

Luke 16:19-31

First Lutheran Church

September 28, 2025

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BEACH SPRING

Diptych on
“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

(Please stand)

MORNING PRAYER

OPENING DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY

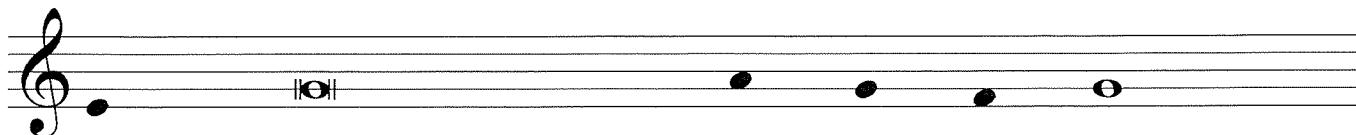
Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,
and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

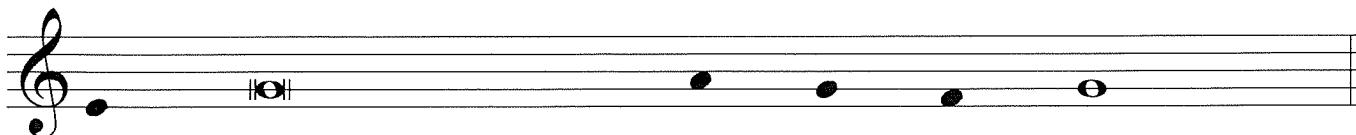
PSALMODY

INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our

light and our life.

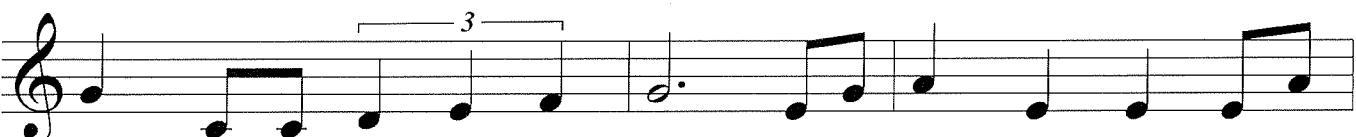


Oh, come, let us

wor - ship and praise.

MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7



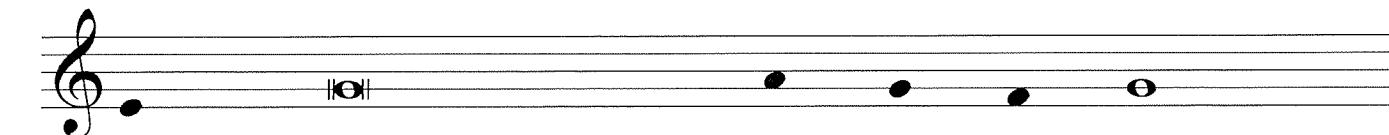
Come, Let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion.

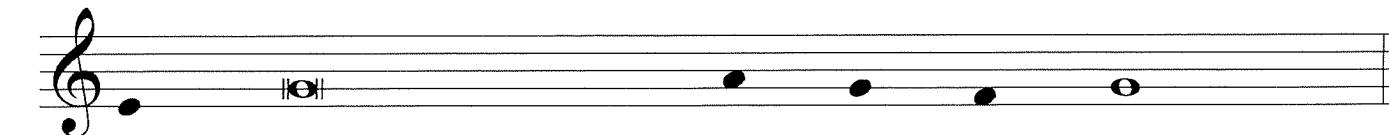
The Cantor will sing the verses.

FINAL INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our

light and our life.



Oh, come, let us

wor - ship and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God,
rich in mercy,
you look with compassion
on this troubled world.

Feed us with your grace,
and grant us the treasure
that comes only from you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

AMOS 6:1,4-7

L: A reading from Amos, the sixth chapter.

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

L: A reading from First Timothy, the sixth chapter.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into

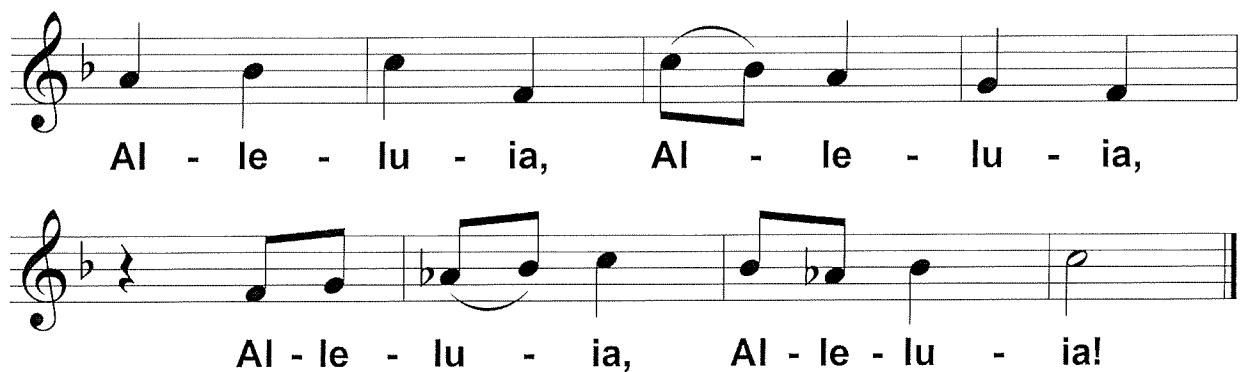
temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (2 Cor. 8:9)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

