

October 9, 2022
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Stewardship is Heart Work”



Thought: Sometimes we are waiting for the miraculous when the mundane is always in God’s hands as well. Psalm 145:18 *The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.*

Trusting in God’s love and presence is always the potential, every day for what is needed in your life. Give thanks ahead of time!

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Stewardship Call to Worship: “Take My Life That I May Be”

Verse 3

ELW # 685

<https://youtu.be/FN3OaZJaNEE>

Take My Life and Let It Be – David and Noelle Music

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Stewardship Litany

A: Help us to hear your call to be good stewards of all Your gifts.

A time of Silence

A: Help us make Your priorities...

C: our priorities.

A: Help us to challenge each other, as disciples of Christ...

C: to put our faith into action.

A: Let us pray that as good stewards we will plan our sharing. As we plan the things in our lives that are most important to us...

C: Lord, help us plan our sharing of time with those in need.

A: Help us plan...

C: how to “give back” the talents with which we have been blessed.

All: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. (Psalm 100:3)

Hymn – “I Surrender All” (printed on back of bulletin)

<https://youtu.be/j04Bx9pKwpU>

I Surrender All – Rosemary Siemens

Prayer of the Day

A: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation.

C: Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

Stewardship Scripture – Galatians 6:7-10

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

Old Testament Reading – 2 Kings 5:1-15

Naaman is healed, but needs to be healed of his pride

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served

Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁴ So Naaman^[a] went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana^[b] and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant." ¹⁶ But he said, "As the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!" He urged him to accept, but he refused. ¹⁷ Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule loads of earth be given to your servant, for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except the LORD. ¹⁸ But may the LORD pardon your servant on one count: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow down in the house of Rimmon, when I do bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the LORD pardon your servant on this one count." ¹⁹ He said to him, "Go in peace."

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

Psalm 111

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

Epistle reading – 2 Timothy 2:8-15

If we have died with him, we will also live with him

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord^[b] that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

Holy Gospel – Luke 17:11-19

<https://youtu.be/CzW7tgsiN8s>

Worship God and give thanks in all things

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

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village; ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him.

And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

Time for the Children of God
<https://youtu.be/0rpKLMXZnzE>

Homily – “Is That All There Is?”
<https://youtu.be/dnBXm6Dj-Ds>

Hymn of the Day – “Joy to the World” ELW #267

<https://youtu.be/-Xo64Q2ucQ8>

Joy to the World - Pentatonix

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: Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons (*church leaders may be named*). Inspire leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds, that your saving faith may be known to all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest. Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and deforestation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world who work for justice and peace. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need. Restore to community those who are stigmatized by illness, feel rejected, or who live in isolation. Send healing to all who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation. Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick (*especially*). Give insight to doctors, nurses, home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Eternal God, we give you thanks for your faithful people who have gone before us to your glory. Renew our trust in your eternal promises of mercy, redemption, and new life. 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.



Grounded in Faith
Growing to Serve

Offering/Offertory Prayer

A: Eternal God, we return our thanks to you,

C: even as we return these gifts – gifts of your hand – to your altar now.

A: Accept humble offerings, and lead us to lives of service.

C: Then we will heal, as we are healed. Then our thanks will be returned in action.

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”

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<https://youtu.be/TcxNJw3NvSs>

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal – Mary Munson

Words of Institution

The 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.

Distribution

Communion Music

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction – from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – “As The Deer”

Worship and Praise #9

<https://youtu.be/UZv3jzOTE70>

As The Deer - Mick

Dismissal

A: Living each day in thankfulness and praise for your presence.

C: **We go to serve!**

Postlude

