

tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.	2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.
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Distribution

Distribution Hymn All Depends on Our Possessing LSB 732

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray... 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. **Amen.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn Voices Raised to You We Offer LSB 795

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Our Response to God's Grace:

Worship Attendance: 9/14- Sanct. 70, FB 64+// BC 21 Sunday School 8

Offering: Home \$2,720; Undesignated \$118; Missions \$25, Total 2,863

In our Prayers: Patty Carroll (cancer); Noah Loney, Steve Wright, Karen Lawing, Judy Schultz, LaVonne Karsten, Dennis & Joyce Arndt, Harold & Beverly Rehberg (health)

This Week (9/21/2025), Lord Willing:

Sun 9/21 9:00 Bible Class/ Sunday School

10:00 Worship*+

Wed 9/24 3:30-5:00 Midweek Confirmation Class

Sun 9/28 9:00 Bible Study/Sunday School

10:00 Worship*

* Facebook Live (FM 90.5 locally – Sundays only) + Holy Communion

Opening Hymn Lord of All Hopefulness LSB 738

Invocation/Confession/Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given you His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

1 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.	2 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—
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**3 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 of the Day

Let us pray... O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *(see back of bulletin)*

Amos 8:4–7

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *(see back of bulletin)*

1 Timothy 2:1–15

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–15

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

(see back of bulletin)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn **What Is the World to Me**

LSB 730

Sermon **“Shrewd and Faithful Stewards”**

Luke 16:1-15

Offering

Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the baptized children of God, that we would be freed from obsession with the goods of this world and set our hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God’s Holy Church here and everywhere, for those who have been called to serve as her pastors and church workers, for those preparing for church-work vocations, and for those considering full-time church work, that they may be guarded against the assaults of the evil one, encouraged in their callings,

and prepared to serve faithfully for the sake of the kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For men and women, that they would rejoice in the callings and responsibilities that God has given to them and be shrewd and faithful stewards of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald, our president; Kim, our governor; and all whom God has placed in high positions, that they may act with wisdom and mercy, and we may lead peaceable and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those who suffer, for those troubled in mind, for the grieving in their sorrows, and for the dying, [*especially* _____], that the Lord would grant them the comfort of His presence, relief according to His will and peace in their hearts, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, our God, whose mercies are new every morning, we give You thanks and praise for all Your kindness toward us, and we pray You to grant us the will and desire to worship You joyfully, to serve You faithfully and to proclaim boldly Your mighty acts of deliverance through our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we offer to You these prayers, and in whom we trust for all things; to You alone be glory, honor, worship and praise, O Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

**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!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the