



**August 10, 2025 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Prayer and Preaching**

AS WE GATHER

Our Gospel reading begins with the words, “Do not be anxious...” (Luke 12:22). These words are sprawled out on paintings, cards, pictures, desktop backgrounds, and so on. They comfort us in the midst of our worries. But when we keep reading the passage, Luke 12:33 jumps out at us and surprises us. “Sell your possessions, and give to the needy,” Jesus says. Perhaps those words shot your anxiety right back up. “What does Jesus mean by that?” you may be asking. “What do I do with my stuff?” That’s the question we will be addressing in our sermon this morning, as we think through what the true answer is to this question.

WELCOME

HYMN *LSB 912, “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”*

OPENING VERSICLES *Psalms 118:24, 113:3*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

People: **Teach me Your paths.**

Pastor: Sanctify us in Your truth.

People: **Your Word is truth.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

All: **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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have made our stuff our treasure rather than seeing God as our treasure through faith. We have kept our stuff for ourselves rather than use it to serve our neighbor. We pray, O God, that You would have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: It is God's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom through His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you. For Jesus' sake, God forgives you all your sins and brings you into His kingdom. 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE *(Music and words in hymnal: LSB 261)*

All: *Refrain:* The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted." *Refrain*

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, You have directed us to trust in You for all that is needful in our lives. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy and lead us to trust in Your gracious guidance in all things. As the Spirit works in our lives and days, lead us to whatever is profitable for our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 15:1–6*

(Abram's faith is counted to him as righteousness.)

¹ After 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." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And 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." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *1 Peter 1:3-5 (Born again to an imperishable inheritance.)*

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 12:32*

All: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is Your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING *Luke 12:22-34 (Do not be anxious; God cares for you.)*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²² And he 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. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider 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! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider 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. ²⁸ But 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! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, 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. ³³ Sell 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. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY *Psalms 119:89, 26:8; Luke 11:28*

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB 735, "Have No Fear, Little Flock"*

SERMON *“What do I do with my stuff?”*

APOSTLE’S CREED

All: 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our hearts and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the sick, the dying, the grieving, and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all those in our midst who are in need of our prayer, *[especially...]*, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **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.**

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 266-267)*

All: *Refrain:* **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. Raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death has no more dominion over Him. *Refrain*

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God. Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. *Refrain*

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: 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 peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN *LSB 918, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of August 10, 2025

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Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Carol Bresnick – (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing)

Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)

Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)

Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)

Pastor Hagen – (Health and healing)

Zana Haley and Unborn baby Veda – (Kathy Munden's granddaughter)

Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)

Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)

Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)

Long Term

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)

Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)

Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)

Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)

Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)

Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden’s cousin – health and healing)
 Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)
 Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
 Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman’s friend – healing from a broken-hip)
 Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)
 Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)
 Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)
 Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)
 Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
 Pat Michel – (Bill Michel’s Sister-In-Law – health & healing)
 Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
 Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)
 Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)
 June Winger – (Sharon Barlow’s mother – health & healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	August 10th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
Monday	August 11th	Braille – 9:00 am and 1:00 pm
Saturday	August 16th	Neighborhood Picnic – 5:00-7:00 pm
Sunday	August 17th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion
Monday	August 18th	Braille – 9:00 am and 1:00 pm Ladies Bible study at Freistatt - 1:30 pm

Birthdays: Linda Myers-Aug. 10; Abbey Davis-Aug. 12; Matt Miller-Aug. 14;
 Nancy Hoaglan-Aug. 16; Gladys Bauer-Aug. 17
Anniversaries: David & Nancy Hoaglan-Aug. 10

August

Greeters

10: Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer
 17: Stan & Sharon Crandall
 24: Edith Chambers & Sue Doss
 31: Bill & Joanne Michel

Ushers

13: David Lampe
 17: Bill Michel
 24: Matt Miller
 31: Doug Goodman

Outreach Meeting after Church today!



The NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC hosted by Grace is scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, clean-up, grilling, serving, game area and cake walk assistance, etc. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can talk with Harold Lampe or other members of the Outreach Ministry Team.

Free Will Offering August 24: The celebration Sunday for *Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers*—August 24—is right around the corner! Many congregations and schools will be collecting offerings to help defray the educational expenses of the next generation of pastors, DCEs, deaconesses, teachers, and more as they complete their studies. Praise God for guiding these people towards service in His kingdom and for the way He works through all of you in supporting them!

People of Grace, thank you for all of the gifts you generously gave Rachel, Hannah, and me in the pantry shower. Thank you for the office supplies, house items, everyday essentials, gift cards, and everything else that you generously gave to us. It means a lot to us to have received so much love and support already. We are already blessed to be part of God's people here at Grace.
From, The Heitshusen Family