

Luke 12:22 -23
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his disciples:
“Therefore I tell you,
do not worry about
your life, what you
will eat; or about
your body, what you
will wear. For life is
more than food, and
the body more than
clothes.



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August 10, 2025 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND

August 10, 2025 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

arr. Jonathan Kohrs

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” #811

✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE ✠

(LSB, pg. 151)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present**

and eternal punishment. 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.

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.

C Amen.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.




C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:

C Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalms 33:12-22

P	Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
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C The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;

P from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

C He who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.

P The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

C The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

P Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

C That he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

P Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

C For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

P Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith,

though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.


P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:22-34

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Consider How the Birds Above”** **#736**
(This hymn will be sung to a different tune than what is in the hymnal.)

SERMON **“Anxiety and Faith, Part 2”**
Text: Luke 12:22-34 – Pastor Nathan Widener

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and
GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS**

VOLUNTARY
“Have No Fear, Little Flock” arr. Richard Gieseke

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19)



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty God, increase our faith in Your wise ways and gracious will. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, that we would ever trust in You and be counted righteous in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have clothed us with Your mercy and delivered us from our sins, that we may be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom forever.

Place Your blessing upon the proclamation of Your Word, and prosper the work of all pastors and church workers in their various callings. Be with Pastor Dan Eggold, as he prepares to begin his service as our Senior Pastor. We thank You for guiding us through the call process. Bless also those preparing for church-work vocations through our synod's colleges, universities, and seminaries. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, we ask that You would bless Your Church with a love for Christian education. We pray that our congregation would do its part in teaching in proper balance Your Law and Gospel to people of all ages. Bless all students and teachers as this new school year begins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, because we are weak and powerless apart from You, defend us against all our enemies and bless our nation and those who lead us, especially our president, governor, Congress, legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Make them wise and endow them with a good heart, that they may seek justice and show mercy, especially on behalf of the unborn and those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, You know our needs before we ask, yet You invite us to pray for health and healing, comfort and consolation, and peace at the last. Deliver those who are sick, and grant Your grace to all who cry to You for mercy. Grant us the perfect consummation of our hope and the full healing of body and soul, when at last Your Son comes in His glory to deliver us to You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You worked the salvation of the world through the death of Your dear Son, and You work out Your holy purposes through the deaths of Your saints. Make us faithful unto death, and so receive the fulfillment of all Your promises; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

(10:30)

COMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION OF MS. HOLLIE JOHNSON AS 6th GRADE TEACHER & INSTALLATION OF MRS. HOLLY EHLE AS 1st GRADE TEACHER.

REDEDICATION OF ST. PETER'S FACULTY & STAFF

BACKPACK BLESSING

P After a few months of rest and recuperation during the summer, we have come to the beginning of another exciting school year. Therefore, we ask God to bless all learning and teaching and help us all to treasure the wisdom of His salvation. As Proverbs 2 reminds us, "the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding." It is good that we ask God to bless our students because each approaches school in different ways. Some with excitement and some with anxiety. There are fun experiences and new responsibilities. Each school year brings with it changes and opportunities.

All students, of any age, please stand. We want to pray for you and ask God to bless you. Parents and other caregivers of these students, please stand and place a hand on

your child, youth, or young adult. Congregation as well, please rise and place your hand on a student, if there is one near enough, during the prayer.

P Let us pray together:

C **Almighty God, you are full of wisdom and love, and you have given creation to know and use properly. In the scriptures you gave prophets to teach your commands and divine love. And you sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone. Be with these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that during this school year they may devote themselves to their studies and grow in the spiritual gifts you give them. May their hearts be filled with your love and come to know and be strengthened in the faith of your salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P We are all students sitting at the feet of our Lord learning from His word. Let us all remember that we continue to grow in the Spirit of God. Let us together pray using King David's words from Psalm 25:

C **Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

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POSTLUDE

“Maestoso”

Johann Erasmus Kindermann