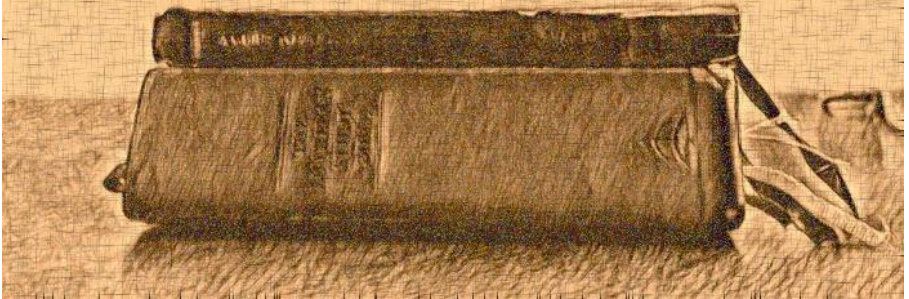


# Seek the LORD and live.

Amos 5:6



**October 13, 2024**  
**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9:30 AM Worship**

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## PRELUDE AND BELLS

### AS WE GATHER

*“A life that is centered in Christ can often be costly as following Jesus calls us to sacrifice self and life for God. And yet, putting Christ first in all things is the way that true life is found. Today, our focus is upon putting Jesus first in our lives. Welcome to God’s house!”*

### WELCOME

(put prayer requests on yellow cards)

**HYMN ..... WOV #783**  
**“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”**

## Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

783

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -  
 D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 D Em A<sup>7</sup> D F#m

rig - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS .....p. 56

L: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## SALUTATION



Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

Ⓑ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

**C: Lord God, the Alpha and Omega, you are our beginning and our end. Help us to leave behind any worldly possession or pleasure that would keep us from experiencing the abundant life which you have prepared for all your children; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

BELL CHOIR.....“Amazing Grace”

FIRST READING ..... Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
*“Justice comes in one form or another. Yet, the prophet Amos declares there is one way out. To his Old Testament hearers he proclaims, “Seek the Lord and you will live.””*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, <sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!

<sup>10</sup>They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins — you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

PSALM (Read responsively) .....Psalm 90:12-17  
*“A life can be lived wisely or unwisely. Wisdom calls each of us to honor our Lord with each day of our life that we might be satisfied in His goodness.”*

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**<sup>13</sup>Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**<sup>15</sup>Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

**<sup>17</sup>Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!**

SECOND READING ..... Hebrews 3:12-19  
*“Hardness of heart to our Lord is the worst form of disobedience. This is why God calls us to gather together, that we might encourage one another to faithful living.”*

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

<sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” <sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING .....Mark 10:17-22  
*(A life that is centered in Christ is often costly and a young man misses the life that Christ offers as he is unable to let go of a love for wealth.)*

<sup>17</sup>As {Jesus} was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>21</sup>And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ..... Rick Richard

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

FORGIVENESS, HEALING

734 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's  
 plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and  
 prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.  
 heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?  
 mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

*Refrain*  
 “Come home, Come home, come home! You who are  
 Come home, come home!

The image shows a musical score for two lines of text. The first line is "wea-ry, come home." and the second line is "Je - sus is call - ing, call-ing, 'O sin-ner, come home!'". The music is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. Chords are indicated above the notes: E, A, D, A7, D7, G in the first system; C, G, C, G, D7, G in the second system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Text: Will Thompson, 1847–1909  
 Music: Will Thompson, 1847–1909

THOMPSON  
 11 7 11 7 and refrain

## APOSTLES' CREED .....p. 65

**L:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.


**C:** I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

OFFERTORY .....p. 75



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 your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**C:** Benevolent God, you have granted us in abundance with all the good things that life has to offer. May we be truly grateful for our daily bread, even as we return a portion of what you have first given us as a sign of our humility and thanksgiving for your bounteous gifts. Let the treasures we have received from you be used to serve the world you love. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER .....p. 76

**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, for ever and ever. Amen**

# BENEDICTION

*Psalm 32:10*

L: 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

*Numbers 6:24–26*

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# HYMN ..... LBW #520

## “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

PRAISE, ADORATION

### 520

## Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save From guilt and  
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; The King of

truth are all his ways; Won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; Re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
God be - long; Re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure When lords and kings are known no more!

*Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Tune: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793*

DUKE STREET  
L.M

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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### Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR ..... Pastor Paul Krueger  
WORSHIP LEADER..... Rick Richard  
ACOLYTES..... Kesia Boeshans & Bekka Bentz  
USHERS/GREETERS ..... Russ & Terri Leidholm, Tom Merkel  
READER .....Mandy Wimer  
ORGANIST ..... LeAnn Richard  
ALTAR GUILD..... Nadine Berger & Leslie Fiedler  
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BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Gwen Hall

CUSTODIAN: Jeff Schmidt

## **Our Mission**

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

## **Welcome to all who have come to worship.**

Because Jesus is our great high priest, we “approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16, NRSV).  
Welcome.

