



**SAINT
ANDREW**
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost

Second Corinthians 8:1-15

August 30, 2020

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

VISUAL LITURGY

Where Can I Go?

WORD

THE READING

A reading from Second Corinthians.

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege[b] of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

“Lord, I Feel So Far Away”

SERMON

MUSIC OFFERING

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

GATHERING

The Live Stream will be “on” and running as we prep for worship. As you settle into a comfy place, find something nourishing to be with you: light a candle, hold a cup of coffee, snuggle a pet or stuffed animal.

PRELUDE

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.

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

The response is:

Reconciling God,
Here our prayer.

PEACE VIDEO

OFFERING MOMENT

“Gather Us In”

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving in Worship

Pr. Jenn Collins
Jim Hahn - Layreader & Soloist

Pianists

Joel Freiberg
Al Freiberg

Technical Support

Mark Clark
Patrick Kieper
Troy Radtke
Bob Wiederhoeft

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Pat & Sue McFaul in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

A word about Pastoral Care

Pastor Jeff, and Pastor Justin are available for scheduled and emergent pastoral care via e-mail, phone, zoom, or facetime. Please contact them directly if you have pastoral care like pre-marital work or regular conversation to receive a link for a Zoom conversation. We are in touch with local chaplains and are learning that visits are not allowed at many facilities. Thank you for your patience as we learn a new way to minister during this time.

Pr. Justin Smoot

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Worship via Facebook Live Stream

Join us on Facebook live stream for Devotional Time at 12:15 pm on Thursdays and for worship at 9:00 am on Sundays. **You do not need a Facebook account to join in worship.** If you do have a Facebook account and "like" the Saint Andrew Facebook Page, you should receive a notification at the beginning of the live stream. These services will remain available on our Facebook page under the "videos" tab along the left side of the page. Watch whenever you can, and feel free to leave comments, prayers, or responses during the viewing.

Thank you for your offerings and continued support!

Now more than ever we are grateful for a gift of any amount you might share to further support the ministry of Saint Andrew. What you share makes a difference as we seek to be "open to all" in this time when many feel isolated. For the many ways you give, thank you. To share an offering:

- ◆ **Send a text** message to 715-800-2369 with the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or credit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your contribution via email.
- ◆ **Mail an envelope** to church at 150202 County Road NN, Wausau WI 54401 or
- ◆ **Give online** at www.salc-wausau.org/giving.
- ◆ **Sign up for TOE** (Transfer Offering Electronically). It's as simple as giving the church office a call with your bank information.
- ◆ Give through the "**Give Plus**" app by **Vanco**.

Christ in our Home Devotional

Christ in Our Home quarterly devotional resource encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Augsburg Fortress Publishing has extended the complementary subscription for the third quarter (July-August-September). Enter "**Christ In Our Home Email Subscription**" in the google box to take you to the Augsburg Fortress site to sign up. **Copies are also available at church in a plastic bin outside the north (Chapel) entrance. Please feel free to stop by and pick up a copy.**

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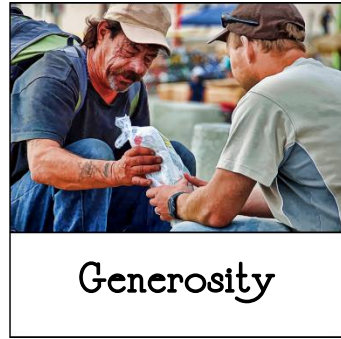


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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Generous God, for our sake you became poor, so that we might enjoy the riches of your grace. Teach us so to empty ourselves and be filled with your generosity. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. 2 Corinthians 8:12

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Generosity is itself a gift. God's overflowing abundance of gifts to us trigger our own desire to show generosity whenever we are able. Paul clarifies God's vision for believers: that no one may have too much or too little.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday, 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, *Generosity*

Monday, 2 Corinthians 11:1-15, *Paul and the False Apostles*

Tuesday, 2 Corinthians 11:16-33, *Paul's Sufferings as an Apostle*

Wednesday, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, *Paul's Visions and Revelations*

Thursday, 2 Corinthians 12:11-21, *Paul's Concern for the Corinthian Church*

Friday, 2 Corinthians 13:1-10, *Further Warning*

Saturday, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, *Final Greetings and Benediction*

What does Paul say about generosity?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What does it mean to be generous? What kinds of gifts can you share?

