2026 STEWARDSHIP SERIES

TIRED OF THE LIES?



WEEK 2

IT'S ALL MINE

The Lie of Ownership

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Everything we have belongs to God.

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As We Gather: One of the first things we learn as children is the pride of ownership. We say to the other children, "Mine!" As we fiercely and possessively hold a toy out of their reach, we really don't care whose toy it is. If we're holding it, it belongs to us! And as adults, we do much the same. "Come see our house." "How do you like my new car?" "What do you think of my new dress, suit, or outfit?" We take pride in what we have, what we've acquired, and what we can call our own.

This kind of thinking has been called by some "stinking thinking." And it can create a real problem when it comes to generosity. After all, if I believe everything, I have belongs to me, then giving something away feels like losing something that is rightfully mine. Generosity becomes an obligation, a sacrifice, or even an inconvenience. The more tightly I hold on to what I possess, the harder it becomes to open my hands to someone else.

But what if we've gotten ownership wrong from the very beginning? What if the problem isn't how much we have, but how we understand what we have?

The Lie is: *It all belongs to me.* **The Truth is radically different:** *Everything belongs to Him, and it always has.* The earth, our homes, our possessions, our abilities, our time, and even our very lives are gifts from His gracious hand. He has entrusted these things to us, not as permanent owners, but as faithful stewards, to use and enjoy for a season.

And when we finally understand that everything is His, generosity begins to look less like giving something up and more like faithfully using what God has graciously placed in our hands.

The Lord's Table

Our Lord graciously shares with us His precious body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite those who are baptized Christians and who are able to examine themselves according to these truths of the Christian faith:

- ✞ **I believe that Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from all sin.**
- ✞ **I believe that the true body and blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament.**
- ✞ **I resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to live for my Lord and witness through my actions that He is my Savior.**

The inner ring of the Communion tray has grape juice for those unable to take wine.

✞ Holy Communion Worship Divine Service Four ✞

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LSB 686

(*please stand*)

Invocation & Confession

P*: In the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

P*: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P*: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful*

condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P*: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
C: Amen.

✞ Hearing His Word ✞

Introit Psalm 50:10–11, 14–15, 23

P*: For every beast of the forest is mine,*

C: the cattle on a thousand hills.

P*: I know all the birds of the hills,*

C: and all that moves in the field is mine.

P*: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,*

C: and perform your vows to the Most High,

P*: and call upon me in the day of trouble;*

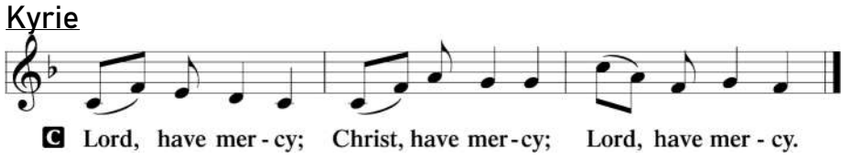
C: I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

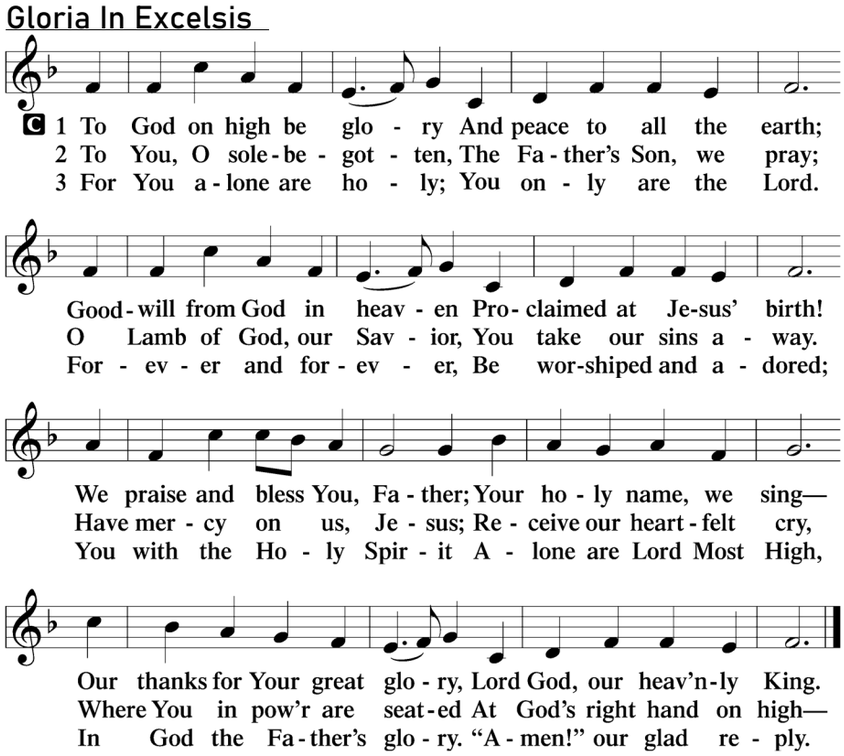
P*: The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;*

