# Sixteenth Sunday After Pentacost September 28, 2025

As We Gather - Though it sounds like a contradiction, the "poor rich man" in today's parable of Jesus apparently never really heard or just ignored the dire warning of God's prophets like Amos against trusting in earthly gain and riches to the exclusion of trusting faith in the merciful promises of God. The temptation of earthly wealth infects all people throughout history to this day, regardless of outward circumstances, rich and poor alike. Paul sums up the challenge for faith as he contrasts the "great gain" (or profit) of godly faithfulness and the temptations (or pitfalls) of temporary riches. We all know the sentence of Paul, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only "money is the root of all evil." Money is not the problem. There's no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian's true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith. It is the life we can take with us through and beyond the grave and gate of death. "Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live" (Psalm 146:1–2), which will be forever!

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards:** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

# GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

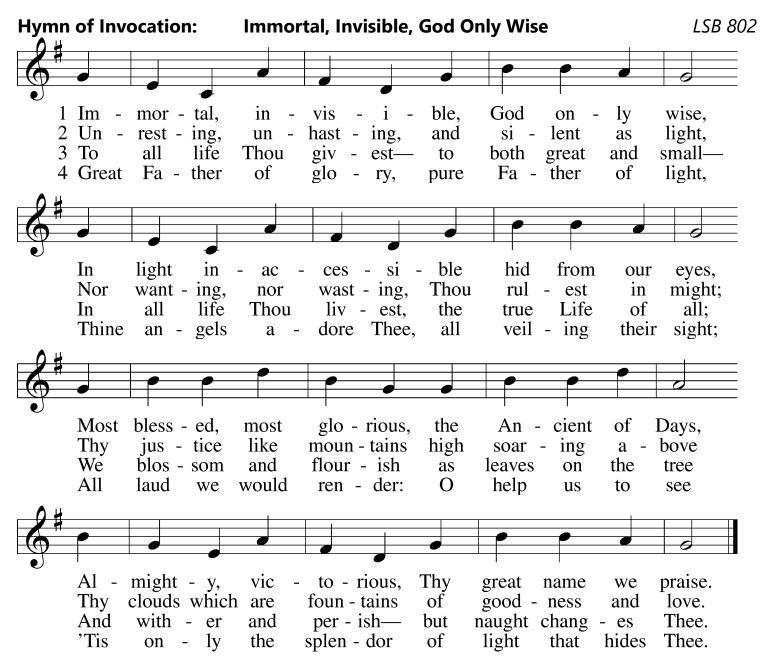
**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

**Prelude:** 

# "Holy, Holy" arrangement by Purifoy Played by Albert McCullough on flugelhorn

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

#### **PREPARATION**



Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Tune: Welsh

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

### Service of the Word

Introit \*

From Psalm 119

- P Let your steadfast love | comfort me\* according to your promise to your | servant.
- Your hands have made and | fashioned me;\*
  give me understanding that I may learn your com- | mandments.
- Those who fear you shall see me | and rejoice,\* because I have hoped | in your word.
- I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are | righteous,\* and that in faithfulness you have af- | flicted me.
- Let your mercy come to me, that | I may live;\* for your law is | my delight.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*
  and to the Holy | Spirit;
  as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
  is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
  Let your steadfast love | comfort me\*
  according to your promise to your | servant.



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be - ry And peace to glo all the earth; got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, You, O sole-be we pray; ho - ly; You on - ly 3 For You a - lone are are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

# **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

#### Amos 6:1-7

#### **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>1</sup>"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. the notable men of the first of the nations. to whom the house of Israel comes! <sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, <sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? <sup>4</sup>"Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall. <sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, <sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Timothy 3:1–13

<sup>1</sup>The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, soberminded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup>He must

not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Luke 16:19–31

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup> and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' <sup>30</sup>And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

#### **Children's Sermon**





#### Sermon

# "Pride Goeth Before A Fall" Amos 6:1-7

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "O, How I Love Jesus" arrangement by Lloyd Larson

**Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)** 

**Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)** – Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle

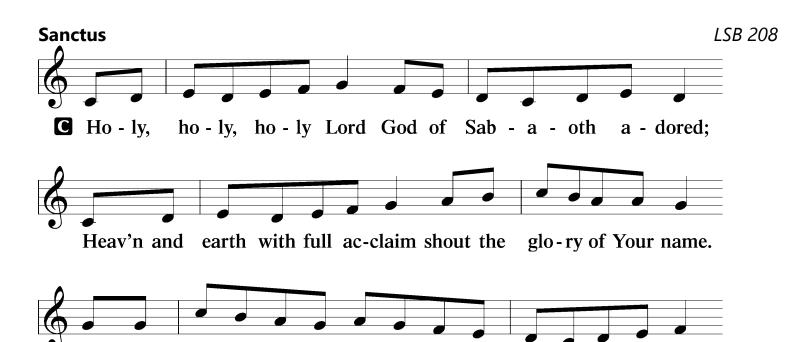
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## **Prayer of the Church**

### Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Sing ho

san-na

in

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

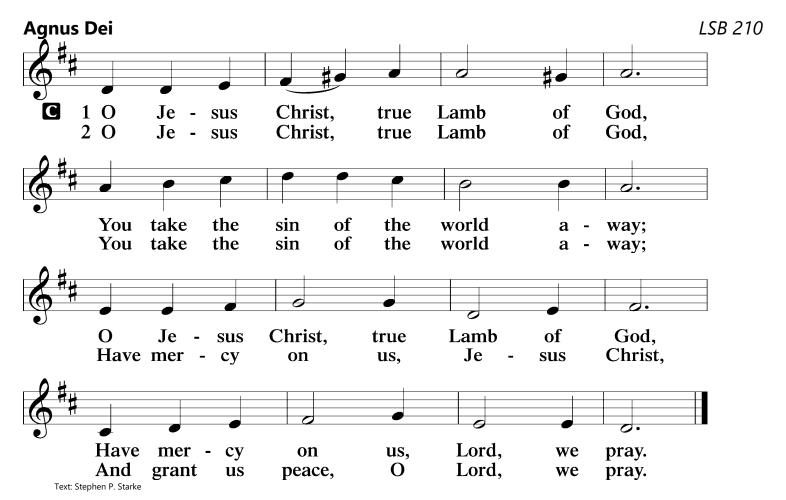
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Pax Domini**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **G** Amen.



#### **Distribution**

### **Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)**

# LSB 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LSB 682 God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons

Stand



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

## (Saturday)

- P Let us pray.
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

# (Sunday)

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

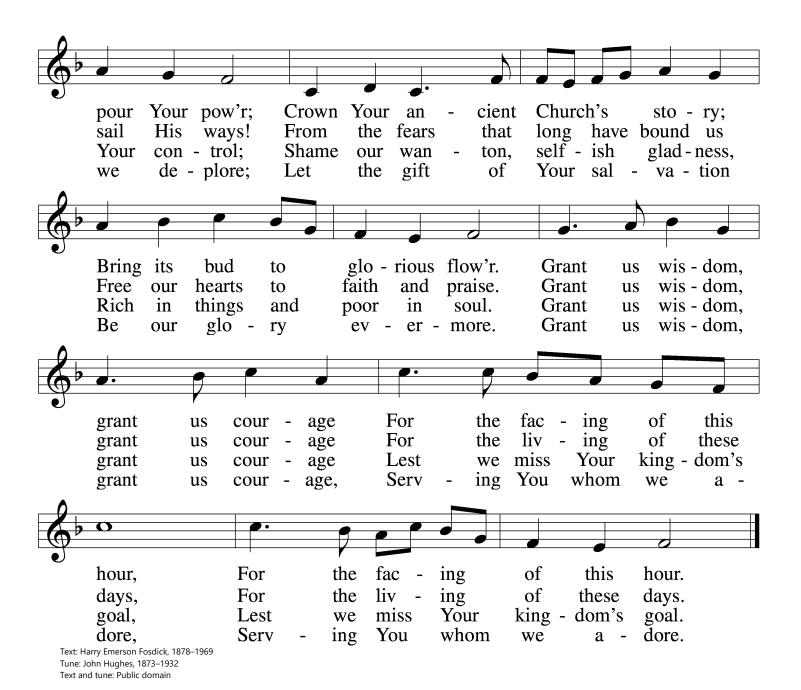
Benedicamus LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

- C Amen.





#### Postlude:

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# LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>TODAY</u>

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska
<u>Saturday</u>	
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska
Elder	Steve West
Lector	Gerie Slaten
<u>Sunday</u>	
Elder	Frank Decker
Lector	John T. Doherty, Jr.
Greeter	
Audio	
Video	Video/Streaming: Josiah Hazzard
	GFX: Andrea Hazzard
Altar Guild	Sandy Spanier and John T. Doherty, Jr.

# LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
	Elena Miraztchiyska
	Frank Decker
Lector	Charlotte Mantz
Greeter	John T. Doherty, Jr.
Audio	Judi Rudolph
	Video/Streaming: Josiah Hazzard
	GFX: Cheryl Erwin
Altar Guild	Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	27
Sunday Worship Attendance	87
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	\$0
Simply Giving/Vanco	
Paypal Offerings	\$0
Website (ShareFaith)	
Total of Offerings Received	\$0
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH** – Pentecost XVI– Abortion and physician-assisted suicide find their primary motivation in protecting leisure and luxury. The prophet Amos proclaims woe to such priorities (Amos 6:1), and the Apostle Paul warns Timothy that they invite evils (1 Timothy 6:10). Instead, we get to remind one another to "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:19), namely the Savior and the neighbor right in front of us (Luke 16:20-22).



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>FLOWER SPONSOR</u> – Dawns Peters in memory of grandparents Walter and Mildred Radke.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** - There is no Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**MARY MARTHA QUILTERS** - Mary Martha Quilters meet each Wednesday at 10am. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.

**ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETING** -The Endowment Fund Committee will be having their next meeting today, following the worship service. The meeting will be held in the Zoom Room, 1st door on the right in the Fellowship all. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the Committee. Helen Borgwardt, Chairperson.

**ELDERS MEETING** – There is an Elders Meeting next Sunday, October 5th, after service.

**FELLOWSHIP** – Fellowship begins in October after services. Please join us! Our Fellowship offerings for this Fall will be:

<u>October</u> - South American Mission <u>November</u> - Gideons <u>December</u> - Top Button

**LWML SUNDAY** - will be held next Sunday, October 5, 2025. **"Proclaiming Christ"** is our theme. A dinner for the congregation will be held that day after Worship.

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES** - We are pleased to announce that Maddie Block will offer an eight session American Sign Language for Beginners course on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., beginning October 6<sup>th</sup>. This fun learning experience will help prepare you to better communicate with our deaf neighbors. Bring a friend!

<u>COMMUNITY GARDEN</u> – Check out our community garden! Help yourself to herbs and flowers, right outside the kitchen door! Lora Wacker

<u>THRIVENT CHOICE</u> - Did you know? If you have a Thrivent Life Insurance policy, you can donate "Choice Dollars" to our church. This gift doesn't affect your policy in any way, but is a wonderful way to support the church financially! Follow this link for more information: <u>Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing - Thrivent Charitable</u>.

<u>ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP</u> – Sign-up sheets through August 2026 are now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each sheet will now be posted quarterly, by season, so that as a season passes, a new sheet will be put up, rather than one sheet used for the entire year. There are still some spaces open for the remainder of 2025. It would be a blessing to see those filled! Additional information is available on the poster, immediately next to the signup sheets. Specially designated envelopes are available below the poster. Altar flower offerings go toward our Christmas and Easter live flowers, as well as toward the proper upkeep and refreshing of our silk arrangements used throughout the year.

<u>ALTAR GUILD 2026</u> - Altar Guild teams for 2026 are being formed. If you are interested in joining Altar Guild, we would welcome some new members! Full training on our procedures will be provided. Please contact Dawn Peters or Charlene Rosane. We will also begin calling current team members in the coming weeks, as we begin the process of forming the 2026 schedule, to find out your availability for the coming year. A brief meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th, in the sanctuary, immediately following the Divine Service.

VOLUNTEERS

HELP WANTED- The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year membership), and many other opportunities to serve. Please

<u>ADOPT-A-BLOCK</u> – **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Robin Fox or Pastor Chris.

consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

**TRUSTEE WORKDAY** - The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOX** - Please check your mailbox in the Narthex.

<u>CHURCH DIRECTORY</u> – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the Narthex for more information or email <u>stewardship@clclakeland.org</u>.

<u>NAMETAGS</u> – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

Amos 6:1a – "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion." The Book of Amos is a warning to God's people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations — chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos' instructions — to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord's House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God's priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.



# THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday – 9/30	Adopt-A-Block @ 11 am
Wednesday - 10/1	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Quilters @ 10 am
	Choir Practice @ 5:15 pm
Thursday – 10/2	Bible Study @ 10 am
Friday – 10/3	Church Office closed
	Pastor's day off
Saturday – 10/4	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday – 10/5	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship @ 10 am
	LWML Sunday
	Elder's Meeting after Service