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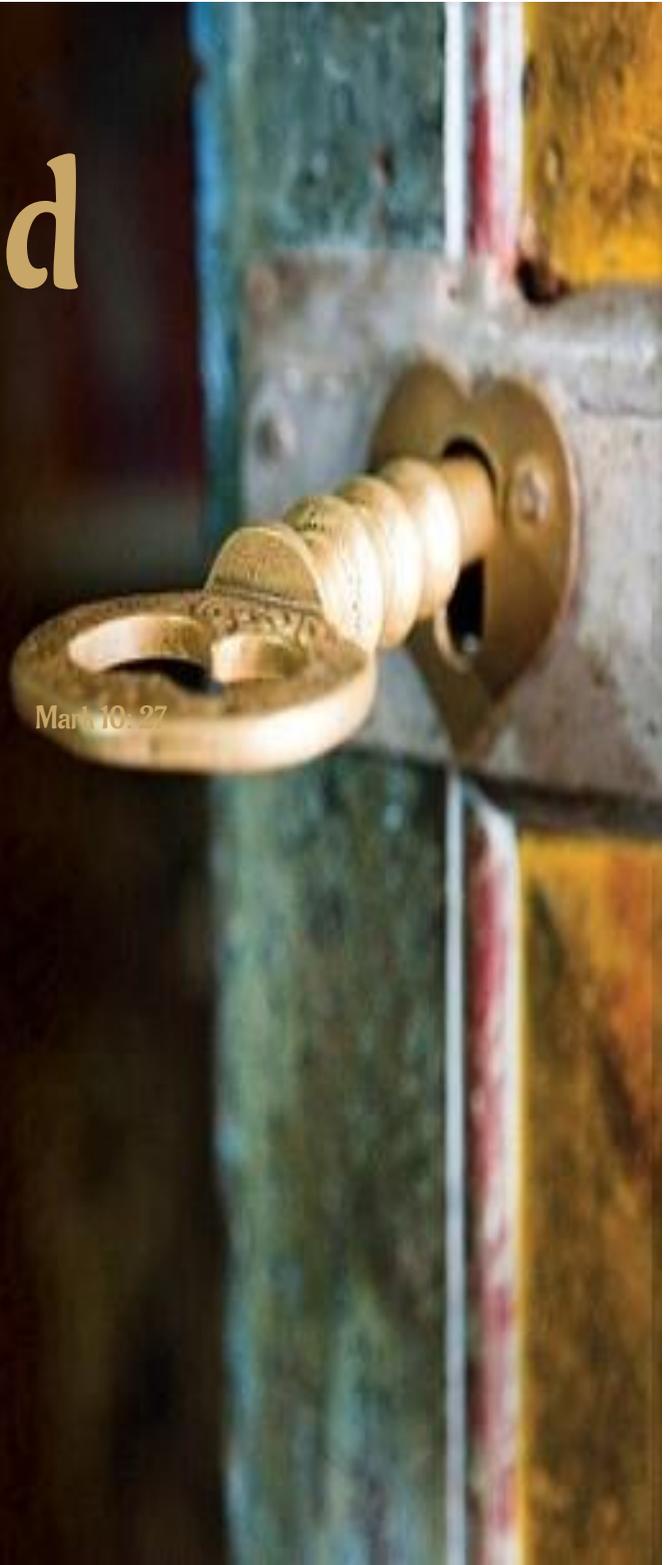
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For God

all things

are possible

Mark 10:27



Welcome to all who have come to worship today! Let us praise the Lord together by singing joyously, praying fervently, listening attentively to God's Word, and reaching out a friendly hand to one another. We share an open communion, all who come are welcome to share the Communion Table of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Blessings to all!

Prayer for Worshipers: With thanksgiving we come to worship you this day, O Lord. You have blessed us with gifts of grace and goodness beyond our need and our deserving. Cause us always to recognize the source of our blessings and support, and to be ever grateful to the Giver. Hear our praises and prayers this day and speak to us through your Word that is interpreted by your Spirit. Send us from this time together with new joy and with the strength needed to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Our worship: Our setting is a community gathered around Word and Sacrament; communion with God and with each other. In our scripture reading, our musical offerings and at the table, God is in this place. We invite you to experience and give praise to our Creator God as you join in worship.

Participating in Today's Worship: Supply Pastor: Rev. John Petry; **Director of Music:** Janice Thompson; **Assistant Director of Music:** Diane Colin; **Sound/slides:** Cindy Clayton; **Lector:** Dave Apps ; **Ushers:** Jane & Scott Miller; **Flowers:** From Jan & Gene Finch in honor of Stephen Finch .

*Indicates to stand if you are able

THEME OF THE DAY:

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.

WELCOME:

PRELUDE:

***GATHERING:**

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

GATHERING SONG: Gather Us In

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**1. Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away--
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

***GREETING:**

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

P: You are treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

**P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your
children**

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you
are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,
C: but by every word that comes out of the mouth of the Lord.

*** PRAISE SONG: Thy Word**

W&P 144

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me
and nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**I will not forget your love for me,
and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

C: 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.

