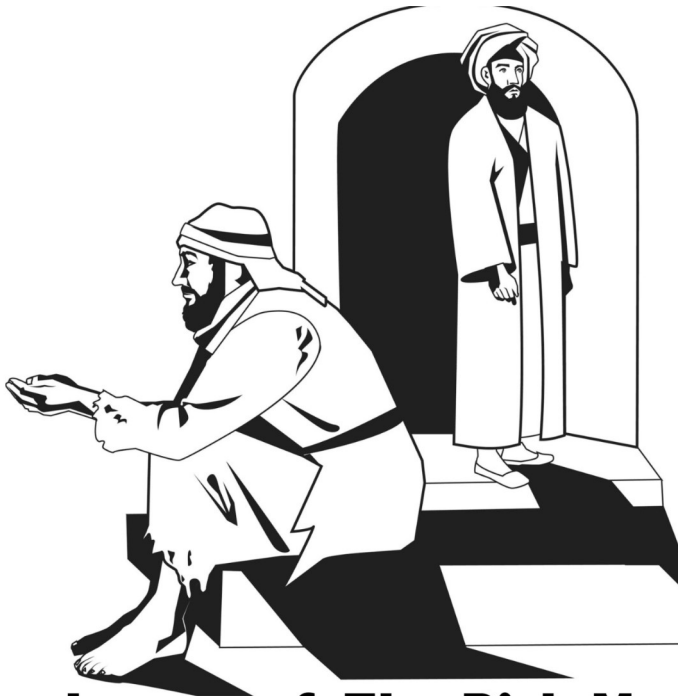


**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**



Lazarus & The Rich Man

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stubborn children. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Gather Us In"

#532

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Cry of My Heart

T. B.

TERRY BUTLER

D G A G D G

It is the cry of my heart to fol - low You. It is the cry of my heart

A G D G A F#

to be close to You. It is the cry of my heart to fol - low

G A D Fine A C# Bm G/B

all of the days of my life. 1. Teach me Your ho - ly ways, -
2. O - pen my eyes so I

A G/A D Bm E A

O Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.
can see the won - der - ful things that You do.

Bm G/B A G/A D

Teach me Your ho - ly ways, O Lord, and make me
O - pen my heart up more and more, and make it

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4 - 7

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6 - 19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

"Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil"

#512

Gospel

Luke 16:19 - 31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit
Hymn of the Day

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Apostle's Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

Offertory

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

#531

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The 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.

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

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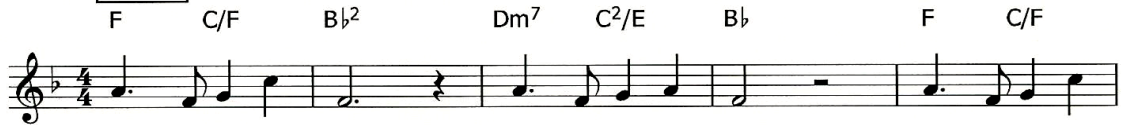
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Come Just As You Are

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Joseph Sabolick

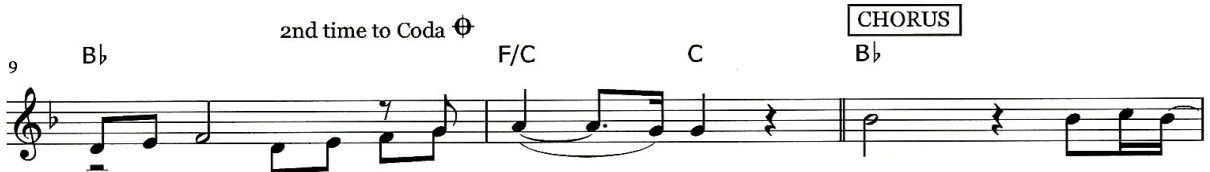
♩=62 **VERSE**



1. Come just as you are, hear the Spir - it call. Come just as you
2. Come just as you are, hear the Spir - it call. Come just as you



are. Come and see, (Come and see,) come re-ceive, (come re-ceive,)
are. Come re-ceive, (Come re-ceive,) Christ the King; (Christ the King;)



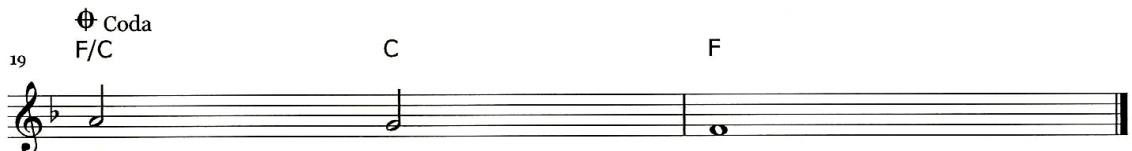
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Come and live (Come and live) for -



- ing, and strength for to - - day;



Taste the Liv - ing Wa - ter, and nev - er thirst a - gain.



ev - er - more.

