

Sunday & Monday Sept. 28th & 29th, 2025



**WHAT HELPS IN LIFE
FAILS IN DEATH**



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As Christians united in common faith, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to nurture believers and bring the lost to faith in Jesus through God's Holy Word and Sacraments.

Welcome!

- Restrooms are in the church basement located just at the bottom of the front stairs. Changing tables are available to parents.
 - An elevator is available on the north side of the church entrance.
 - The basement is available to parents needing to quiet small children. The area is equipped with closed circuit TV.
 - Out of respect for all who worship today, please silence all electronic devices.
 - Children's Activity Bags are available in the narthex. Please return them to the 'used' bin after service.
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WHAT HELPS IN LIFE FAILS IN DEATH

What do John D Rockefeller, King Solomon, Henry Ford, and Joseph Stalin all have in common? Two things. First, they are all in the list of the twenty wealthiest individuals who ever lived. Second, they are all rotting in the ground. The reality is that while money may help you achieve some objectives, it fails to prevent death. So Jesus speaks some sharp words this week, warning that 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 torment. Money seems helpful, but it fails in death. Conversely, what often seems of little help in this life will be our only source of help in death. The world scoffs at those who set aside plenteous time to listen to Jesus' words and eat his holy meal. "Of what practical good are such things?" Only this. Such things enable us, at death, to receive a reward that dwarfs even the best things money can buy.

Service Setting 3, CW p. 188

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

CW 730

Stand

Invocation

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

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

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.

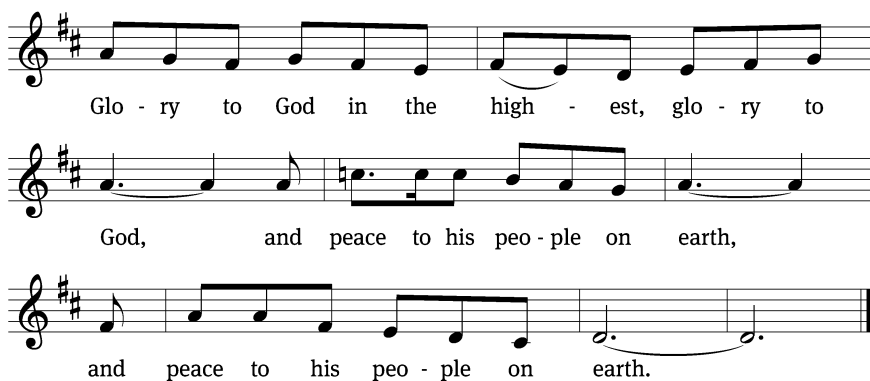
Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some phrases repeated. The score ends with a double bar line.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



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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 prosperity, but spiritually they were drifting from the LORD. The prophet warns not to let prosperity provide a false sense of security.

¹Woe 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.

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

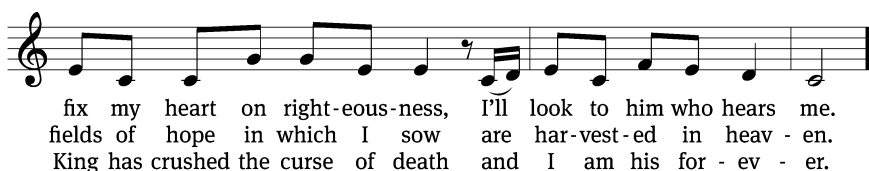
Psalm 62C

1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal -
 2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp -
 3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com -

va - tion; a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and
 ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll
 plete - ly; with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul and

I will not be shak - en. Though lips may bless and
 cling to my sal - va - tion. Though rich - es come and
 he will prove his mer - cy. Though life is but a

hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll
 rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the
 fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to mea - sure, my



Refrain



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Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1–6

All Christian virtue—including a proper attitude toward wealth—comes from knowing the Lord is our help.

¹Keep 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?”

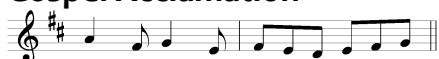
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

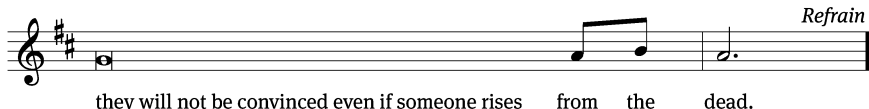
Luke 16:31



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel & Sermon Text

Luke 16:19–31

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

¹⁹“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

Children’s Message

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

CW 817

Sermon

Pastor Justin Shrum

Stand

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 & WELS Connection

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

CW 753

(Choir sings v. 1-2 and refrain; congregation joins in v. 3-5)

Stand

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.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

CW 927

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Setting Three from Christian Worship

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Presiding Minister: Justin Shrum

Accompanist: Becky Ryan

Featuring the Hallel Group & Flutist Jasmine Toppe

Service Teams:

8:00 a.m. Team Hoh; AV: R. Volhard

10:30 a.m. Team Paulson; AV: T. Luehring

6:00 p.m. Team Waack