



The diagram features a central circle with the text "Stewardship LEGACY" in orange. Surrounding this central circle are five smaller circles, each containing an icon and a label. Starting from the top and moving clockwise: 1. An hourglass icon with the label "TIME" above it. 2. A target icon with an arrow in the center and the label "TALENT" to its right. 3. Three stalks of wheat with the label "TREASURE" below them. 4. Two hands clasped together with a heart shape between them and the label "TEMPLE" to its left. 5. A cross with radiating lines and the label "TRUTH" above it. The entire diagram is set against a light beige, textured background.

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A Time to Be Born  
and a Time to Die



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## **Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

*A Time for Perspective: A Time to Be Born and  
a Time to Die*

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Savior Jesus, we thank you for your blessings in another week. Forgive us for our sins and bless us today in our worship. Send your spirit that we might praise you here and in the week ahead. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Last week we began our worship series on managing time with a reminder that God's first commandment is a guide for his part of life: We shall have no priority before God. Today God shows us that a Christian perspective on life and death moves us to a Christian priority in how we spend our time. God's Word reminds us today that our time to serve God in this world is limited. The Christian seeks to use our time to serve God and others because we know God determines the time we will be born, and the time we will die.

**OUR WORSHIP SERIES:** "Everything we have is a gift from God. ""Stewardship"" is the term we use to describe the lifelong management of all the resources God has given us. That includes a quickly-depleting resource called "time." Everything competes for it. Taking the time to manage the time we have has huge implications on how we individually and as a church use it for Christ and each other.

### ***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Preacher: Pastor Ryan Wolfe  
Piano/Organ: Luke Dorn

### **Fellowship & Spiritual Growth**

Sunday morning, children ages 3yrs to 6th grade are invited to learn more about Jesus in Sunday JAM, starting at 9:15am in the Kindergarten room. Adult Bible study begins at the same time in the fellowship hall downstairs.

### **For Worship Next Week**

Worship theme: A Time to Plan--A Time to Plant and a Time to Uproot  
Bible Readings: Genesis 24:1-8, 42-51; James 4:13-17; Mark 1:29-39  
Hymns: 632, 799, 677, 844

# Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting One



## Hymn: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

CW 817 sts. 1-2



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee,  
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun - ty gave my bod - y,



ne'er from me de - part, with ten - der mer - cy cheer me.  
soul, and all I have in this poor life of la - bor.



Earth has no plea - sure I would share; yea, heav'n it -  
Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place may glo - ri -



self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
fy thy lav - ish grace and help and serve my neigh - bor.



And should my heart for sor - row break, my trust in thee can  
Let no false doc - trine me be - guile; let Sa - tan not my



noth - ing shake. Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious  
soul de - file. Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and



Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word.  
Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.

Please stand.

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

Congregation: Amen.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

God, in your infinite love, you have entrusted to us the knowledge of your truth and the gifts of your goodness. Help us use them as good stewards, giving generously, praying urgently, and working diligently, that we may share in bringing others to your truth and hastening the coming of your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Be seated.*

## **First Reading**

Acts 13:26-39

*The inspired author of Acts reminds us of God's plan through the ages. David served his purpose and then died. So will we. But Jesus, at the heart of God's plan, rose from the dead.*

<sup>26</sup>“Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. <sup>27</sup>The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup>When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup>But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup>and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

<sup>32</sup>“We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors <sup>33</sup>he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

“ ‘You are my son;  
today I have become your father.’

<sup>34</sup>God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

“ ‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.’

<sup>35</sup>So it is also stated elsewhere:

“ ‘You will not let your holy one see decay.’

<sup>36</sup>“Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. <sup>37</sup>But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

<sup>38</sup>“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. <sup>39</sup>Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day: My Heart, Therefore, Is Glad

Psalm 16A

The choir will sing the first refrain and the verses. The congregation may join for the remaining refrains and the gloria.