C: to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

Kyrie



Gloria In Excelsis



Salutation And Collect Of The Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found

wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.
(*please be seated*)

First Reading Haggai 2:5–8

According to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C: Thanks be to God.

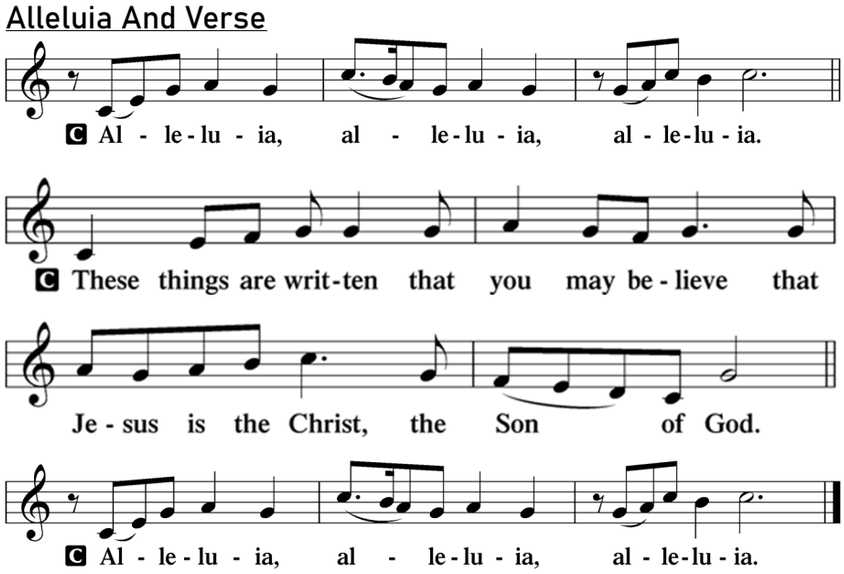
Second Reading Colossians 1:16–17

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C: Thanks be to God.
(please stand)

Sharing God's Peace

Alleluia And Verse



Holy Gospel Luke 12:13–21

P*: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.*
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P*: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of Praise Take My Life and Let It Be LSB 783

Sermon It's All Mine: The Lie of Ownership

Gathering Of The Offerings

Offertory Hymn Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings (v. 1–2) LSB 782

Prayer Of The Church

✞ Gathering at His Table ✞

P*: The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P*: Lift up your hearts.*

C: We lift them to the Lord.

