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Served today by Pastor Jonathan Priest



September 21, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**"COUNTING THE COST"**

*Whoever you are...*

*Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...*

*YOU are WELCOME here!*

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

### Welcome

### Gathering Music

*Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.*



### Invocation and Prayer

Leader: The parable of the rich man and the wasteful manager teaches us about our relationship with wealth. When we choose financial generosity over selfish gain, we choose to build relationships with people, opening doors of opportunity to share the Gospel and influence more souls for the Kingdom of God. Jesus said plainly, *"You cannot serve both God and money."* Either money will become your god and your ruin, or you will choose to live generously for the Lord. Does your life reflect generosity?

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

Leader: We welcome the Lord in this place and in our hearts. We welcome you, brothers and sisters in the Lord. Perhaps you came here today in search of hope, peace, or love. Perhaps this is the last place you want to be on earth today. Maybe you came in bearing a heavy burden. I encourage you, in the name of the Lord, to lay your burden at the feet of Jesus, who invites you to let Him carry it. Our circumstances are changing, but the Lord is unchanging! Give your burdens to Him.

**People: We lay our burdens at the feet of Jesus. Lord, pick them up and carry them. We trust You.**

Leader: Let us pray: Generous and giving God, we turn our attention to You. We lock our eyes on Yours and our minds we focus on Yours. Teach us Your ways and help us to obey. We go our own way, but Yours is always better. You've created us to live in this world at this time, may we glorify You with everything You've blessed us with, it's all Yours anyway. **Amen.**

## **WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

- Leader:** Before we continue, let us confess our sins to the forgiving Father. He hears us and He loves us.
- People:** **We admit that we are not without fault. We are guilty. We are sinners and we confess our sins openly before Jesus the Christ, our Redeemer. Specifically, we repent of making money our master. We have forsaken the needs of the poor, and we have indulged in monetary gains ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. We know that this is not Your will for our lives. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you've entrusted to us.**
- Pastor:** God, our Savior, desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For the sake of the one mediator between God and people, Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, and by His command, I proclaim to you His Word: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



**Opening Song: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" – LW #270**

## **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD** **(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)**

**First Reading: Amos 8:4–7**

- Reader:** This is God's Word.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

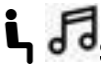
**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1–15**

- Reader:** This is God's Word.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**



**Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1–15**

- Pastor:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



**Song of the Day: "We Praise You, O God" – LW #494**

**Message: "Generous Living" – Pastor Jonathan Priest**

## **WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**



**Nicene Creed – (*All speak together*)**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**The Prayers – Congregation: “Hear our prayer”.**

## **WE ARE REFRESHED BY GOD’S GRACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks and praise to You, O Lord, for in Jesus, the servant of all, You have shown Your saving love and rescued us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Grant that, in response to our salvation, we may live faithfully and generously, meeting the needs of others and bringing glory to Your name. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may rejoice in the gifts before us and thank You with songs of praise and hearts filled with love.

### **Words of Institution**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.**

## Communion



*Please come forward as the ministers (Pastor and Lay Leader) serve you the Sacrament. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say to each communicant, "The Body of Christ, given for you... The Blood of Christ, shed for you." The communicant may say, "Amen." We invite non-communicating children to come forward for a blessing and to cross (X) their arms.*

## Dismissal Blessing

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray: O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## **WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE**

### Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: "Before You, Lord, We Bow" – LW #500

## Announcements

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP TEAM** – Please pick-up your **October/November Worship Schedule** in your box.

**ADULT FORUM** – Join the Pastor today after service for the Adult Forum to discuss today's message. **No ZOOM on Mondays until October 13.**

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**SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY:**      **SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Lay Leader:** Nelson Gremmels  
**Comm. Assistant:** Nelson Gremmels  
**Ushers/Greeter:** Sherrald McMurray  
**Reader:** Beverly Erbel  
**Altar/Pre-Post Clean:** Judy Montoya  
**Counter:** Dan Bastien  
**Fellowship:** Sherrald McMurray

**Lay Leader:** Judy Montoya  
**Comm. Assistant:** **No Comm\***  
**Usher/Greeter:** John & Gail Hutson  
**Reader:** Judy Montoya  
**Altar/Pre-Post Clean:** **Daina Vitols\***  
**Counter:** Shirley Gremmels  
**Fellowship:** John & Gail Hutson

*\*No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

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**BIRTHDAY:** None

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** John & Cecilia Bowman (1993)

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Joseph Worthington (*Grandsons of the Bakken's*) and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Charles Gremmels (*Son of Tom & Kevin Gremmels and Grandson of Nelson & Shirley*).

**SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:**

**Dave Hurley** – He needs prayer for stage 4 prostate cancer, (*John Bowman's Cousin*).

**Susan Desmond** – Prayers for her surgery and recovery.

**Lance Desmond** – Prayers for healing from dialysis procedure, also an available kidney transplant, as he continues dialysis.

**Gary Koehler** – Prayer for comfort, peace and reconciliation with family (*Jo Anne Goldsmith's brother*).

**Joyce Larsen** – She had knee surgery, prayers for successful recovery (*Jo Anne Goldsmith's friend*).

**Jeanette Genovese** – Prayers for healing from knee surgery (*Ken Benson's daughter*).

**Eddie Hailey** – Prayers for the dissolving blood clot in leg, dissipating swelling in leg, restore his ability to walk again, and heal his brain damage (*Sherrald McMurray's brother*).

**Vicky Dayan** – Prayers for comfort; and cancer treatments (*Pastor Tom & Marcia Hurley's neighbor*).

**Diana Goebel** – Prayers for her recovery and her strength to be restored.

**Fern Johnson** – Prayers for her health to be restored and healing her leg.

**Mike Gremmels** – Continued prayers for healing.

**Carmen Roncancio** – Prayers for her health & finances for her great-grandson, Gabriel & his father, Daniel.

**Ken Benson** – Continued healing from cancer.



## First Reading: Amos 8:4–7

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample on the needy  
and bring the poor of the land to an end,  
<sup>5</sup> 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,  
<sup>6</sup> that we may buy the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

## Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1–15

**2** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup> likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup> but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup> Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup> I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup> and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup> Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1–15

**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. <sup>2</sup> 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.’ <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> “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. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> 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.”

<sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

