

Handbell Prelude— <i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	GESCHKE
Handbell Communion Anthem— <i>O Waly Waly</i>	McCHESNEY
Postlude	
<b>Hymns:</b>	
Gathering— <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	ELW 705
Hymn of the Day— <i>Gather Us In</i>	ELW 532
Sending— <i>God Be with You Till We Meet Again</i>	ELW 536

**First Reading: First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

<sup>1a</sup> Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. <sup>4</sup> 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, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music,<sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

**Psalm: Psalm 146**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

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

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

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

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

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

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

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

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

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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 <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> 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.

### **Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> 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.’ <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> 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.’ ”

<b>SERVERS</b>		<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week</u></b>
<i>Greeters</i>	....	<i>Linda Hill</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
<i>Lector</i>	....	<i>Linda Hill</i>	<i>Bill Aull</i>
<i>Worship</i>	....	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Bill Aull</i>
		<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>
<i>Ushers</i>	....	<i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Isma Boland</i>
		<i>Bill Aull</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	....	<i>Sylvia Ford &amp; Sandra Hughes</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland &amp; Gail Marcum</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	....	<i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland</i>
<i>Property</i>	....	<i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	....	<i>Isma Boland &amp; Melba Murphy</i>	<i>Gail Marcum &amp; Marie Lybrand</i>

OFFERING	Last Sunday	Total for September
General	\$ 345.00	\$4,145.00
Online General	\$2,306.26	\$3,357.02
Total	\$2,651.26	\$7,502.02
Building Maint. & Prop. Imp.	\$ 115.00	\$1,105.00
Online BMPI	\$ 92.26	\$ 379.27
Total	\$ 207.26	\$1,484.27

The flowers are given in honor of Danny & Chris for their birthdays in September and October by Isma Boland.

**Welcome Tricia Hood**, our pianist for today. Tricia is retired from a long career teaching elementary music at Lexington Elementary and co-directing the Lexington One Elementary Honor. Filling in at various churches on organ and piano and teaching piano are frequent activities for her these days. She also loves spending her free time with her children and three grandchildren, gardening, and traveling around the US and world with friends.

**God’s Helping Hands** current needs are: fruit cups, Vienna sausages, noodles, cream of mushroom, cream of chicken, and cream of potato soups, jello, cooking oil (no olive oil), crackers, cookies, canned tomatoes, canned beans, and Macaroni & Cheese. Please place donations in the designated container in the Cameron Hallway.

**Save the Date** -- Monday, December 15, 2025, Lutheran Men in Mission and WELCA Christmas Social. Details to follow.

**Available In The Narthex:** October-December Daily Devotional Booklets

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone’s name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

*Gary Black*  
*Greg Chapman*  
*Jeannie Chapman*  
*Katie Doble*  
*Anne Moyer*  
*Steve Rucker*  
*Elizabeth Shealy*

*Marie Shealy (National Health Care)*  
*Debbie Chapman Tidmarsh (daughter*  
*of Jeannie Chapman)*  
*Jane & DeLeon Wallace*

<i>Sunday</i> <i>(September 28)</i>	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
<i>Sunday</i> <i>Wednesday</i> <i>(October 5)</i>	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Executive Committee Mtg.