



AS WE GATHER

Jesus' conversation with the rich man seems to point out how childish the man is. The reality is that we all are tempted like him to believe that the things of this life are our real treasures and the works we do in this life determine if we are saved. The man could not let go of either—not of his own prospect of earning the kingdom of God nor of his many possessions and wealth that secured his life. The man was disheartened by the choice between Christ and these things when in reality there is no choice at all. Our wealth is temporary and relative and our works small and insufficient. Christ is the assurance of our salvation.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN LSB 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,
 And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
 Thy saints have dwelt secure;
 Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
 And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood
 Or earth received her frame,
 From everlasting Thou art God,
 To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
 Are like an evening gone,
 Short as the watch that ends the night
 Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,

People: **who greatly delights in His commandments!**

Pastor: Blessed be the God who meets our sin with mercy and our humble confession with forgiveness and the pledge of eternal life.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Pastor: Holy and merciful Lord,

People: **Your people come to You, humble of heart and repenting of their sins. We confess, Father, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by the evil we have done and by the good we have not done. Some of our sin we know and some we do not know. Forgive us all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be restored to Your service and live to the praise of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 5:6–7, 10–15* (*Hate evil; love good; seek justice*)

⁶ Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood^[a]
and cast down righteousness to the earth!

They hate him who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Therefore because you trample on^[a] the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,

you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.

¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil,
that you may live;

and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE *Hebrews 3: 12–19* (Take care lest you fall into unbelief.)

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” ¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:17–22* (“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN LSB 730 What Is the World to Me

1 What is the world to me
 With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
 Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
 My soul’s delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
 What is the world to me!

2 The world seeks to be praised
 And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
 That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
 Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
 What is the world to me!

3 The world seeks after wealth
 And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
 Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
 Content with it I’ll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
 What is the world to me!

4 What is the world to me!
 My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
 My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
 My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
 What is the world to me!

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THE SERMON “(Yesterday) TODAY (Tomorrow)” *Hebrews 3:12-19*

CREED *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. 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 worshiped 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 \times 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 \times 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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

LSB 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

- 1** Jesus, priceless treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
 Truest friend to me,
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
 Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
 Thou art mine,
 O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;
Naught I ask beside Thee.
- 2** In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
 Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
 Jesus calms my fear.
 Lightnings flash
 And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.
- 3** Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
 Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
 While I sing of peace.
 God's great pow'r
 Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

- 4** Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure,
 Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
 Told with tempting voice.
 Pain or loss,
 Or shame or cross,
Shall not from my Savior move me
Since He deigns to love me.
- 5** Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.
- 6** Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG This Is Our God

(VERSE 1)

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came, and He died, and He rose, those walls are rubble now
Remember those giants we called death and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

(CHORUS)

**This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus**

(VERSE 2)

Remember that fear that took our breath away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

(SING CHORUS)

(BRIDGE)

Who pulled me out of that pit? He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Him!

(SING CHORUS)

(ENDING)

He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus