;

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Meal – Consecration

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Distribution

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9nOWL30EP8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwc281qvVh0>

Post Communion Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord of life,

**C: in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love**

A: in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The Holy Trinity, +one God bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – ELW #551 The Spirit Sands Us Forth to Serve

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jp7Qp4RE98A>

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Vs 1

The Spirit send us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

Vs 2

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

Vs 4

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. The living word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