## **Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today and ask that you sign our guest book in the narthex.

## **Nursery**

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

## **Thank you for your giving**

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Attendance – 161

Online Viewing – 25

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$3,588.00

## **Hearing Assist**

First Lutheran has hearing assist systems to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this or want to try it, please see the ushers in the narthex.

## **Pastoral Care**

Please call Pastor Paul (701-240-4712) or the church office (701-462-3775) if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

### ***This week we pray for:***

**This Week's New Prayer Requests:** Rick Richard

## **Prayers of Christian Sympathy:**

### ***Long Term prayer requests:***

**Members:** Al Rall, Alton Krebsbach, Howard Johnson, Karen Goehring

\* The person in parenthesis is who the person is related to or friends of. Please feel free to ask these individuals how best you can pray for their family/friend.

### ***This month we pray for:***

**Members:** Sharon Nelson, Lakyn Williams (Steve & Peggy Wollmuth), Nancy Liffing, Liam Williams (Steve & Peggy Wollmuth)

## **Friends & Family:**



## ***This Quarter we pray for:***

**Members and Nonmembers:** Corrine Kerzmann (Donna Gunderson), Marion Narum (Peggy Moran), Ty Brown (Jody & Nicole Brown), Alice Richard, Jackie Olson

### **Military Prayer and Card List**

We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

- **Members of First Lutheran on Active Duty in the Military and the National Guard:**  
SGT Bryce Rost – Army National Guard  
SPC Olivia Retterath – National Guard - Deployed  
SPC Cassidy Sommer – National Guard  
SGT Jonathan Melvard – Army National Guard
- **Friends and Family on Active Duty in the Military and in the National Guard:**  
SGT Dustin Enockson – National Guard  
Emily Johnson – Air Force  
Bryar Anderson – Marines  
1SGT Jordan Ternes – Army National Guard  
Tech. SGT Andre Austin – Air Force  
Hunter Feigum – National Guard  
Morris Duffy – Medical Air Guard  
Adam Walsvik – National Guard  
SGT Tom Heidelberg – Army  
2LT Tony Heidelberg – Air Force

#### ***Notice of Prayer List Policy***

We have a monthly/quarterly prayer list cycle. When you add someone to our prayer list the request will remain on our monthly list for four weeks and then be removed. If you would like to have the request moved to our quarterly list, please contact the office and the request will be added to our “This Quarter we pray for:” list for the next three months. Please help us keep our prayer list current by communicating updates to the office at 701-462-3775. Thank you all for your faithful prayers for all of God’s people.

## **Large Print Bulletins**

We have large print bulletins for those wanting or needing larger print. Ask the ushers for one.

## **Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers today are from Elmer & Arlene Schwarz in honor of their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **Choir and Bell Choir**

Choir will meet this Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. There will be no choir or bell choir this Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Youth Group**

FLY will meet this Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

## **Deborah Bible Study**

Deborah Bible Study will meet this Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. Norma Petersen & Ivadell Larson host. Study is Tender Warrior – Lesson 9.

## **Newsletter Deadline**

Please have all articles for the November newsletter to the church office by noon this Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Next Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We will show our appreciation for Pastor Paul & Susann during the worship service along with special treats during coffee hour. Please join us.

## **Friendship Bible Study**

Friendship Bible Study will begin on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am here at First Lutheran.

## **A Special Offering – Hurricane Helene Tragedy**

The heartbreak following the aftermath Hurricane Helene continues to grow worse. With caring hearts, we are asking FLC members to help meet some of the horrific needs. Today as you leave the worship services, we will be receiving a special door offering to help. Our gifts will be channeled through the disaster response arm of the North American Lutheran Church, which is already in Asheville, NC starting recovery services to families in need. As you exit our worship service, please consider a heartfelt gift for those in need.

## **Wall of Envelope Fundraiser**

Envelopes are numbered \$1 through \$100. Please select any envelope and make a donation of that amount towards the trip. Please return the envelope to the bucket in the narthex. We will include something we would like you to pray about for us during the next year and/or during our mission trip and an optional card for you to fill out about your prayer requests from us. At this time, we have 23 kids and adults going!

## **Socktober**

Kole Albers is once again working on "Socktober" as his service project. Socktober is a nationwide movement that collects new or gently used socks to donate to homeless shelters, resource centers and other charities to help those in need. Kole will be collecting socks and winter hats from October 7 thru November 1. Totes will be placed in the entry of church to leave donations in and will be emptied weekly. Monetary donations can also be left in the Albers mailbox in the narthex. Please consider helping Kole on his journey to donate warm socks and hats to those in need! Thank you!

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are in the narthex. A pamphlet with a list of suggested items, how to pack the shoebox and labels is with the boxes. Shoeboxes need to be returned to the church no later than November 16<sup>th</sup>. Blessing of the shoeboxes will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. They will then be delivered to Bismarck for shipping to a distribution center to be sent worldwide. A \$10 donation per box is suggested to help cover shipping and other project costs.

