



Reach out to all

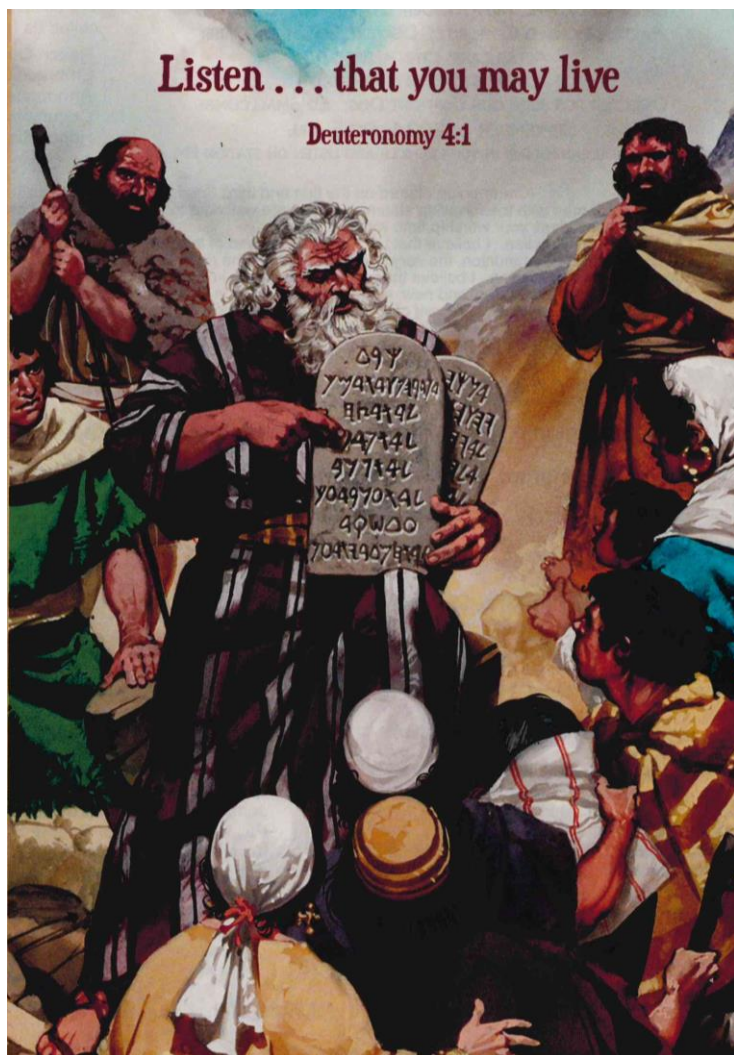
Embrace His Gifts

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

Communion Sunday, September 1, 2024

Opening Hymn: # 559 - "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"

### 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.**



## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**O.T. Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9** : Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

<sup>6</sup> Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” <sup>7</sup> What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup> Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

**Epistle – Ephesians 6:10-20**: <sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

**Gospel- Mark 7:14-23**- <sup>14</sup> Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” <sup>17</sup> After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. <sup>18</sup> “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? <sup>19</sup> For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

## Apostles' Creed

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.

**Sermon Hymn: "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"**

**Sermon "God's Direction for Giving" 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**



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.



## Communion

The Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

Closing Hymn: - "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

## SERMON REVIEW FOR September 1, 2024

**"God's Direction for Giving" 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

**Introduction: God's Word has taught us:**

1. 'First Fruits Giving' 2. Godly Motives

Today we consider God's Directions for J \_\_\_\_\_  
stewardship

**I. The term "Faith Promise"**

A. Uses Biblical language ('pledge' is not used in Scripture for acts of giving)

B. The term ties our acts of giving to God's promises in Christ  
Everything Christians do starts with the C \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Empty T \_\_\_\_\_!

**II. God's Word Reminds us:**

A. 'To do what us honorable in the sight of God and mem' (2  
Corinthians 8:20-21) ( No gimmicks or tricks, but  
straightforward presentation of God's T \_\_\_\_\_)

B. "We willing make promises to God based on His  
wonderful P \_\_\_\_\_"

**III. Following God's Directions in our text:**

A. "We S \_\_\_\_\_ bountifully .... so we can R \_\_\_\_\_  
bountifully"

B. " We give C \_\_\_\_\_" (not reluctantly or under  
compulsion)

1. Note; the Greek word is 'hilarious'

2. Remember, a bad attitude can spoil a good gift.

C. "We give T \_\_\_\_\_" that God always provides.  
God never asks His people for something He has not already  
provided.

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6th & 20th.**



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