



Palentine
Lutheran Church

October 13th, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost

Reaching Out in Christian Love to All

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The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

*=Stand as you are able **Bold Print** = congregation responds

ELW=Red Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

(ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✙ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For

the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight
 in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your
 holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
 and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and
 ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I
 therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in
 the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

***GATHERING SONG “Rise Up, O Saints of God!” ELW 669**

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1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

***GREETING**

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek 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.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore 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.

¹²For 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.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek 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.

¹⁵Hate 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

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.

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

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, 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. ¹³And 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.

¹⁴Since, 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. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶Let 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.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

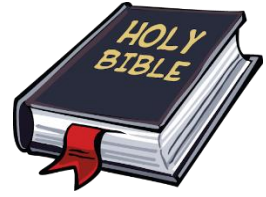
¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery;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

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It 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.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus 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, ³⁰who 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. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Presentation of the Bible



Jax Clark

Jax is the son of Dax & Haylie Clark.

Jax's sponsors are Shawn & Heather Hedrick.

Maizy DeVries

Maizy is the daughter of Russ and Mindy DeVries.

Maizy's sponsors are Mackenzie and Nick Tallman.

Evelyn Johnson

Evelyn is the daughter of Scott and Alyssa Johnson.

Evelyn's sponsors are Katie Meyers, Kristina Johnson.

Evelyn Kam

Evelyn is the daughter of Jason and Melinda Kam.

Evelyn's sponsors are Brian Harleen, Christen and Brian Harmon.

Henry Sandquist

Henry is the son of Tom and Kari Sandquist.

Henry's sponsors are Katie Sandquist, Jacob Huxford.

Kora Swan

Kora is the daughter of Mark and Heather Swan.

Kora's sponsors are Marc & Nikki Anstine.

Kason Swan

Kason is the son of Mark and Heather Swan.

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A representative of Christian Education Committee will be presenting the Bibles.

Milestone Ministry – Presentation of Bibles

One of the promises that parents and sponsors make during baptism is to place in their children’s hands the Holy Scripture. Today our third graders step over another milestone of faith development as they receive “adult” Bibles. These Bibles will serve them in their personal use, Sunday School, Confirmation and group Bible study.

Presentation

Each child’s family and sponsors will gather at the baptismal font. A member of the Education Committee gives the Bible to the parents.

Instruction (spoken by Pastor Eric) 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NRSV)

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Encouragement (spoken by parents & sponsors as a group):

Receive this Bible. As we promised when you were baptized, we place God’s Word in your hands.

Hear God’s Word with us. Learn and tell the stories of this marvelous book.

Parents hand bible to the child.

Blessing (spoken by Congregation)

**May God bless this Bible which is given to you today.
Discover its mysteries, depth, and wonders as you grow.
Rejoice in its good news of love and grace. May God's life-giving Word inspire you and make you wise and faithful all your days. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children will leave to go to Children's Church

Preschool/Kindergarten – room beside nursery in north fellowship hall

1st & 2nd grade – Upstairs to the left

3rd & 4th grades – Upstairs to the left

5th & 6th grades – Downstairs

Confirmation – Conference Room

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

"I Love you, Lord"

W&P 67

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F² Gm/F F
I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

B^b F/A Gm⁷ F/A C⁷_{sus} C B^b/D C/E
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take

F² Gm/F F F⁷
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a

B^b F/A F^{sus}/G C⁷ B^b²/F F²
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

SERMON

REFLECTION HYMN: “Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW 583

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Refrain

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

- 1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*
- 2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*
- 4 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. *Refrain*

***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**

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us

mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely (*especially*):

Kristy Brownfield, Adrienne Brown, Marlys Hartman, Alice Kahler, Betsy Johnson, Judy McKinney, Larry Pote, Havanna Roelfs, Lisa Rose, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Omar Tesdell, Ramsey Tesdell

Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. We especially pray for:

Merlin Lyon, Mindy Kahler, Kathy Saveraid, Arleta Wilson, Gary Davis, Shirley Saveraid, Clara Eisenmann, Dan Eisenmann, Dena Bloodsworth, Charles Bowers, Sarah Piper, Helen Miller, Jacob Leedom, Dan Bushaw, Elaine Paradise, Charlize Flick, Lee Briggs, Thomas Noll, Linda Lewis, Roger Larson, Sally Greve, Krisha Barrett

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: **“Goodness of God”** ***Sr. Choir***

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your
goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves,
our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have
gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through
the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.**

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

CONGREGATIONAL QUERY:

What kind of community do you dream of being a part of?

