

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 10, 2021

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW #679
(Vs. 1 & 2)

***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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FAITH STATEMENTS

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Ancient Words"
Arr. Mark Hayes

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-2, 12-17

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place^{a1}
in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.
¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.
¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.
¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND READING—Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW page#172

The holy gospel according to the tenth chapter of Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL—Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one

thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers

and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

“You Can Take It With You”

Rev. Janet Crissinger

HYMN

“As Saints of Old” ELW #695
(Vs. 1 & 3)

***THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***THE PRAYERS**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind (*local ministries may be named*).

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthening God, you share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. We pray today for Perry Caspers, Karen Malm, Darlene Krueger, Allan Krattley, Sophia Walker, Pr. Dave Aaker, Fred Wentzlaff, Phyllis Kiemele, and those that we name silently in our hearts.... *A brief silence...* grant them your healing and strength. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died (*especially*). Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray:

**God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above you heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen**

SENDING

The God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW #538

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE**

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Christ In Our Home devotional and *Living Lutheran* magazine are available at church. Please call and a copy can be mailed out to you.

Your offering to the church can be mail, dropped in the mailbox outside of church or through an upcoming link on our website.

Please call or email the church if you have pastoral care needs.

Just a reminder...please stay home if you are sick or not feeling well. If you do attend a worship service and you are later diagnosed with COVID-19, *please contact the church office as soon as possible*. Your name will be kept confidential, but we need to notify those who came in contact with you.

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