

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
October 16, 2022  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Stewardship is Heart Work”



**Thought:** It is difficult for any of us to give of our gifts, ourselves with “abandon.” From when we were little, we were always taught to be prudent and careful with what we have been given or earned. The struggle is our “stewardship” understanding as to what belongs to us, or what is a gift from God.

*2 Corinthians 9:8 God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.* Trust, confidence and faith is where we live. Pray always. Do not lose heart.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Stewardship Call to Worship - Take My Life That I May Be  
Verse 4 ELW #685

[https://youtu.be/6T8KdOet\\_N0](https://youtu.be/6T8KdOet_N0)

Take My Life That I May Be - St. John's Youth Ministry

### Invocation

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

C: Amen.

### Stewardship Litany

A: Let us pray for the wisdom and courage to make stewardship a way of life with God.

#### *A Time of Silence*

A: Help us plan -

C: how to share our treasure to do Your work.

A: Our planning and sharing -

C: demonstrates the great importance that You and the truth of the Gospel has in our lives.

A: Help us plan -

C: to serve our church, our community, and our world with Your gifts.

A: Let us pray that we will share in proportion to what has been given us. Help us, Lord -

C: return a portion of all You have given us.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. (Psalm 100:4)

Hymn - "O Word of God Incarnate" ELW 514

<https://youtu.be/mRpN6E2Hjcs>

O Word of God Incarnate - James Biery

### Prayer of the Day

A: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries.

C: Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## The Word

### Stewardship Scripture - 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

*The person who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing<sup>lul</sup> in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness<sup>lul</sup> endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.<sup>lul</sup> <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

### Old Testament reading- Genesis 32:22-31

<https://youtu.be/Hns51uarD4M>

*Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him*

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

**Psalm 121**

*My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth*

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

**Epistle reading - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed*

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

Holy Gospel - Luke 18:1-8  
[https://youtu.be/ML1A\\_gTqaXk](https://youtu.be/ML1A_gTqaXk)

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

*The need to pray always and not to lose heart*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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

Children of God Time  
<https://youtu.be/pmrDSSba-Y>

Homily - “When the Son of Man comes, will He find Faith on Earth?”  
<https://youtu.be/lHxZSqGxCS4>

Hymn of the Day - “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” ELW 729

<https://youtu.be/zBUAQKGyc5A>  
The Church of Christ, in Every Age - James Biery

### Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead,  
on the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

### Prayers of Intercession

**P:** In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. **C:** Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work (*local ministries may be named*), that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace (*especially*), that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**



Offering/Offertory Prayer

A: Almighty God, steadfast Judge, we cry to you for mercy -

**C: and you provide!**

A: Make us persistent in our requests, O God.

**C: Make us persistent in our acts of love.**

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: With this bread and cup we remember the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”

ELW 464

<https://youtu.be/TcxNJw3NvSs>

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal - Mary Munson

## 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

### Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

#### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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### Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, your love for us was eternally persistent –  
C: for it led you to the cross and death.

A: Lord Jesus Christ, your love for us was eternally persistent –  
C: for it led you to the tomb...and to life again.

A: Motivate us by your gracious example.

C: **Make our love persistent.**

A: We bless you now and evermore.

C: **Amen.**

### Benediction from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – “If Your But Trust in God to Guide You”

ELW 769

[https://youtu.be/zFPe\\_G-Lqcc](https://youtu.be/zFPe_G-Lqcc)

Dismissal

A: You abound in steadfast love, O God always with us.

C: We go to serve persistent in prayer and service.

Postlude

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action