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WELCOME: We welcome all who worship with us today! May you be spiritually refreshed and strengthened by the message of God's Word. If you have no church home, one of the pastors will be happy to speak with you about membership in the congregation.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER: We ask everyone – members and guests – to sign our Friendship Register during the service. Visitors, if you are worshipping with us for the first time, we would especially appreciate it if you would list your address and telephone number so that we can acknowledge your visit. Thank you.

PARENTS: If your children become restless, that's okay . . . We're glad they're here and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear His Word! Perhaps a moment or two with mom or dad is all that is necessary. Our "Mother's Room" is speaker equipped with a view of the sanctuary.

HOLY COMMUNION: Our church practices closed communion. We ask that only members, or members of other WELS or ELS churches partake of the Sacrament.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The Bible emphasizes the need for us to stay close to God through his word. We offer several opportunities for young and old – various Bible classes and organizations for teens and adults, Sunday School, confirmation classes, Vacation Bible School, Lamb of God elementary school (3-year-old preschool through 8th grade), and Lutheran Pioneers for boys and girls. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend.

WE BELIEVE AND TEACH . . .

- There is only one true God. He reveals himself as three distinct persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- The Bible is the inspired and error-free Word of God.
- All people have disobeyed God's will and deserve God's just punishment.
- God so loved the world that he sent his one and only son, Jesus Christ, to be our perfect substitute and be punished for our sins.
- Only by faith in the work of Jesus Christ do we become heirs of the glories of heaven. This is a gift of God's undeserved love and not a result of our own efforts.
- Faith in Jesus Christ motivates us to devote our lives in service to God and our fellow human beings.

- Families and couples are welcome to stand together as they commune. Members who require a non-alcoholic juice option should point to the center of the tray.
- † Our Worship Focus today: Jesus tells us a parable about two men, one whose confidence was in his wealth, another whose confidence was in his God.

Opening Hymn #632 - Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

- P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
- C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.
- P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.
- P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

- P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: Amen.





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The Word

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day...

All: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

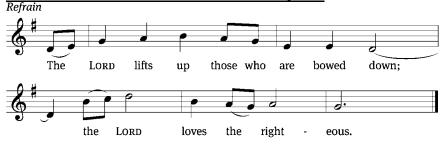
First Reading Amos 6:1–7

¹ Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you distinguished people of the leading nation, to whom the house of Israel comes. ² Travel to Kalneh and look. Go from there to Hamath Rabbah, and go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than those kingdoms? Are their territories greater than your territory? ³ You who are trying to put off the evil day, you bring near the session for violence! ⁴ Those who lie on ivory beds, sprawling upon their couches, eating lambs from the flock and calves straight from the stall, ⁵ improvising tunes on the lyre, composing music for themselves on musical instruments like David, ⁶ drinking large bowls of wine—they slather themselves with the most expensive perfumed oils, but they do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. ¹ That is why they will go into exile as the first of the exiles. Those who sprawl out at their feasts for the dead will depart.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146A - I Will Praise the Lord All My Life





I will praise the LORD / all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

Do not put your trust in / princes,

in human beings, who / cannot save.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of / Jacob, whose hope is in the / LORD their God. *Refrain*

He upholds the cause of / the oppressed and gives food to the / hungry.

The LORD sets / pris'ners free, the LORD gives sight / to the blind.

The LORD reigns for- / ever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations. / Praise the LORD.

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. Refrain

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1–6

- ¹ Continue to show brotherly love. ² Do not fail to show love to strangers, for by doing this some have welcomed angels without realizing it. ³ Remember those in prison, as if you were fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were also suffering bodily.
- ⁴ Marriage is to be held in honor by all, and the marriage bed is to be kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God has said:

I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you.

⁶ So then we say with confidence:

The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Luke 16:31 (Pastor)

Alleluia. If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 16:19–31

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. ²⁰ A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and ²¹ longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. ²² Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ He called out and said, 'Father Abraham, have

mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.'

²⁵ "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. ²⁶ Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷ "He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's home, ²⁸ because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹ "Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.'

³⁰ "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹ "Abraham replied to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day #753 - My Worth Is Not in What I Own (sing v.1-2, Refrain, sing v.3-4, Refrain, sing 5, Refrain)

Sermon Luke 16:19-31

Which Life Has a Hold of Your Heart?

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Presentation of Our Offerings

The Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

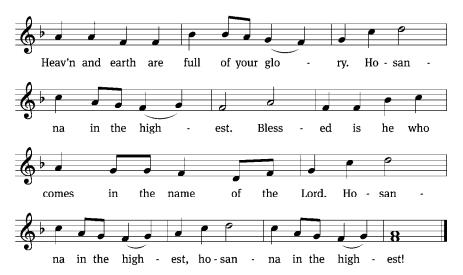
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:





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Prayer of Thanksgiving (Pastor)

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (All)

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.

Words of Institution (Pastor)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



Distribution

Hymn #667 - Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared sts. 1-4, 7

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Serving Us Today

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