

“make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon,
that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home”

Luke 16:9



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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 61 (front of the hymnal p. 136)

The Hymns: 438, 430, 788, 428

Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to be good stewards of our time, talents, bodies, souls and treasure. May we seek only Your glory in all things. We ask this in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 438

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Congregation sings:



A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



A - men. (congregation is seated)

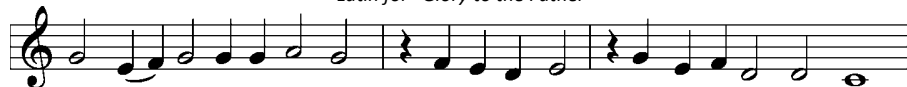
THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

- P: Righteous are You, O Lord:
C: And upright are Your judgments.
 P: Deal with Your servant:
C: According to Your mercy.
 P: Blessed are the undefiled in the way:
C: Who walk in the way of the Lord.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



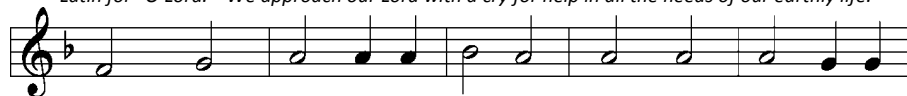
G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 – all sing)



I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

THE SALUTATION (Greeting)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



G A - men.

THE BIBLE READINGS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Bible Reading:

Amos 8:4-7 Hear this, you who swallow up the needy, And make the poor of the land fail, 5 Saying: "When will the New Moon be past, That we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, That we may trade wheat? Making the ephah small and the shekel large, Falsifying the scales by deceit, 6 That we may buy the poor for silver, And the needy for a pair of sandals; Even sell the bad wheat?" 7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their works."

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

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C: **And the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.**

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C: **And all the host of the them by the breath of His mouth.**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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C: **The right hand of the Lord does valiantly. Hallelujah!**



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PASTOR The New Testament Bible Reading comes from 1 Timothy chapter 2, beginning there in the 8th verse.



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The New Testament Bible Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the

knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 7 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle; I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying; a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation sings Hymn 430

THE SERMON

Luke 16:1-13 He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. 2 "So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' 3 "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. 4 'I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' 5 "So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7 "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8 "So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. 9 "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. 10 "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 "And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? 13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

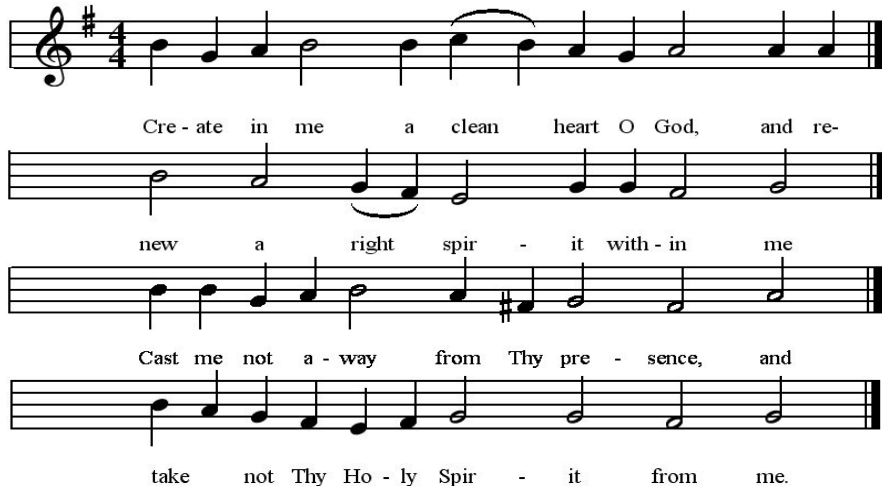
Theme: "MONEY: A CHRISTIAN'S TOOL"

I: Be shrewd in the use of money (1-9)