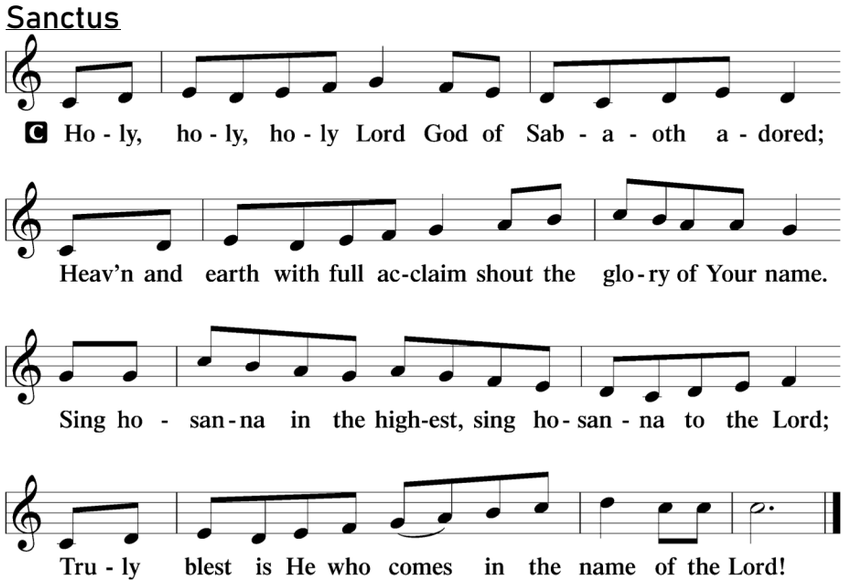
P*: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P*: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.*

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Prayer Of Thanksgiving

P*: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.* ***For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.***

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The 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.

The Words Of Our Lord

P*: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✞ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

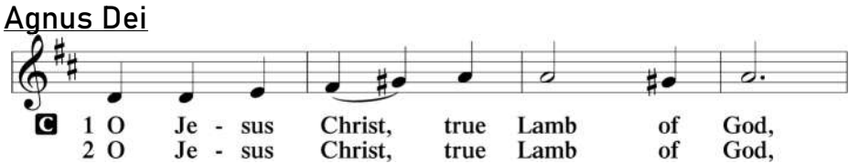
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✞ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.***"***

