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 - Out of respect for all who worship today, please silence all electronic devices.
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Last week we learned the hard truth that while money can help make life easier in some ways, it cannot bring true happiness and fulfillment. This week we see that as much as money lets us down in life, its ultimate failure to deliver on its promises happens in death. Those who live with hearts filled with love for money and void of love for God will receive the only eternity that money can buy: one void of God and filled with pain. Though we might be fooled into thinking money helps in life, it will certainly fail us in death. Conversely, that which seems to offer little help in life will never fail us in death. The best example of this is the gospel. Those who hear and heed the Scriptures often appear to receive little benefit in life. Living by God's

Word doesn't make life easier. In fact, faithfully following Christ often means a more challenging life, one filled with crosses and self-denial. Great wealth gains you the admiration and respect of the world. Being true to Scripture is more likely to gain you scorn and ridicule.

Yet those who find the help they need in God rather than in money will never be disappointed. In death they will receive a reward that dwarfs even the best things money can buy.

SERVICE: *The Service – Setting One, p. 154*

Speak, O Lord

CW 633

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Glory Be to God

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,
 we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
 God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
 For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Be seated

First Reading

Amos 6:1-7

At the time of Amos, the Israelites enjoyed peace and prosperity, but spiritually they were drifting away from the LORD. The prophet warns not to let prosperity provide a false sense of security.

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come! ²Go to Kalneh and look at it; go from there to great Hamath, and then go down to Gath in Philistia. Are they better off than your two kingdoms? Is their land larger than yours? ³You put off the day of disaster and bring near a reign of terror. ⁴You lie on beds adorned with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. ⁵You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. ⁶You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. ⁷Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

The Word of the Lord.

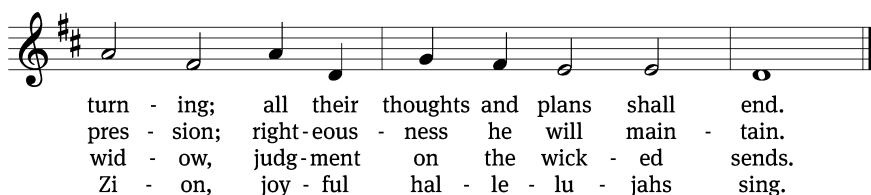
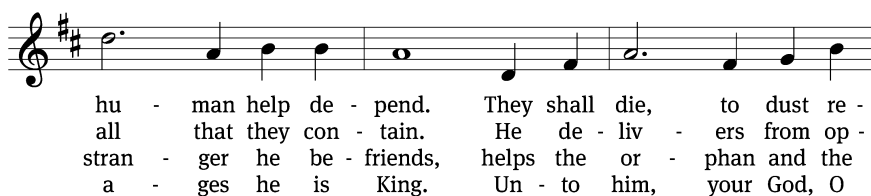
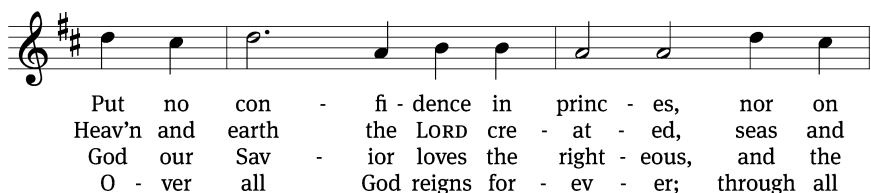
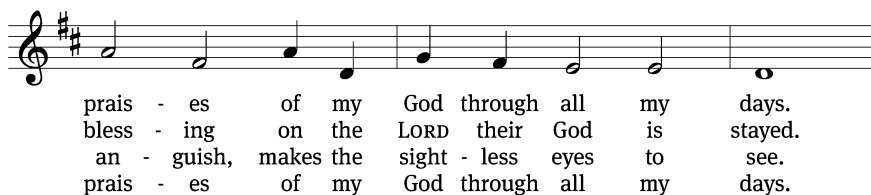
Thanks be to God.

Praise the LORD, Sing Hallelujah

Psalms 146C



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2	Hap - py	are		the	ones pro - fess - ing	Ja - cob's
3	Food	he	dai -	ly	gives the hun - gry,	sets the
4	Praise	the	LORD!	Sing	hal - le - lu - jah!	Come, our



Text: Psalter, 1887, alt.

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Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-6

Because the Lord is our helper in both life and death, in all aspects of life we strive to live for him.

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who

are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. ⁴Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gr. 1-4 Sing (8am service) **'For Those Tears I Died'** by Marsha Stevens

You said You'd come and share all my sorrows, You said You'd be there for all my tomorrows; I came so close to sending You away, But just like You promised You came there to stay; I just had to pray!

Refrain: And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by My side, I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied; I felt ev'ry teardrop when in darkness you cried, And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."

Your goodness so great I can't understand, And, dear Lord, I know that all this was planned; I know You're here now, and always will be, Your love loosed my chains and in You I'm free; But Jesus, why me? (Refrain)

Jesus, I give You my heart and my soul, I know that without God I'd never be whole; Savior, You opened all the right doors, And I thank You and praise You from earth's humble shores; Take me, I'm Yours. (Refrain)

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 16:31



Refrain



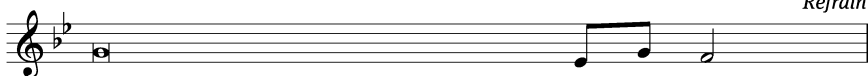
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Tone



If they do not listen to Moses and the Proph - ets,

Refrain



they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

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Gospel & Sermon Text

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells us a parable about two men, one whose confidence was in his wealth, another whose confidence was in his God.

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ ²⁵“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ ²⁷“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹“Abraham replied, ‘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“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

All Is Well

CW 802 v. 1

Children's Message

All Is Well

CW 802 v. 2-3

Sermon

Pastor Justin Shrum

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

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.

Amen.

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Worship Notes

Preacher: Justin Shrum
Presiding Minister: Matthew Holtz
Organist: Stacey Kraus
Musicians: Stacey Kraus, Stacy Shrum, Matthew Ivan

Service Team:

8:00 a.m.	R. Hoh (Head Usher), G. Petermann, B. Hopfensperger, M./C. Krueger, T. Luehring, P. Luehring; AV – C. Huth
10:30 a.m.	T. Blob (Head Usher), M./B./B. Blob, R./Z. Vogel, P. Tiedt, C. Wilson, T./T. Paschen, E. Dvorak, R./J. Fischer; AV – K. Runkel
6:00 p.m.	C. Waack (Head Usher), J. Ings, C. Feidt, P. Rooyakkers, J. Kaepernick, G. Fredericks

Greeters:

8:00 a.m.	D. Falck, T. Falck
10:30 a.m.	J. & S. Dunsirn
6:00 p.m.	Rogers Family