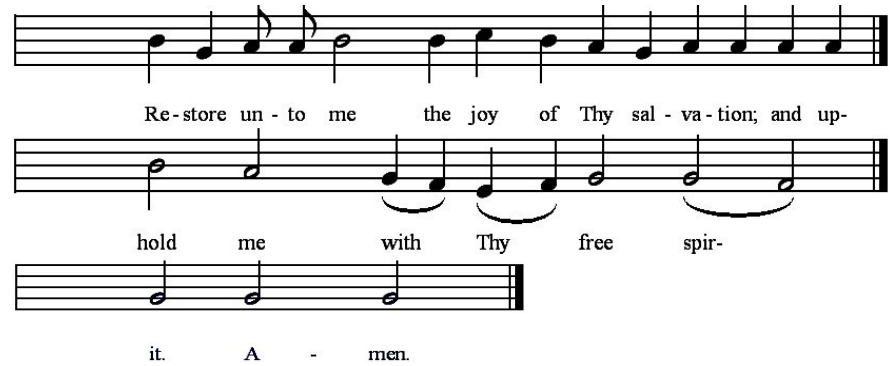
II: Be faithful in the use of money (10-13)

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.



Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God, and re-
new a right spir - it with - in me
Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Thy free spir -
it. A - men.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 441:1-2:

***We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!***

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (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.

Congregation sings Hymn 788

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Closing Hymn 428

***** SILENT PRAYER *****

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a free "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

IN OUR PRAYERS We intercede for: Deb Acuff who will be having an angiogram on October 2 to help clear some artery blockage.

BIBLE CLASS Please join us Sundays at 10:15 am for the study of the two great teachings of the Bible – The Law and the Gospel.

MISSION VIDEO Last Summer our congregations helped Tom Naumann go to Africa to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Since then a video has been made documenting the trip. You can watch the Mission Helper Video online at <https://vimeo.com/49426578>

THIS WEEK October 1-4; The CLC Coordinating Council meets in Eau Claire, WI. Pastor Naumann serves as Chairman of the Board of Education and Publications.

October 9-11; Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference at Trinity Lutheran Spokane

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT Join a group of ladies in the Church fellowship room for an evening of crafting! Bring your sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, or whatever you might enjoy! Or just come to watch and visit. We will meet on Thursday, October 11th at 6:00 pm. Pizza will be provided, but feel free to bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Questions? Ask Desirae Naumann, Ruth Lapsley or Moira Drager. We would love to have you join us. And feel free to invite a friend or friends!

The "Lutheran Quartet" presents *"Favorite Hymns from the Lutheran Hymnal."* Two brothers, Pastor Paul and Pastor Bruce Naumann, along with their sisters, Ann Radcliffe and Gail Richardsen, have recorded a CD of 24 acapella favorites from the 1941 Lutheran Hymnal. The CD is available for \$10

(plus \$2 for shipping). All proceeds will benefit the Student Aid Fund of Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. This is a great collection for personal listening, and makes an ideal gift, especially for the older Christian who knows these hymns well. Please visit the Lutheran Quartet website, where you can listen to samples, as well as place online orders: www.lutheranquartet.com. You may also order by mail at this address: The Lutheran Quartet, c/o Pastor Paul Naumann - 3315 46th St E, Tacoma, WA 98443. Phone: 253-228-8736. e-mail: pgnaum@aol.com.

ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:

Church Cleaning: There is a list for you to sign if you are able to serve your LORD by cleaning the church.

Altar Flowers: There is a list for those who wish to bring flowers for the altar on any given Sunday.

Pre-service Goodies: If you are able to bring goodies of some kind for people to eat while they are visiting from 10:45 till 11:00 (after Bible Class and Sunday School) please sign on the sheet in Kitchen.

LEAVE IT BETTER This is an article that appeared in *THE FLASH*, a student paper of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. Immanuel is our school, and we here in Clarkston and Orofino support it with our prayers and offerings and students. Enjoy the article!

Leave It Better

You've probably all seen the posters, been to a meeting, or heard what's going on by now, but do you really know what Leave It Better is all about? To give you a better idea, we'll have to cover some quick history. ILC has been around for over 50 years now. That's long enough where many of the staff and faculty attended high school, college, or seminary here. In the last half a century, the school has supplied the CLC with dozens of pastors and teachers as well as seeing through hundreds of high school graduates. For me and many others, the dorms and campus have served as a second home. The friends you make here can come close to family, and the memories will last a very long time. Now in a minute, I'm going to talk about how Leave It Better is a way for students (and alumni) to give back to the school, but first I have to clarify what that means. What is Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary? Is it a group of buildings and some woods? Just a school? A gift from our founding fathers? How about the people that run and attend it? While it may be all of these things, above all it is a blessing from the Lord. Immanuel – God With Us. This is a place where the Word of God is taught, learned, shared and celebrated by those who believe it. Leave It Better is an organized group of students who want to show their thanks and glorify the Lord by doing just that- Leaving it

