

A background of purple flowers, possibly Salvia, with green leaves and stems. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, creating a textured and vibrant backdrop. The overall color palette is dominated by shades of purple and green.

WHOEVER

**CAN BE TRUSTED WITH
A LITTLE CAN ALSO BE**

TRUSTED

WITH A LOT, AND

WHOEVER

**IS DISHONEST
WITH A LITTLE IS**

DISHONEST

WITH A LOT.

LUKE 16:10, NCV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Learn a thing or two about money

September 21, 2025

Trinity 14

The parable of the shrewd manager is one of Jesus' more intriguing parables. It's worth an in-depth look. Even more, the lessons Jesus teaches from his parable are ones we need to relearn and remember again. Jesus wants to teach us a thing or two about money.

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- holytrinity.church

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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ORDER OF SERVICE — SETTING ONE

Hymn 917 God Himself Is Present



1 God him - self is pres - ent: let us now a - dore him
2 God him - self is pres - ent: hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his
see the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple, all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, songs of saints and
an - gels, wor - ship - ing be - fore you, may I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone on his throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:
ly a - dore you. All my days shall my praise



is our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!
hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.
rise to you in heav - en for the grace you've giv - en!

Please stand.

P: 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

P: We are in God's house.

We humble ourselves before him, confess our sins, and trust his forgiveness.

C: The Lord is in his holy temple.

Let the whole earth be silent in his presence.

P: God's law speaks so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world subject to God's judgment.

C: No one is justified in God's sight by obeying his law.

Knowledge of sin comes through the law.

P: We acknowledge and confess to God our sin against him.

C: Nothing good lives in my sinful flesh.

I do not do the good that I want to do.

I do the evil that I do not want to do.

God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

All have been justified freely by God's grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

I forgive you in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: I am justified by faith in him.

P: Baptized into his death and burial, we have been raised with him to new life.

C: We offer ourselves to God as tools for righteousness.

We are not under law but under grace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life.

Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, for -
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; have

ev - er - more the high - est One, who did our
mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. You take the

sin - ful race be - friend and grace and peace to
whole world's sin a - way; O lis - ten to the

us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good
prayer we say. You sit at God's right hand each

will all hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
day; have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson — Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

The one who loves silver is never satisfied with silver, and whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with income. This too is futile. When good things increase, the ones who consume them multiply; what, then, is the profit to the owner, except to gaze at them with his eyes? The sleep of the worker is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of the rich permits him no sleep.

There is a sickening tragedy I have seen under the sun: wealth kept by its owner to his harm. That wealth was lost in a bad venture, so when he fathered a son, he was empty-handed. As he came from his mother's womb, so he will go

again, naked as he came; he will take nothing for his efforts that he can carry in his hands. This too is a sickening tragedy: exactly as he comes, so he will go. What does the one gain who struggles for the wind? What is more, he eats in darkness all his days, with much frustration, sickness, and anger.

Here is what I have seen to be good: It is appropriate to eat, drink, and experience good in all the labor one does under the sun during the few days of his life God has given him, because that is his reward. Furthermore, everyone to whom God has given riches and wealth, he has also allowed him to enjoy them, take his reward, and rejoice in his labor. This is a gift of God, for he does not often consider the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with the joy of his heart.

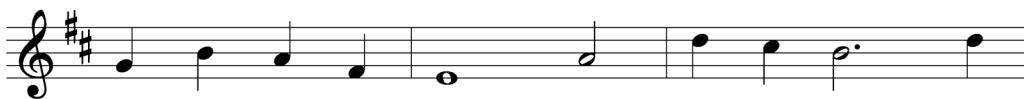
P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 128



1 How blest are those who fear the LORD, who find in
 2 The prom - ise of suc - cess shall be up - on their
 3 What am - ple fruit is seen in lives of faith - ful
 4 From heav - en God will sure - ly bless such un - ions
 5 To God the Fa - ther and the Son and Ho - ly



God their great re - ward: they know a Love for
 work con - tin - ual - ly, as all they do shall
 hus - bands and their wives; each home with joy and
 with his faith - ful - ness, with boun - ti - ful pros -
 Spir - it Three in One, be glo - ry, laud and



all their days, they glad - ly walk in god - ly ways—
 pros - per well and in con - tent - ed peace they dwell—
 love a - bounds as chil - dren's laugh - ter in them sounds—
 per - i - ty till chil - dren's chil - dren they shall see—
 end - less praise, both now and through e - ter - nal days—



blest are all who fear the LORD.
 blest are all who fear the LORD.
 blest are all who fear the LORD.
 blest are all who fear the LORD.
 A - men.