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn

“Canticle of the Turning”

#723

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

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“NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE”



Welcome: Welcome to worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who guard and guide us, love and enliven us, find us when we're lost and fix our broken hearts. Amen.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Joann Kreisel, Jack Tatum, LaDonna Logan, Randy Oelrichs, Susan Kyle, Nathan Vanderlinden, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Larry Vaughan, Jason Sash, Bredlee & Jessica Stillfield (friends of Melisa Balke), Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Ashley Campbell, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eckhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Paula Harms.



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

Free Yoga Class: Every Monday at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will NOT meet on Monday, **September 29th**.


WELCA: The Women of the ELCA will hold their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, **October 1st** at 7:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **October 2nd** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Meeting: The Council will meet on Wednesday, **October 8th** at 7:00pm.



 **Flu Shot Clinic:** The Benton County Health Department will have a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Thursday, **October 9th**. It will be held at St. Paul's under the canopy from 9:00am until 12:00pm. They accept medicare and medicaid. If you do not have insurance a donation will be appreciated. Please mark your calendar and get prepared for the flu season.

Ask the Pastor: Another gathering to "Ask the Pastor" will be held on Thursday, **October 9th**, at 6:00 pm. We will meet at Missouri Made Shop & Café in downtown Cole Camp where dinner and drinks are available for purchase. This is a casual gathering meant for fellowship, discussion, and asking the questions that sometimes keep you up at night. Or, really, asking anything that's on your mind! We hope to see you there!





Hope5One: Our benevolence recipient this year is Hope5one, an organization in Warsaw that works to educate the community and prevent human trafficking. Executive Director Connie McCray will be here on Sunday, **October 12th**, to share a brief presentation immediately after worship about the work that they do. Those who have heard her before know that the information she shares is extremely important. We hope that you will plan to join us to hear more about their work and why we want to support them!

Personal Care Kits: We at St. Paul's are invited to share God's love with our neighbors by gathering items for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. We will be collecting the **CARE KITS** personal care items for the next 5 weeks – **now – October 12th**. Listed below are the needed items for our neighbors the needed essential items to stay healthy in these most challenging times. Together with a Thrivent grant and your generous giving, we hope to be able to assemble at least 60 kits. The kits, together with our quilts, will be taken to Jefferson City on Saturday, October 18.



- 2-3 bars of soap to equal 8-9 oz.
- 1 sturdy wide-toothed comb
- 1 bath towel, dark color (20"x40" or 52"x27")
- 1 toothbrush (**NO** toothpaste)
- 1 nail clipper



Chili Cook-Off: It's fall, y'all, and that means it's time for another St. Paul's Chili Cook-off, sponsored by the Luther League. Think you have an awesome chili recipe? We would love for you to bring a Crock-Pot full of it for a little friendly competition! The Luther League invites you to join the fun on Sunday, **October 19th**, following worship in the St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. In addition to chili, there will be hotdogs, dessert, and drinks. See you there!

~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~

Fish Fry: Mt. Hulda Lutheran Church invites you to its Annual Fish Fry **today**. Serving begins in both the basement and the shelter house at 4:30. The free-will donation dinner will be served until the fish runs out, or until 7:00p.m. whichever comes first.



Concert: State Fair Community College presents its Fall Instrumental Concert on Tuesday, **October 7**, beginning at 7:00 pm in Stauffacher Theater on campus. This concert features the Jazz Band and the College/Community Concert Band. The event is free and you'll see some familiar faces on stage.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 28:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, September 29:	9:00am	Sewing
	6:30pm	Yoga
Wednesday, October 1:	7:00pm	WELCA Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, October 2:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, October 4:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, October 5:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar

Welcome to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

MinistersThe Whole Congregation
Presiding MinisterPastor Stephen Zeller
Organist..... Lois Viebrock
Pianist..... Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians..... Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar GuildSusan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers..... Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 28, 2025

Assisting Minister..... Tom Oelrichs
Communion AssistantsVirgil & Diane Holsten
Reader.....Jim Gumbel
Children’s SermonJennifer Rehmer
Acolytes.....Gannon Elliott & Mason Randall
FlowersKathy Gerken



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 5, 2025

Assisting Minister..... Anne Goosen
Communion AssistantsAt the Altar
Reader..... Luke Goosen
Children’s SermonPastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes.....Fred Goosen & Hudson Kullman
FlowersSharel Wienberg