Better than when they found it. We want to do this by improving, restoring, and helping to maintain the campus and facilities the school exists on. Around one-third of the high school students came to the very first meeting, and I know that even more than that are willing to help. We have volunteers from our experienced collegians, and strong support from our hard-working faculty and staff. Soon we are going to reach out to the ILC alumni and ask for their support for our projects too. With all this ambition, motivation, and energy, we can get a lot done! Projects we discussed at the meeting include: steps going down to the athletic fields, redoing the amphitheater, improving the trails and creating a park in the woods, building a swing -set on lower campus, planting trees to fill the logged areas, and getting lots of black dirt and grass seed onto the hill where we meet. Some of these are already underway. We're still looking for more ideas to help preserve or improve the campus! Contact us with ideas!
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/leaveilcbetter>
Email: leaveimmanuelbetter@gmail.com

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT The following comes from Missionary David Koenig who is, at this time, in India: *A Taste of India(BELC). Persecution. Pastor Peter Bhasker of the Chittoor Dist. had recently bought land and done digging for a church building foundation in his village. But radical Hindus said they did not want a Christian church built there. And the local politician (MLA) supported them so that the construction is at a standstill. Pastor Bhasker had done everything legally, but now we wait on the Lord to advance the building.*

In the Vaniyambadi District Pastor Santhosh Sababpathi and his son Pastor Prakasam were not able to attend the recent pastoral monthly studies due to disturbances in the village. Each year the Hindus collect money from the villagers for the local village goddess celebration. Our pastors refused to give the money since they were Christian and did not want to support this. It is also a matter of high caste Hindus making demands and low caste or Dalits being ordered to do things. So there were arguments and disagreements that kept them at the village. Pray that God intervenes and overcomes in the interest of His church.

New Men for Studies. Although we are still in the process of setting up the new studies, it appears that we can have over 180 men begin after the district chairmen's meeting on Oct. 12th. We are busy getting printed materials for these studies. This is going forward due to the CLC Convention's approval of the increase in the MB budget. Thank you Lord and His people.

The Gospel Banners Forward Go. From the district chairmen's reports just a few tidbits. Three orthodox Hindu families are attending Pastor Meshack's church in Kopp. Dist. and are being instructed. Twenty-six are in a baptism instruction class in Nellore with Chairman Moses. In Chittoor District one Gospel meeting had 500 in attendance and another 200. District Chairmen Bhaskar and Moses were working together on this.

The following poem by S. T. Carr appeared 3 times in The Lutheran Witness in the issues of Oct. 19, 1915, Oct. 28, 1930, and Oct. 28, 1952.

TO LUTHER'S CHURCH

O Church of Luther, look well to thine arms!
He fought with naught save God's unconquered Word.
Trust not in weapons other than divine:
This be thy helmet, thy shield, and thy sword.

O Church of Luther, look well to thy task!
He marked and measured every foeman's might.
Heed thou full well the power of world and hell:
Dream not the enemy hath taken flight.

O Church of Luther, look well to thy faith!
He trusted only in the Savior's Cross.
Preach thou the Gospel's truth without alloy:
Trust in the Gospel's gold - not error's dross.

O Church of Luther, look well to thy schools!
His care was to teach well both young and old.
Keep thou thy followers in the blessed light:
Feed with their proper pasture all thy fold.

O Church of Luther, look well to thy life!
He lived as pure and blameless as he taught.
Grace thou thy teaching with abundant works,
Even though heav'n thereby cannot be bought.

O Church of Luther, look up to thy God!
Brave Luther was a man of tireless prayer.
From God alone can come deliverance:
Deposit in His hand thine every care.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"God our Savior... desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all." *1 Timothy 2:3-6*

The Old Testament Bible Reading for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7 In these verses the prophet Amos cries out against those who claim to be church going folks but who by dishonest methods acquire money and so deprive the poor and needy of basic needs. God will surely call such people to account and punish them. We read...

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The New Testament Bible Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8 Here we are encouraged to pray for all men, including those in authority – our government on all levels. Earthly rulers are gifts from God whom He uses to preserve peace in this world so that the Gospel might be brought to all men. We read...

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