

# 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 6 & 9, 2022

**The Season** The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. Our series now focuses on *The Believer Grows in Christian Character*.

**The Sunday** The believer has a right relationship with worldly wealth. Faithful service to the Master is marked by faithful use of the Master's possessions.

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## Opening Hymn

*Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly* CW 484



1 Broth-ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to  
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the  
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the



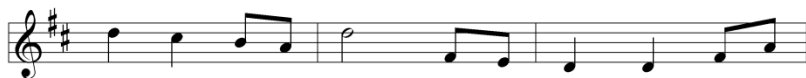
God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor-ough,  
gift of Christ, his Son, What great good - ness he has  
sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope a - bides now



hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.  
shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!  
on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.



All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our  
Let us to him prompt-ly, free - ly, Yield our  
Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to



time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -  
bod - ies and our souls, Thank - ful that his love pro -  
com - fort and re - store Till in heav'n we rest re -



vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.  
tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.  
joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–72, alt.

Tune: NETTLETON (87 87 D) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813, alt.

## Stand

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the **Gospel**  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the **Gospel**  
and  
**Go**  
with the **Gospel**

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

**C: And also with you.**

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## CONFESSION OF SINS

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M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

**C: Amen.**

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C: Amen**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### O Lord, Our Lord



you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;

you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## Prayer of the Day

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

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## THE WORD

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**Choir**

*Where Your Treasure Is (8:00)*

**Grades 4K-4**

*Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings (10:30)*

**First Lesson:**

**Genesis 14:8-24**

Abram comes to the rescue of his nephew Lot from the hands of Kedorlaomer and the Eastern Kings. After receiving bread and wine from Salem's Priest-King Melchizedek, Abram credits the Lord with victory by making an offering of a tenth of the spoils. At the same time Abram declines the offer from the King of Sodom to keep all the remaining possessions. Is it not God who gives us the ability to make money and possess the things of this world? Does he not bless our efforts and prosper his people? These are resources to be used to give glory to his name and used for the accomplishment of his kingdom work.

<sup>8</sup> Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboyim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) marched out and drew up their battle lines in the Valley of Siddim <sup>9</sup> against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goyim, Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five. <sup>10</sup> Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some of the men fell into them and the rest fled to the hills. <sup>11</sup> The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. <sup>12</sup> They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom.

<sup>13</sup> A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshkol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. <sup>14</sup> When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. <sup>15</sup> During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. <sup>16</sup> He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.

<sup>17</sup> After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

<sup>18</sup> Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, <sup>19</sup> and he blessed Abram, saying,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

<sup>20</sup> And praise be to God Most High,  
who delivered your enemies into your hand.”

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

<sup>21</sup> The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.”

<sup>22</sup> But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, <sup>23</sup> that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, ‘I made Abram rich. <sup>24</sup> I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me—to Aner, Eshkol and Mamre. Let them have their share.” (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 38 CW

### Refrain



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

### Psalm tone



O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger\*  
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,\*  
and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me\*  
like a burden too heavy to bear.

### Refrain

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;\*  
my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;\*  
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,\*  
O Lord my Savior.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Refrain

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## Second Lesson

## 1 Timothy 6:6-16

Here is managerial balance for the life of faith: godliness with contentment. Love of money leads to a wandering from the faith and eternal destruction. Love for Christ results in fighting “the good fight” in this world in the sure hope of serving the King of Kings and Lord of Lords now and into eternity.

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.  
Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

*Stand*

## Gospel

## Luke 16:1-13

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager has caused some consternation among New Testament believers. Was the manager dishonest or was he merely taking advantage of his master's manipulation of the law of Moses? If he was dishonest, how can the Lord hold up sin as an example for faithful living? Do not miss the point. This is a "fish or cut bait" lesson being taught by the Great Teacher. Love for money or love for God are the options. Each brings with it eternal results. Those who love money will not be trusted with greater treasure. Those who love the Lord and faithfully use his possessions for kingdom work will be trusted with the eternal treasure of heaven

<sup>1</sup> Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> 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.'

<sup>3</sup> "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— <sup>4</sup> I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

<sup>5</sup> "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

<sup>6</sup> "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.'

<sup>7</sup> "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.'

<sup>8</sup> "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. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“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. <sup>11</sup>So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”

<sup>13</sup>“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.” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

*All Depends on Our Possessing CW 421*



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
 4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing  
 5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
 hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.  
 soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are  
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
 I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so  
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.  
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
 be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.  
 way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, alt.

*Stand*

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

### **Offering**

*Stand*

### **Prayer of the Church**

#### **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.**

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### **THE SACRAMENT**

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**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.



## Proper Preface

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

### Be Seated

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith and warns us against the dangers of not understanding what communion is, we practice close communion. WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor before communing. If you would like to learn more about communing with us in the future, please contact pastor.

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn

*Fight the Good fight CW 457*

1 Fight the good fight With all your might;  
 2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;  
 3 Cast care a - side, Lean on your guide;  
 4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.

Christ is your strength and Christ your light.  
 Lift up your eyes and seek his face.  
 His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.  
 He chang - es not, and you are dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;  
 Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove  
 On - ly be - lieve, and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
 Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
 That Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, alt.  
 Tune: MENDON (448 88) *The Methodist Harmonist*, New York, 1821.

*Stand*

### Thank The Lord



**C:** Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



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

**M:** Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C: Amen.

*Be Seated*

## Closing Hymn

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* CW 125:3,4



3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.  
That were a trib - ute far too small;



Did e'er such love and sor - row meet  
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

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