### Refrain



My heart, there-fore, is glad, and my tongue re-joic - es;



my bod - y al - so will rest, will rest se - cure.



LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;  
you make my / lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant / places;  
surely I have a delightful in- / heritance.

I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken. **Refrain**

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / joices;  
my body also will / rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the dead,  
nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.

You make known to me the / path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.

**Glorify be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

## Second Reading

Galatians 6:7-10

*Our life is like a seed-sowing project. With a heavenly harvest in mind we don't live for the moment but "sow" to please the Spirit. As we have opportunity, in the time God gives, we seek to do good for all!*

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

<sup>8</sup>Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if

we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Senior Choir Anthem

## Reap What You Sow

Pepper Chopin

You will sow what you reap, reap what you sow  
What you plant in the kingdom will surely grow  
And what you grow with love will surely bloom,  
And the fruit of the Spirit will come back to you. (x2)

Do not tire from doing good  
And never give up when your road gets rough.  
For one day soon a great reward you'll see  
From the good you've done when the harvest comes.

You will reap what you sow, sow what you reap.  
What you plant in the Kingdom will surely keep  
Until the day you'll hear the words of the Lord:  
"Well done, my child, well done, my child.  
Come taste the joy of heaven's reward."

You will sow what you reap, reap what you sow  
What you plant in the kingdom will surely grow  
And what you grow with love will surely bloom,  
And the fruit of the Spirit will come back to you.

*Please stand.*

## Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

*Peter had in mind for Jesus earthly blessings that would have ruined his eternal work. Jesus teaches us an eternal perspective to take up our crosses and follow him in the limited time that we have.*

<sup>31</sup>He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup>But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

<sup>34</sup>Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup>What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup>If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.  
 C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

## Children's Devotion

### Hymn of the Day: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

CW 704



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, to his im - age  
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus; his death from the  
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, flee the world which would de - ceive us and to  
 e'er con - form; heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us, sun - shine  
 sec - ond death, from our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us, quick - ens  
 from the dead, death and grave must soon re - lease us. Je - sus,



sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his foot - steps tread - ing,  
 fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in tears of sor - row,  
 us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti - fy, while liv - ing,  
 thou art now our head. We are tru - ly thine own mem - bers,



bod - y here, yet soul a - bove, full of faith and  
 we shall reap in heav'n - ly joy, and the fears that  
 flesh and blood and die to sin, and the grave that  
 where thou liv - est, there live we; take and own us



hope and love, let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 now an - noy shall be laugh - ter on the mor - row. Christ, I  
 shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, faith - ful Friend, as thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus,

Lord, a - bide with me; Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.  
 suf - fer here with thee; there, O share thy joy with me.  
 here I die to thee, there to live e - ter - nal - ly.  
 here I live to thee, al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

## Sermon

Based on Galatians 6:7-10

*“Don’t (just) live for the moment”*

- 1) Live for eternity
- 2) Live for opportunities to do good

Please stand after the sermon.

# THANKSGIVING

## Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the  
 Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

Be seated.

## Offering



Connect Card

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Give Online

Please stand.

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

### Hymn: Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

CW 867 sts. 1-4



1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's  
2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the  
3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in  
4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -  
con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er  
your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall  
flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -



lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2  
flee, that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain  
see that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain  
ty, still as your days your strength shall be. Refrain



So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the

vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;  
 yes, as your days your strength shall be.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **Blessing**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

### **Hymn: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart**

CW 817 st. 3

Lord, let at last thine angels come, to Abr'ham's bosom bear me home  
 that I may die unfearing;

and in its narrow chamber keep my body safe in peaceful sleep  
 until thy reappearing.

And then from death awaken me that these mine eyes with joy may see,  
 O Son of God, thy glorious face, my Savior and my fount of grace.

Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
 and I will praise thee without end.

### **Silent Prayer and Announcements**

### **WELS Connection**

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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## FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

## FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God  
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may  
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