### **Confirmation Meal Signup Sheet**

We are looking for volunteers to make and serve a meal on Wednesday nights for our confirmation students and volunteers. A signup sheet is in the narthex on the big poster board. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

### **Altar Flower Signup Sheet**

A signup sheet for altar flowers through December 29<sup>th</sup> is on the table in the narthex. Signup for the Sunday you want before it is taken. You furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church.

### **Connections Magazine**

The September/October issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy today to read updates on LCMC, NALC and other interesting articles.

### **Our Daily Bread and Portals of Prayer**

The September/October/November issue of *Our Daily Bread* and the October - December 2024 issue of *Portals of Prayer* are in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

### **COMMUNITY AND AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Max will have their **Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner** on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. They will be serving lutefisk, lefse, meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, buns, corn, cranberries, pickles and apple crisp. Cost is: \$25.00 Adults and \$10.00 age 6-12.



# Ty Brown Benefit

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2024, 11AM-3PM

WILTON CITY MEMORIAL HALL

105 DAKOTA AVE WILTON, ND 58579

- Free will Offering meal catered by County Line Cafe will be served 11am-1pm**
- Silent Auction-Bidding ends at 2pm**
- Bake Sale**



DECEMBER 26, 2023 TY DECIDED TO MAKE HIS GRAND ENTRANCE INTO THIS WORLD AS A MICRO PREMIE, WEIGHING JUST UNDER 2 POUNDS. AT ALMOST 4 MONTHS OLD, TY WAS AIRLIFTED TO MAYO CLINIC NICU IN ROCHESTER, MN. AFTER 15 WEEKS HE WAS AIRLIFTED TO A HOSPITAL IN FARGO FOR FURTHER TREATMENT. TY HAS A TRACHEOSTOMY, G-TUBE AND REQUIRES A VENTILATOR TO BREATHE. TY'S MOM HAS BEEN AT HIS SIDE DURING HIS HOSPITAL STAYS. TY'S DAD TRAVELS TO VISIT AS WORK ALLOWS. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS CURRENT AND FUTURE TRAVEL, LODGING, MEDICAL NECESSITIES, NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE. TY STILL HAS A LONG ROAD AHEAD AND WILL REQUIRE AROUND THE CLOCK CARE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. TY'S FAMILY IS HOPEFUL HE WILL GRADUATE FROM THE NICU AND GO HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME- JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY. TY IS THE SON OF JODY & NICOLE (KROLL) BROWN OF BALDWIN.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS OR BAKED GOODS PLEASE CONTACT:  
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There is also a Facebook page 'Ty Brown Benefit'.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
		Fireside Bible Study
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting
MON.	10:00 AM	Chat & Sew Quilting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
	7:00 PM	Choir
WED.		<b><u>NO</u></b> Confirmation Meal
		<b><u>NO</u></b> Confirmation
		<b><u>NO</u></b> Bell Choir
		<b><u>NO</u></b> Choir
	7:00 PM	FLY
THURS.	9:30 AM	Deborah Bible Study
FRI.	Noon	Newsletter Deadline
THURS. or FRI.		LWR Kits to Bismarck
SUN.		Pastor Appreciation Sunday
	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion & Holy Baptism
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
		Fireside Bible Study
	1:00 PM	Private Baptism
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting

# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23) – October 13, 2024**

*“And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him,  
‘You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give it to the poor,  
and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.’”*

*–Mark 10:21–*

On one of the many retreats that I’ve been blessed to lead, I had the group do the trust fall. For those who don’t know what this is, the group lines up in two rows facing each other holding the hands of the person across from them. One person climbs up on an elevated platform such as a picnic table or a tree stump. Facing away from the group, the person with arms crossed falls backward into the waiting arms of the group who catches him. Well, there was one occasion where that didn’t happen. I was dropped.

While I was not hurt, I certainly was a bit shocked. Shocked is certainly the correct word when we read the reaction to the rich young man who asks how he might gain eternal life. Now Jesus doesn’t challenge the rich man’s statement that he has kept the commandments. We could certainly question that, as it is impossible for us to totally keep the commandments. Jesus does ask him about where this rich man places his trust.

In telling the man to sell all that he has and give it to the poor, Jesus is telling him to divest of all that has meaning in this earthly life. The rich man had become a servant of his own wealth. “You cannot serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Matthew 6:24).

Being a disciple of Jesus is to trust first and foremost in God’s only Son. To place our eternal well-being in our finances, our families, our government, our achievements, our merit, or anything else that we call our own is to place our trust in idols, in whom we will only find ourselves dropped. Jesus reminds us directly that our salvation is in him alone. “For with God all things are possible.” (Mark 10:27b).

That which God has given us is his from the very beginning. As followers of Jesus, let us use what God has given us not as a means of comforting ourselves, but serving the needs of our neighbor. In so doing, we follow the one who came among us not to be served but to serve: Jesus, the Christ.

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