

Peace Lutheran Church
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, November 9, 2024 + 6:00 PM & Sunday, November 10, 2024 + 8:00 AM

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK - "Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."
Luke 12:15

INVOCATION

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

OPENING HYMN "The Earth is the Lord's"

**The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
Redemption reminds us, O God, of your love.
By grace we are learning, as year leads to year.
We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.**

**Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.
We fail to remember its beauty and worth.
We take from creation much more than we need,
We threaten your mission through excess and greed.**

**May we be good stewards of all that you give.
Extending your Gospel wherever we live.
May we be a church that renews and restores
And lovingly cares for these gifts that are yours.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In today's Gospel lesson Jesus says, "Take care, and be on your guard against every form of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Luke 12:15)

L: Holy God, merciful Father—

C: Much like the rich man in today’s parable, we place our faith in wealth and possessions.

L: We live as if you do not matter and as if we matter most.

C: Like the rich man, too often our goal in life is to earn enough money so we can relax, eat, drink, and be merry.

L: Then, blind to the needs of others, we become miserly and stingy.

C: Then we lay up treasures for ourselves and are not rich toward you.

L: We are sorry for all our sin and seek your mercy through Jesus Christ.

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

Jesus died on the cross to free us from the dark prison of greed. He rose from the dead to shatter the doors of guilt and shame. For his sake and by his command I announce to you that your sins are fully and forever forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

L: Let us pray. God our beloved Creator and Father, make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts, so that we serve our neighbors in need, extend the Gospel to people without Christ, and live to the praise of your glorious name; 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 READING

Genesis 19:1-11

The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth and said, “My lords, please turn aside to your servant’s house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the town square.” But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to

us, that we may know them.” Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.” But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jenny Weyker

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have

nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" **LSB 783 v. 1-6**

SERMON "Money's Dark Side" Pastor Jarod Fenske
Luke 12:13-31

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERING HYMN "We Give Thee But Thine Own" **LSB 781 v. 1-6**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" **LSB 809 v. 1**