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Luke 16:1-13 - The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Sunday, September 18, 2016
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

(Hymnal page 26)

HYMN: #484 "Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"

STAND

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

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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 mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

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



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C: A - men.

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

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
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.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

(Hymnal page 29)

FIRST LESSON: Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,

⁶ that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 38 – The congregation will sing Hymn #424, “O God, Forsake Me Not”

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸ I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;

VERSE OF THE DAY: (soloist) Alleluia! For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

16 He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him,

‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’³ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.’⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’⁶ He said, ‘A hundred measures^[a] of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’⁷ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures^[b] of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.”¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

a. Luke 16:6 About 875 gallons or 3,200 liters

b. Luke 16:7 Between 1,000 and 1,200 bushels or 37,000 to 45,000 liters



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

Gospel Response: “What Shall I Render to the Lord”

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What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of the Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #421 “All Depends on Our Possessing”

SERMON

STAND

NICENE CREED (Hymnal page 31)

**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

worshiped 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.

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of

society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.



THE SACRAMENT

(Hymnal page 33)

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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.

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

Sanctus



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 the new testament in my (+)

blood, 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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#480 “Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth”

#414 “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

THANKSGIVING

(Hymnal page 36)

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-joyce 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 prayer 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: A - men.

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.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER’S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Noon Church Picnic at 6-Mile and Northville Road

Monday- 7:00 PM Divine Service

Pioneer Campout registration deadline (734-658-5735)

Wednesday - 9:00 AM Bible Class (in the school)

Thursday - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal

-7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal

Friday to Sunday - Pioneer Campout at Camp Killarney

Saturday - 12:00 PM Private Confession and Absolution

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service

SERVING NEXT WEEK - Altar Guild: Nancy Winkler; Ushering: Team #4

LUTHERFEST 500

October 31, 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, sparking what became the Lutheran Reformation. We celebrate this annually on the Sunday before October 31 at a festival service. (This year's Reformation Rally will be Sunday, October 30 at St. John's in Westland. More details will come later.)

For the 500th anniversary, we want to do something a little more grand. We want our celebration to be an event which covers the entire weekend leading into October 31. In addition to our festival service on Sunday (October 29, 2017), we are planning an Octoberfest-type celebration we are calling Lutherfest 500 to be hosted at Huron Valley Lutheran High School on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

In order for this celebration to happen in October 2017, we are already assembling committees to organize, to promote, and to operate the Lutherfest 500 celebration. Committees will include Logistics and Facilities; Publicity; Food & Beverage; Entertainment & Decoration; and Set-Up / Clean-Up Crews. Not only will this be an opportunity for Lutherans to celebrate, we also hope it might be an opportunity for Lutherans to welcome others to celebrate with us and, God willing, learn more about our Lutheran confession. It will also be an opportunity for our congregations to join together and work together for a great festival.

Interested? There will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, September 25 at 7:00 PM. It will be held at Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church (33333 Warren Road) in Westland. We will talk about what we hope our event will be, and then go through the steps that we need to follow to make it happen. To make this event all that it can be, we need many people helping us. Please join us!

For more information, or if you are unable to attend but want to be included, you can contact Pastor Tom Schroeder at welsnovi@aol.com.

The deadline for ordering tickets for WELS Day at Ford Field and submitting checks is today, Sept 18th (to reserve our 'block'). Please make your check payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and give it to our church secretary, Carol Schwartz. It looks like we'll have around 25 in our group. **COME JOIN US!**

Game date: **Sunday, Oct 16th at 1 p.m.** (against the Rams)

Cost: **\$43 each** (special discounted ticket also includes a free Lion's hat)

The **church and school kitchen cleaning** resulted in many articles that were left after church meals. The workers put these things, along with extraneous vases and glassware that are not needed in the kitchens, on tables in the church basement. Please claim anything you recognize, as well as other objects you might be able to use in your own

home. There is a large set of china also available in the cupboards for anyone who needs extra dishes. Things that are not taken by September 25 will be donated to various organizations. Thanks to all who helped with the cleaning.

The annual **Church Picnic** will be held today, September 18th at 12 noon at the pavilion at 6 Mile Road and Northville Road. The Board of Stewardship/Education will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. If your last name starts with A to N please bring a dish to pass; if it starts with O to Z please bring a dessert. Please bring your own table service.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those who needs have been reported.

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