QUARTET

Jester Hairston

Poor Man Lazarus
 Jerahmy Marshall, tenor I; Cole Miller, tenor II
 Aaron Wilson, baritone, Elijah Shiley, bass

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

(Please be seated)

REFLECTION

REVEREND MARK SCHURING

(Please stand)

CANTICLE

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our
God the dawn from on high shall
break up - on us.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: *Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

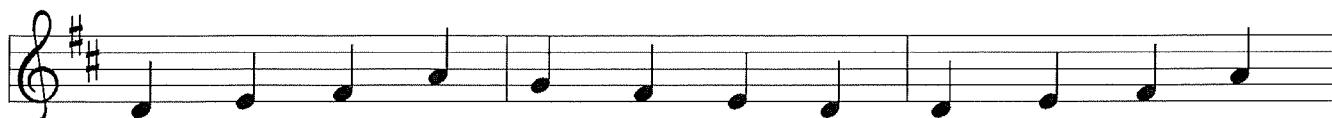
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION**GOD BE WITH YOU****Wilbur Held****God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again****(Please stand)****OFFERING SONG****ELW # 659****Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

ALL 1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
Men 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
Cantor 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
Women 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
ALL 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - - vant, too.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

L: We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel.

Each petition concludes:

P: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We entrust these prayers to you, O God,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
 your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through

the years, and we ask now for confidence
to go forward into the future.

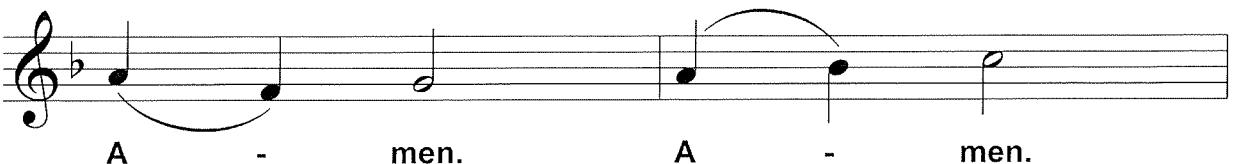
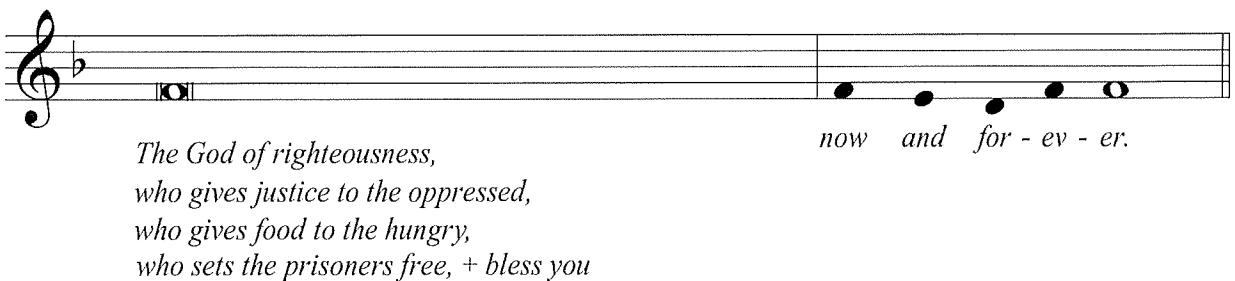
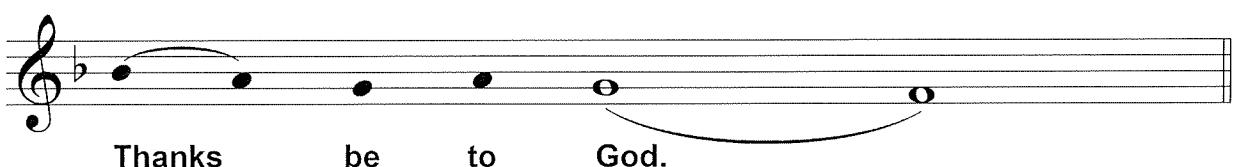
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,
bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.

We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us
as we align with your will, and servant or servants
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.

Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry
and our future.

In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, Amen.

BLESSING



God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

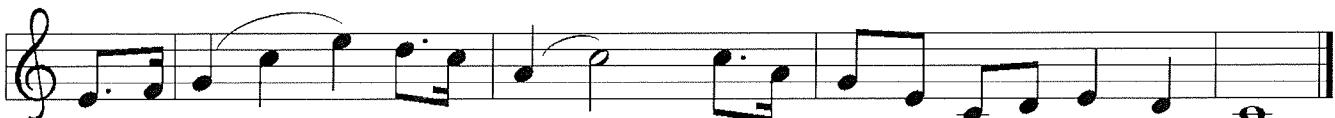


with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

David N. Johnson

Trumpet Tune in F Major

Events in Review

<u>Sunday</u>	Sept 28
10:00AM	Church Service
<u>Monday</u>	Sept 29
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Sept 30
<u>Wednesday</u>	Oct 1
6:00PM	Worship & Music Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	Oct 2
<u>Friday</u>	Oct 3
<u>Saturday</u>	Oct 4

Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	Oct 5
10:00AM	Church Service
<u>Monday</u>	Oct 6
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Oct 7
<u>Wednesday</u>	Oct 8
9:00 AM	Piece Core Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	Oct 9
<u>Friday</u>	Oct 10
<u>Saturday</u>	Oct 11



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were given today in loving memory of

John Brueggemeier

By
The Brueggemeier Family

Lawn Mower for the Week



Shawn Vallery

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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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