

Peace Lutheran Church

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, November 16, 2024 + 6:00pm + Sunday, November 17, 2024 8:00am

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK “You cannot serve God and money.” Matthew 6:24b

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN “Praise and Thanksgiving” **LSB 789 v. 1-3**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Jesus says, “No one can serve two masters. 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 both God and Money” (Matthew 6:24) Almighty God—

C: **If we are honest with You, we have a hard time believing this verse.**

L: We become anxious about money and we won’t let go.

C: **We think we can manage it without You.**

L: We have a difficult time believing that You will care for us. Grant us repentance.

C: **Forgive us and take us back.**

L: Free to be Yours.

C: **Free to serve in Christ’s holy name.**

[Time is given for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination]

L: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sin. As a called servant of Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

KYRIE (*sung*) **LSB 204**
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*sung*) **LSB 204**

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

- L:** Let us pray. O God, almighty Father, you have shown to the world your love in the most glorious sacrifice of your beloved Son. Fill us with this same sacrificial love that we may offer our resources for the sake of your kingdom and the salvation of many; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

2 Kings 5:19-27

But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him." So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?" And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me to say, 'There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two festal garments.'" And Naaman said, "Be pleased to accept two talents." And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two festal garments, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and

put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” And he said, “Your servant went nowhere.” But he said to him, “Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants? Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.” So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you 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, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 205

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:24-26

“No one 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.

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father

feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

“O Christ You Walked the Road”

LSB 424 v. 1-5

SERMON

“Money’s Tempting Side”

Pastor Dave Karolus

2 Kings 5:19-27

APOSTLES’ CREED

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION LITURGY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

L: 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.

C: **Amen.**

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

COMMUNION HYMNS

“We Praise You, O God”

LSB 785 v. 1-3

“Renew Me O Eternal Light”

LSB 704 v. 1-4

COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: 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.

C: **Amen**

BENEDICTION

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Come Follow Me”

LSB 688 v. 1