WORD:

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

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

L: A reading from Amos.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17

L: ¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

C: ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

L: ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

C: ¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

L: ¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

C: ¹⁷**May 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

L: A reading from Hebrews.

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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL SONG: Seek Ye First**

W&P122

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

and its righteousness,

and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

***GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Maintenance Checklist, Rev. John Petry

**1.Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart**

**Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home**

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart**

**2.Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ**

**Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear**

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart**

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart**

***APOSTLES 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 power of 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 OF THE PEOPLE:

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

A brief silence.

A: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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,
C: hear our prayer.

A: 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,
C: hear our prayer.

A: 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. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: 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,
C: hear our prayer.

A: For the sick and those in need, especially:

Ilissa Beavers

Bruce Bredland

Adele Bryant

Carol Burt

Keith & Carol Carlson

Geneva Fitts

Treva Fitts

Rita Gainey

Elizabeth Groeger

Karl Groeger

Bernard Harris

Major Hatchell

Jane Maske

Alexa Molden

Jane Moore
Theresa Myrick
Joan Taylor Noland
Sybil Piph

James Ross
Mary Spence
Paulette Thomas
Aimee Turner

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: We commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces especially those related to our church family.

Captain Amanda
Andy
Mollie
KC
Remington

Austin
Parker
Heather
Major Mark
Nicholas

A: Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

PEACE:

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

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING: Thank you for sharing the gifts that God has given you to continue God's ministry in our church, community and the world.

***OFFERING SONG: We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise
W&P 150**

**We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord
we bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.**

**We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord
we bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.**

***OFFERING PRAYER:**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

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.

SENDING:

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

***BLESSING:**

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: Oh, Sing to the Lord ELW 822

**1. Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

**2. For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

**3. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets,
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Message:

Limitless Possibility

For the young, life can feel like a limitless landscape of possibilities. It can seem there is nothing we cannot do or become if we simply set our minds to it. But as we age, the possibilities may appear to shrink, whether through the choices we make or through the limits of a world beyond our control. At certain points in life, we may look at ourselves—who we are and what we have become—and see not possibilities but, rather, inevitabilities. It may seem impossible to live any other way than how we are currently living or for people to see us in any other way than they currently do. We may struggle to see any way beyond our habits or patterns, our history, or our current roles.

In today's gospel, Jesus invites a man to leave behind everything he has known and thought about himself to become Jesus' disciple. To the world, the man is defined by his wealth,

but Jesus sees the man behind the possessions and loves him. He sees past what seems inevitable about the man, to what God can make possible. Yet, tragically, the man can only see the world's vision of him, a vision of limited possibilities. When Jesus calls him to leave his wealth behind, the man thinks he is being asked the impossible and goes away heartbroken.

In the Christian assembly, the voice of Christ calls us to look past one another's worldly inevitabilities to the divine possibilities present among us. No matter what moment of life we are in, it is never too late. No matter what our history of failures or addictions, there are still more chances. No matter what we have been to this point, there is still something new we can become. Jesus calls us to leave ourselves behind in order to follow him, to rediscover who we are with a God for whom all things are possible.

Announcements:

- **Oct. 14**, at 6:30 p.m. Small Groups will meet inside the church
- **Oct. 18** at 9:30 a.m. Sara's Circle will meet in the Choir Room for fellowship and Bible study.
- **CARE TO SHARE** – This is Care to Share Sunday. As you know, we will be receiving your canned goods and other non-perishable food items at both services for distribution to the local food banks. We are also taking contributions for one of our local charities, Hannah's Place. Hannah's Place does wonderful work as a women's shelter that helps abused women get back on their feet. So write your check to Hannah's Place or to Lakeside Lutheran Church and drop it in the basket, and we will see that it gets to the right place. And thank you

for your support of this valuable ministry of the Church!
- Tom Tillett, Stewardship Chair

- **Christian Education:** Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. in person at the church or on Zoom at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738865427>
Meeting ID: 89738865427
Password for entry: 238527
- **Daily Faith Practices Bible Study at 9 a.m. each Wednesday.** Material are available each week. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89180848001?pwd=Z1dGRlRqc0lXZjhTa3Y2Z2dITzQwdz09>
Meeting ID: 891 8084 8001
Passcode: 418059
- **Men's Bible Study** - Every Wednesday morning 8:00 - 9:15. Currently meeting at the Lakes Gaston Lions Club. Fellowship breakfast the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30.
- **Women's Bible Study** - Every Wednesday morning 10:00 - 11:15. Currently meeting at the Lakes Gaston Lions Club.
- **Please get your newsletter information to the church office as soon as possible.**
- Any information that is to be posted in the **Bulletin** must be received in the Church Office no later than 4:00 pm on the Tuesday before. Please send to admin@lakesidelutheran.com
- Learn more about our church by visiting us at www.lakesidelutheran.com. Like us on Facebook.

Upcoming Commemorations

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF)

Sunday, October 10, 2021

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

Friday, October 15, 2021

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

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