



Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word

Let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD,
that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon

Isaiah 55:7

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 20, 2026

Opening Hymn - "Praise and Thanksgiving"

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.



17th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:6-9- Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. 8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Epistle-Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 ¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard^[b] and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God’s provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. ²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Matthew-20:1-16 -“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius^[a] for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ ⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ ⁹ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ ¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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: "Seek Ye First"

Sermon: "The Possibilities and Perils of Mammon" Luke 16:1-13



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. Pray for all your concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers for those in need

Closing Hymn: "When Peace, Like a River".

Service of the Sacrament

Benediction

Closing Hymn:

Closing Hymn: # 783 - "Take My Life and Let It Be"

SERMON REVIEW FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

"The Possibilities and Perils of Mammon"

Luke 16:1-13

Introduction: Illustration - What did M_____ wealth accomplish?

I. Jesus' parable about using blessing S_____

A. And unusual parable

B. Uses a common 'worldly' example to teach D_____

Truth. (Please Note: "Mammon is Hebrew term that refers to all Possessions)

II. The Point of the Parable:

We are to I_____ the shrewdness and Prudence of worldly wisdom without being worldly.

III. Application of the parable

A. Do we use ALL our resources? (Perils)

B. Do we use ALL our resources W_____?

C. Do we use our resources for the L_____ work?

(Possibilities) 1. "Man leaves father & mother"

Church Council will meet Today after church service.

LWML/Ladies Aid will meet on October 13th at 10:00am.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS meets today downstairs in Zimmerman Hall.



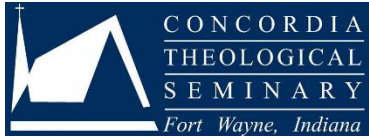
Sunday School & Jr. Bible Class will meet on Sept 20th, Oct 4th & 18th, Nov 1st, 15th & 29th.

The ground level door will be open on **Sunday mornings** for those who wish to avoid climbing the hill. Also shortly after service begins



September - Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne
Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne

Forming servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all. Provides graduate level education which is Biblically



based, Christ-centered, confessionally Lutheran, and evangelically active

Turning 70?

Did you know that the IRS rules allow one to take a charitable donation from an IRA without paying taxed on that distribution? It is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution and it can A) can count towards you required minimum distribution B) is not included in your taxable income C) can reduce your overall tax burden-even if you do not itemize your return. Contact your financial advisor if you have an IRA in your retirement portfolio about increasing your charitable giving.

In the event you are unable to attend church you can watch a 30 minute LCMS service on Television locally. The program is entitled WORSHIP ANEW and can be heard locally on the following stations.

Sunday @ 11:30 am on all stations
Dish Broadcast Channel 49
Dishnet Channel 7537
Direct TV Channel 377
Spectrum Cable Channel 2
Comcast Cable Channel 26

If you want to share the Good News of Jesus with someone who does not attend church please pass this information to them.