***THE BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

“Seek Ye First”

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Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -
D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -
D Em A7 D F#m

right - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Children are dismissed to go downstairs for:



CHILDREN'S MUSIC WITH NELS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

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Those Serving in Today's Service

Pastor: Pastor Eric Klimpel

Accompanist: Mindy DeVries

Youth Liaison: Nels Dovre

Lector: Lyle Martin

Acolyte: Rex Clark

Technicians: Brent Emerson, Brayden DeVries, Owen Williams

This Week at Palestine

Today, October 13th, 2024 *Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost*

8:30 a.m. Choir

9:30 a.m. Worship; Presentation of third-grade bibles

Music with Nels

Cookie Sunday

New member orientation

5-7 p.m. Group Night at Center Grove Orchard

Tuesday, October 15th, 2024

10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study (*Pastor*)

1:00 p.m. Cedars Worship (*Pastor*)

7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

Wednesday, October 16th, 2024

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group

1:00 p.m. Quilting

2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Meeting (*Pastor*)

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, October 17th, 2024

12:30 p.m. Ballard Ministerial Meeting (Pastor)

Friday, October 18th – Saturday, October 19th

Riverside Fall Recharge (3-6 grades)

Sunday, October 20th, 2024 22nd Sunday of Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Choir

9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion

Music with Nels

5:00 p.m. 4H

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline

Lectionary texts: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10;
Mark 10:35-45

Thank you for your Gifts for Ministry:

Sunday, October 6, 2024:

General: \$4,282.00

Attendance: 108

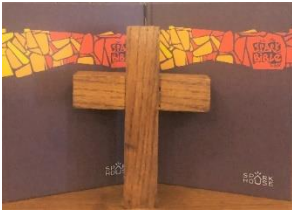
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THANK YOU!!! We celebrate your generosity and thank you in
advance for your support.



Kids In Christ's Kingdom **3RD- 6TH Grader Youth Group** **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **October 13 - Center Grove Orchard Group Night -5-7 pm -**
sign up coming soon!
- **October 18-19 - Riverside Fall Recharge (3rd-6th graders)**
Kick will reimburse half the registration fee with receipt.
- **November 3rd – Singing during worship!**



Congratulations to our third graders who received the Word of the Lord today.

Let's pray that our children will see God's word for what it is: a guiding light that illuminates the pathway to God's blessings. Let's pray, according to Psalm 119:11, that our kids will love God's word, hiding it in their hearts to keep them from sinning against God and interfering with the blessings he wants to provide.



THEOLOGY ON TAP
Question freely. Think deeply. Drink a little.

Join us for Theology on Tap
At Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley
Sunday, October 20th 5:30 –6:30.

Welcome to Worship! We're glad you're here (physically or virtually), guests and members alike, and pray that you will find in our worship an opportunity to praise God and hear God's Word.

Beloved Worth, Not Wealth *(based on Mark 10)*

Perhaps you are familiar with the idiom “worth one’s weight in gold.” The phrase means that someone is valuable because of their skills or what they can contribute. It can mean they are so good at their job that they are worth a high sum of money. This is a very old saying that points to how humans often determine the value of other humans.

The challenge Jesus presents to all of us is to see ourselves and others the way God sees us. We often see each other through the lenses that have been prescribed by our societal norms. We see the brand labels on our shoes and cars. We determine the amount of wages someone earns based on merit or years of experience. (See Matthew 20:1-16 for more from Jesus about wages and the kingdom of God.) Our society often assesses someone’s position in the world based on their money or job. In today’s gospel reading, is wealth itself what stands in this man’s way, or is it a symptom of wealth?

Our worth is not defined by wealth and riches, our skills, or our productivity; rather, it is defined by God. And God names each of us beloved. We are claimed, marked, and redeemed by God through Jesus Christ. Martin Luther shares that our job isn’t to earn this salvation; it is a free gift, and our job is to live in response to this gift and to nurture and share it with others.

Everything that we own is made by humans from materials created by God. Jesus instructs us to be generous with these gifts of God. We are to share these riches not according to human standards but God’s standards, and God names all beloved and worthy.