NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the peace of God keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or pastor.

- Tune into KFIZ FM 100.7 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O Jesus Christ, do not delay, but hasten our salvation; we often tremble on our way in fear and tribulation. Your saints are waiting patiently; come soon, Redeemer; make us free from every evil. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

The Christian Seeks Spiritual Wealth

ORDER OF WORSHIP THURSDAY

Evening Prayer | 215-224

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY

Morning Prayer | 207-214

OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing | 827

Soloist will sing verse 1 and congregation will join in verses 2-3.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 3:5-12

The Lord offered to give Solomon anything he wanted. Solomon requested the spiritual wealth of a believing heart that could discern right from wrong.

The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night.

God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶Solomon said, "You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. ⁷O LORD my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. ⁹Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?"

¹⁰In the eyes of the LORD, Solomon's request was good. ¹¹So God said to him, "Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, ¹²therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

In the Morning I Will Sing | 63

Soloist will sing the verses and the congregation will join in the refrains (Soloist will introduce the refrain once before we begin)

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SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:17-21

Paul warns against the two pet sins of those who have worldly wealth: arrogance and false hope.

Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

²⁰O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning away from godless, empty talk and the contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge." ²¹By professing it, some have veered away from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL (Sermon Focus is verse 44)

Matthew 13:44-53

Through a series of parables Jesus teaches the value of spiritual wealth.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away.

⁴⁹"That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. ⁵⁰And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

⁵¹Jesus said to them, "Did you understand all these things?"

They answered him, "Yes."

⁵²He said to them, "Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things."

⁵³When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure | 859

Soloist will sing verse 1 and congregation will join in verses 2-3.

"What Is Best in Life?"

Pastor Boehringer

SERMON RESPONSE

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GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYERS & BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Before the Ending of the Day | **790 Thursday**Father, We Praise You | **778 Sunday**



ORGANISTDavid Koepsell

GREETERS

9:00 ~Judine Schicker