



Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

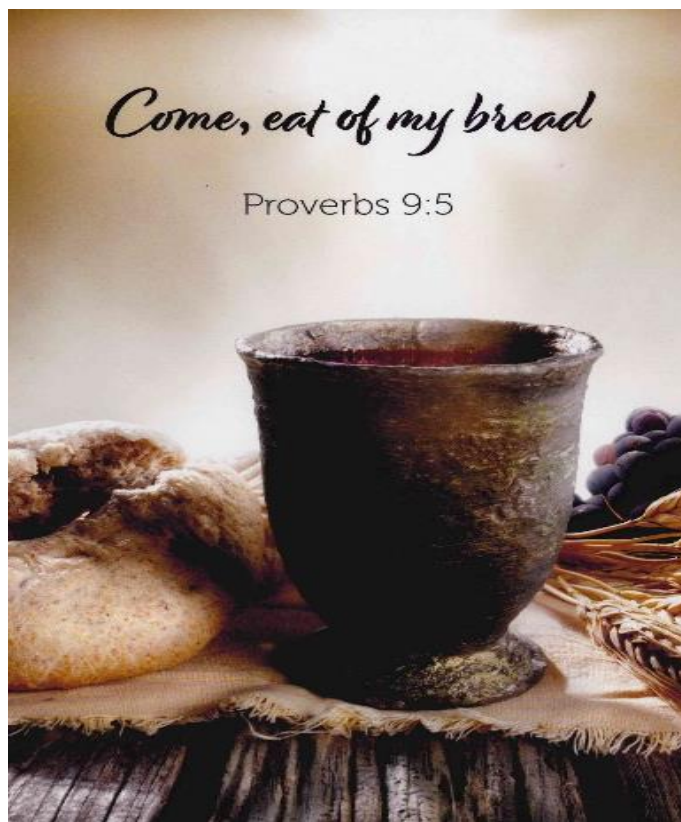
Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pastor Ron Moritz, Deacon Ed Smallcombe



Sunday, August 25, 2024

Opening Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

THE INVOCATION

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

C: Amen

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.



15th Sunday after Trinity

O.T. Chronicles 28:8-15: ⁸ The men of Israel took captive from their fellow Israelites who were from Judah two hundred thousand wives, sons and daughters. They also took a great deal of plunder, which they carried back to Samaria. ⁹ But a prophet of the Lord named Oded was there, and he went out to meet the army when it returned to Samaria. He said to them, “Because the Lord, the God of your ancestors, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand. But you have slaughtered them in a rage that reaches to heaven. ¹⁰ And now you intend to make the men and women of Judah and Jerusalem your slaves. But aren’t you also guilty of sins against the Lord your God? ¹¹ Now listen to me! Send back your fellow Israelites you have taken as prisoners, for the Lord’s fierce anger rests on you.” ¹² Then some of the leaders in Ephraim—Azariah son of Jehohanan, Berekiah son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah son of Shallum, and Amasa son of Hadlai—confronted those who were arriving from the war. ¹³ “You must not bring those prisoners here,” they said, “or we will be guilty before the Lord. Do you intend to add to our sin and guilt? For our guilt is already great, and his fierce anger rests on Israel.” ¹⁴ So the soldiers gave up the prisoners and plunder in the presence of the officials and all the assembly. ¹⁵ The men designated by name took the prisoners, and from the plunder they clothed all who were naked. They provided them with clothes and sandals, food and drink, and healing balm. All those who were weak they put on donkeys. So they took them back to their fellow Israelites at Jericho, the City of Palms, and returned to Samaria.

Galatians 3:15- ¹⁵ Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶ The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ. ¹⁷ What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise. ¹⁹ Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator. ²⁰ A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one. ²¹ Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²² But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

Gospel- Luke 10:23-27 – 23 - Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, “**Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.**”

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “**What is written in the Law?**” he replied. “**How do you read it?**”

27 He answered, “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’**”

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 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 on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe one holy 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: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

**Sermon: "Godly Motives Enhance Faithful Stewardship"
2 Corinthians 8 & 9**



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: - "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

SERMON REVIEW FOR August 25, 2024 "Godly Motives Enhance Faithful Stewardship"

2 Corinthians 8 & 9

Introduction: *Last week we learned the Biblical principle of 'First Fruits Giving.'* Today we learn Godly motives (doing the right thing for the right R_____)

I. 2 Corinthians 8 & 9 are the best stewardship chapters in the Bible

- A. Background into the text (Macedonian Christians set the example)
- B. St. Paul commends their motives
 - 1. First, 'they gave Themselves to the Lord' (8:5) Their A_____; everything about me belongs to God
 - 2. Second, 'they gave freely'/'in proportion to their blessings' (8:3) P_____ Giving (percentage stewardship, i.e. tithing)
 - 3. Third, 'to demonstrate their 'love for Christ is real' (8:8) Giving is a tangible E_____ of invisible love

II. Applying God's Word

- A. Our Law/Gospel approach to life always presents stewardship as an act of F_____ W_____, never by coercion.
- B. Our responsibility is to teach God's People from His Word
- C. Your responsibility is to apply God's Word to W_____ you do with your God's giving blessings, and W_____ you do it,
- D. The ultimate motive behind all stewardship, "We love, because Christ first loved us and gave Himself for us."



Adult Bible does not meet due to Church Council Meeting after the service today

No Jr. Bible Class till September 8th & 22nd



Lutheran Bible Translators

Founded in 1964, Lutheran Bible Translators is an independent mission organization dedicated to helping bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. In the world today there are over 6,800 languages. Over 4,500, or 66%, still have no portion of Scripture. LBT believes that no language or cultural barrier should prevent people from having access to God's Word.



LWML/Ladies Aid: Next meeting is September 10, 2024 @ 10:00am

