

Advent ✠ Evangelical ✠ Lutheran ✠ Church

11250 N. Michigan Road, Zionsville, Indiana 46077

Welcome to our members, friends and new visitors!

Members - Thank you for your continued support of Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, its programs and teachings as we worship the Lord and thank him for his blessings. Please help us welcome today's visitors! *See our communion policy on the back cover.*

Visitors - *Welcome!* Thank you for attending worship service at Advent! Please sign our Visitors' Register in the narthex and join us in recording attendance in the Record of Fellowship book in the pews. *Name tags are available in the Narthex. Please refer to communion policy on the back.*

Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall

Between the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. services, please join us for coffee, pastry, adult Bible Study, and children's Sunday school.

Parents -- If you have an active or crying child, our service is broadcast in the following areas: the *nursery*, the *cry room* and the narthex. Please see usher for locations.

In Our Prayers - For an updated prayer list, *please see Pastor Grady's Daily Meditation and Prayer Guide*, in your hymnal boxes.

Altar Flowers - Thank you to Ralph & Mary Alyce Gardner, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary, and Bob & Shirley Gasper, in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary, for today's altar flowers.

Special Music - Thank you to our quartet, for today's Anthem: Woody & Gloria Bredehoeft and Kevin & Deb Trewartha

Anthem - *Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God* (Psalm 51: 10-12)
by Michael Bedford

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
O cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

18 August 2019 - 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Today's Readings

2 Samuel 22:26-34

1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Luke 16:1-9 (10-13)

The Steward's Shrewdness Sanctified

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (Luke 16:1-9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6-13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26-34).

Exploring the Hymn of the Day - *What is the World to Me?*

The origin of this fine eighteenth-century hymn is a little bit cloudy. Most students of the matter agree that the author was Georg Michael Pfefferkorn (1645-1732), a teacher and pastor in Germany. However, the hymn first appeared anonymously, and lately it has been attributed to Balthasar Kindermann (d. 1706). It was translated into English by August Crull, who was born in Germany in 1845. He emigrated to the United States at an early age, and graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1862. He served as pastor and teacher in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, and died in 1923.



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Ninth Sunday after Trinity

18 August 2019 Anno Domini

INTROIT - *Psalms 54: 1-3, 7; antiphon: vv.4-5*



*Behold, God is my | helper; *
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
He will return the evil to my | enemies; *
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.*

**O God, save me, | by your name, *
and vindicate me | by your might.**

**O God, | hear my prayer; *
give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

*For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life; *
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.*

*For he has delivered me from every | trouble, *
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.*

**Glory 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.**

*Behold, God is my | helper; *
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
He will return the evil to my | enemies; *
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament - 2 Samuel 22:26-34

²⁶“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
²⁷with the purified you deal purely,
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
²⁸You save a humble people,
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.
³⁰For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
³¹This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
³²“For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?
³³This God is my strong refuge
and has made my way blameless.
³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.”

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel - Luke 16:1-13

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