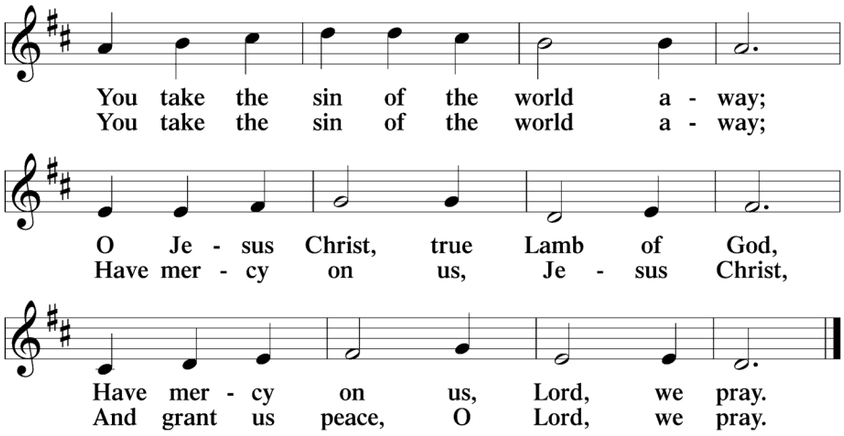
Pax Domini

P*: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei



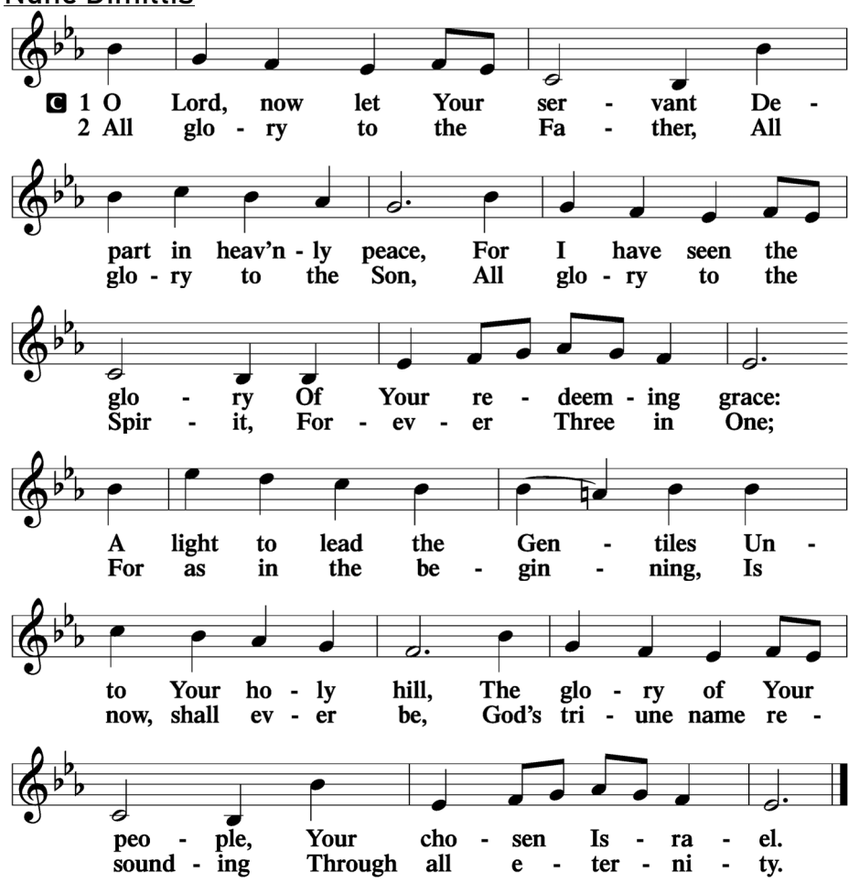


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Distribution

Distribution Hymns We Give Thee But Thine Own LSB 781
Come, My Soul, with Every Care LSB 779

Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

P*: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: Amen.

Benedicamus

P*: Let us bless the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✞ give you peace.*
C: Amen.

(please be seated)

Announcements

Closing Hymn Praise and Thanksgiving LSB 789

Prayers of the Church

- ✞ *Father, one of the first things we learn as infants is to grasp those things which are set before us. For some, that grasping is a thing we never unlearn. We go through life, grasping all that we can and holding to these things tightly as if holding them tightly will make them more our own, and will prevent them from slipping through our fingers. Help us dear Father, help us realize that our grasping does not serve Your purpose. All these things are Yours, given to us to be used for Your purposes in this life, and nothing You have given us can be used in the next. Let us hold these things not with an eye towards storing them up for the end of days, but for the day when we find the one for whom they were intended when You gave to us. Give us generous hearts, open hands, and eyes to see the needs You would have us meet each day, until You bring us home.*
- ✞ *Father God, we bring You our prayers and petitions for all those we know and love who are in need of Your healing, comfort and peace. Hear us now as lift up their names in the silence of our hearts.*
- ✞ *Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in worship at Crystal River Church of God, and her pastor, Rev. Ronald Reid. Send Your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of Your faithful as they seek a closer walk with You O Lord, Jesus.*
- ✞ *Father God, today we lift up to Your throne of grace, prayers for those learning at the Homosassa Elementary & West Coast Christian Academy Schools. Bless the students, the teachers, the staff and the parents at these two schools with wisdom, discernment, and joy in You O Lord our God.*

IN OUR PRAYERS For healing and restoration: Brian Kruger, Dave Hanny, Judy Deuchler, Lisa Holzwart, Richard Emmereth, Sharon Beyer, Doug Deuchler, Hope Peter, Amanda Holthaus, Deb Schmidt, Laurie Hinton, Mackenzie & her daughter, Louie Lott, Bob Holthaus, Bill Engelbrecht, Muriel Hanny, Cindy Rockwell, Henry Striegl, Lois Schick, Jerry Marquette.

For those who worship at home: Carol Clayton, Harry & Rose Detlefs, Phyllis Jodis, Lois Schick, Dean & Deb Schmidt, Ann Williams, Phyllis Washburn

BIBLE STUDY: The Lie of Self-Sufficiency And other questions will be answered this week in our bible study as we begin a new 3-week series. We will also address the questions anyone has in a more direct and in-depth way, during these interactive and informative sessions. We will continue to meet Sundays after 9:30am worship, and Monday evenings at 5:00pm with dinner.

PRAYER PRAISE AND PLENTY OF PIE: Thanksgiving Evening Worship, Wednesday, November 25th at 5:00 PM, followed by fellowship and pie in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us for a service of prayer and praise in the sanctuary, and then for an evening of fellowship with great pies donated by members and friends in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the narthex and let us know what type of pie you will bring for this wonderful time of fellowship.