Second Lesson—1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out. If we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share, storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of what is truly life.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Your words are my joy and my heart's de - light.

Refrain

Gospel – Luke 16:1-13

Now he said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who received an accusation that his manager was squandering his possessions. So he called the manager in and asked, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be my manager.’

“Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do since my master is taking the management away from me? I’m not strong enough to dig; I’m ashamed to beg. I know what I’ll do so that when I’m removed from management, people will welcome me into their homes.’

“So he summoned each one of his master’s debtors. ‘How much do you owe my master?’ he asked the first one.

“‘A hundred measures of olive oil,’ he said.

“‘Take your invoice,’ he told him, ‘sit down quickly, and write fifty.’

“Next he asked another, ‘How much do you owe?’

“‘A hundred measures of wheat,’ he said.

“‘Take your invoice,’ he told him, ‘and write eighty.’

“The master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this age are more shrewd than the children of light in dealing with their own people. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of worldly wealth so that when it fails, they may welcome you into eternal dwellings. Whoever is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and whoever is unrighteous in very little is also unrighteous in much. So if you have not been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with what is genuine? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what is your own? No servant can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn 749 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your



end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,



cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn
rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,



songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Sermon—Luke 16:1-13

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

OFFERING

The ability to give from the heart is itself a gift from God. We thank God for the means to give. Even more, we thank God for the motive to give. Christ gave himself for us. We give as Christians out of love for Christ.

*You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.
The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.
Thank you for your offerings.*



MUSICAL OFFERING

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our Creator and preserver, your blessings are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. You have given us material wealth far more than we require for our basic needs. Preserve us from apathy, complacency, and selfishness. Keep us from so avidly pursuing prosperity that in gaining the world, we lose our souls. Lead us to use wisely and for your glory the things you have entrusted to our care. Make us always grateful for your generosity, and move us to share generously with others.

Dear Creator and preserver of life, frailties of body and soul plague each of us. Today we come to you on behalf of those who are confined to sickbeds. If it is your will, ease their pain, restore their health, and allow them to return to their daily activities according to your gracious timetable. Enable them to see in their sickness an opportunity to give glory to you. Because you sent Jesus to take away the lasting effects of sin and disease, comfort these people with the timeless message of your love. Renew in them the certain hope of eternal life,

and grant them all joy in living now and in eternity, for Jesus' sake.

Heavenly Father, Lord of the nations, look in mercy on our nation whenever we struggle with discord and unrest. Frustrate the plans of those who would stir up violence and strife, and bless the efforts of all who promote harmony and peace. Give our leaders and all in authority a special measure of wisdom and patience as they carry out their tasks, and grant that justice may prevail throughout our land. Help us as Christian citizens to reflect your love in all we do. Let the preaching of your gospel, which alone can bring true peace to human hearts, be heard throughout our nation.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

Silent prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

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.

C: Amen.

Hymn 807 All Depends on Our Possessing (See page 12)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Sunday Education

Sunday education for all ages begins at 9:15 a.m.

Our Sunday School teachers are being installed in today's services: Joel Plocher, Ben Washburn, Courtney Littlefield, Kathy Rausch, Kristin Grassell, Kristen Hemke, Megan Rodmyre.

Men's Bible study

The next men's Bible study will be on Saturday, September 27, at 8:00 a.m.

Meditations

Due to shipping and supply issues we will not be getting our regular *Meditations* order. Local churches are helping us out with a limited supply.

This week at Holy Trinity

Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible class

Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m. Bible information class

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible study

Hymn 807 *All Depends on Our Possessing*



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me and to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting o - ver tri - fles
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting things that have no sol - id ground.
heart will quick - en; all my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en in their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, he who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure that will bring me
To his lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure and that now is sel - dom found.
I sur - ren - der, for on God a - lone I build.