

# CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 18

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*“But godliness with  
contentment is great gain.*

*1 Timothy 6:6*

## Our Worship

### OPENING

P: O Lord, teach us your ways,

**C: That we may walk in your truth.**

P: You comfort and help us day by day.

**C: We trust your loving care.**

P: You are the King of heaven and earth.

**C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!**

## **PRAYER**

P: Lord Jesus, you invite us to pray and promise that where two or three come together in your name, there you are with us. Answer our prayers, and fulfill our desires according to your wisdom and love. Strengthen us in the knowledge of your truth, and grant us life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## **OPENING HYMN – “*Songs of Praise the Angels Sang*”**

**CW 222**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**ALL: We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given us your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.**

**We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have borne in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.**

**We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, and that we trust nothing else for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**

P: O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven through the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer’s death, we may put off sin and never forsake our Lord Jesus Christ, until we see him face to face in life eternal.

**ALL: We ask it all in Christ’s name. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE – “Take My Life and Let It Be”

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Take my life and let it be Con-se - cra-ted, Lord, to thee.  
Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways on - ly for my King.  
Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no long-er mine.



Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag-  
Take my heart - it is thine own; It shall be thy



cease-less praise.  
- es from thee.  
roy - al throne.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

==FOR ME==  
*to live is*  
**CHRIST**  
*to die is*  
**GAIN**  
PHILIPPIANS 1:21

# God's Word in Our Lives

## ***1 Timothy 6:6-12 – The Secret of Contentment***

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup> Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

<sup>11</sup> But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.  
Alleluia.

*2 Corinthians 12:9a*

## ***Luke 16:1-13 – What a Christian Can Learn from a Crook***

<sup>1</sup> Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

<sup>3</sup> “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

<sup>5</sup> “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

<sup>6</sup> “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

<sup>7</sup> “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

<sup>8</sup> “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

<sup>13</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: In a world that has difficulty believing in the one true God, but is so ready to believe that our universe happened by some unknown accident, what do you believe?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: In a society that so quickly rejects what God did through his Son, what do you believe?

**C: 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.**

P: While many put their trust in things or people that they make into their gods, what do you believe that Jesus did that proves he has conquered death and is true God just as he said?

**C: 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.**

P: Those who refuse to trust the Lord are without hope. What do you believe that gives you hope?

**C: 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

## The Secret of Contentment

Based on 1 Timothy 6:6-12

### OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND 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

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### BLESSING

P: 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. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN – “O Master of the Loving Heart”**

**CW 491**

# SERMON OUTLINE

- Something everyone wants but few people have
- The secret of contentment is \_\_\_\_\_

## ***1. Part of a family: vv 6-8***

- A. By faith we are born into God's family
- B. Faith places us into our heavenly Father's arms
- C. Faith brings us all the blessings of family

## ***2. The Money Trap: vv 9-10***

- A. "Affluenza"
- B. A million dollar question

## ***3. Fight the Good Fight: vv 11-12***

- A. The pursuit of ...
  - righteousness
  - godliness
  - faith
  - love
  - endurance and gentleness



# Weekly Calendar

Today	8 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Sunday School & Bible Class 12p Catechism
Mon-Wed	No School – Teacher’s Conference
Wednesday	No Choir
Thursday	8a Breakfast Bible Study 7p Worship with Communion 7:45p Bible Study
Friday	Volunteer List
Saturday	9a Fall Work Day 10a Accreditation Meeting
Sunday	8a & 10:30a Worship with Communion 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School 12p Catechism 1:30p COR Women’s Group

## Announcements

**COR WORK DAY: Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9a to noon. A list will be available – come and server your Savior!**

**TRUNK OR TREAT AT COR: Join us Saturday, October 26, from 4-5:30p for fun, food, games and costumes! We are also still looking for help with trunks, greeting, directing and serving people – please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.**

**AREA REFORMATION SERVICE: The October 27<sup>th</sup> worship service starts at 3p at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 N Wadsworth Blvd. COR has been asked to help with clean-up. Six to eight people should be sufficient to clean-up after the food has been served. Duties include taking out the trash, washing tables, cleaning up the kitchen area and moving tables/chairs back.**

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