Tell a story of a time you received generosity from someone. Tell of a time you were generous to another.

Do: By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Consider what gift you could give to someone in need. It could be money, food, or clothing. It could be time, a listening ear, or a ride to an appointment. Give what you can this week. Take notice of how the experience affected you.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill your life with generosity and with generous people. Amen.



You can be generous with both time & money

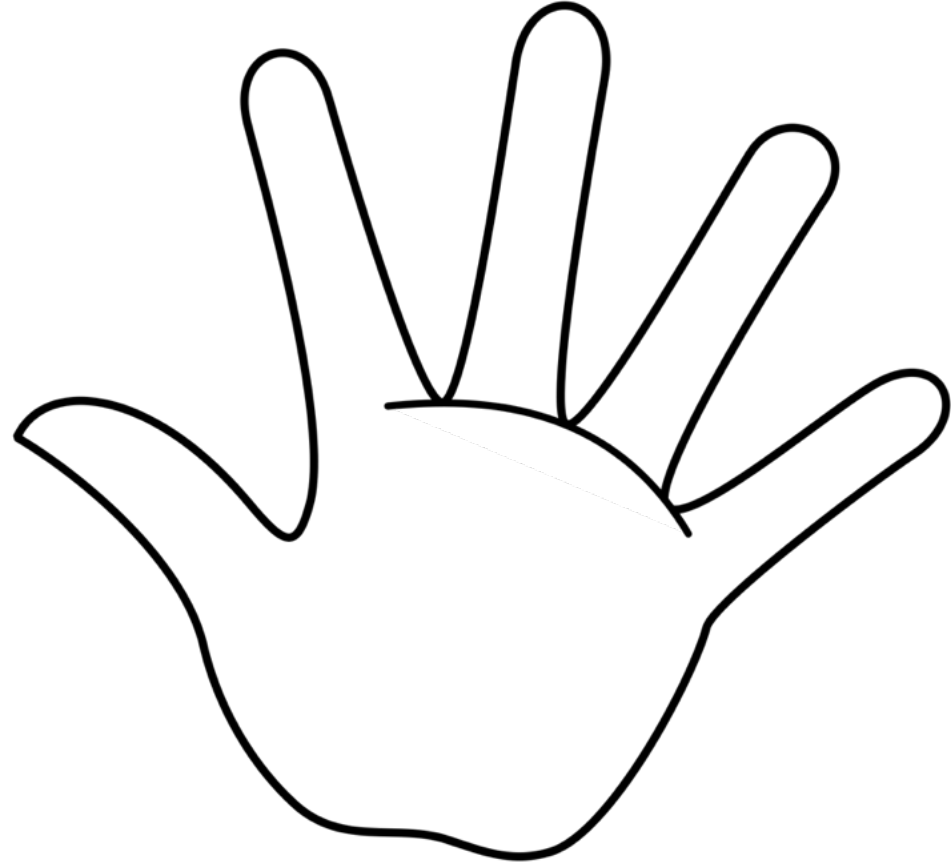
Did you know?!

Giving your money to churches and people in need is important, and so is giving your time!

Write in each finger different ways you can give of your time and money.



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2 Cor. 8:1-15



There were some great people Paul knew from a place called Macedonia. They amazed him and Paul wanted everyone to know their story.

The Macedonians were going through a terrible time, but instead of getting upset and angry, they decided God made them more giving and joyful. In fact, they were begging to help others out! Life never stopped being sweet for them because they didn't worry about themselves. They just kept thinking of others and giving to others as much as they could.

Their love for God and others was so great that nothing could crush them. Hard times revealed their true colors, and their true colors were beautiful—like fireworks in the sky.

Paul thinks we can all learn from their example. When God is working in us and through us, surprising and great things happen! After all, when we are good at giving, we follow the example of Jesus, who gave everything for us.

If you give, give with your whole heart, just like God does for you.

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... God gives us help and we can help others too!



CUT OUT OR TRACE THE TAGS AND GIVE THEM AWAY AS GIFTS



ASK A GROWN UP WHAT WAYS THEY LIKE TO BE GENEROUS.



Try it at home



MAKE A GRATITUDE LIST
IN ONE WEEK, LIST ALL THE PEOPLE OR GIFTS YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR. GENEROSITY IS EVERYWHERE!



If someone is generous with you, what can you do to say thank you?

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Good Question!