



10:30 A.M. Worship
October 10, 2021

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness

Leader: Searching God,
To you no one is lost,
No one is left behind,
No one is the price to be paid for the greater good.
Give us the same restless desire,
the same fierce joy which finds grace in every
child of earth and makes a community open to all.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, who loved the
world and did not count the cost.
Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Together, let us confess our sin to the One who walks with us in our
brokenness.

Leader: You are tireless in seeking out the lost;
We write them off.
Generous God,

Community: **Share mercy with us.**

Leader: You do not give up on a single one;
We give up even on ourselves.
Generous God,

Community: **Share mercy with us.**

Leader: You have a joy that is without measure.
We accept limits to our compassion.
Generous God,

Community: **Share mercy with us.**

Leader: God, who is merciful and loving, offers us forgiveness and grace beyond
measure! Go and share God's mercy!

All: **Amen.**

HYMN

"Take My Life, That I May Be "

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;

take my feet and let them be swift and -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain

beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

GREETING

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

Community: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Community: **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.**

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

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

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.

Psalm 90

"In Every Age"

In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our
 ref - uge, you have been our ref - uge.

Verse 1: You return us to dust, saying, "Return, O children, to earth."
 For to you a thousand years are like yesterday passed,
 or as a watch of the night.

Verse 2: You sweep us away in a dream.
 At dawn we are like morning grass
 that rises to the morning sun,
 then withers and fades.

Verse 3: Teach us to treasure our days.
 Give wisdom to our hearts.
 Return, O Lord, how long must we wait?
 Pity your servants.

Verse 4: Fill our day-break with your love
 that we may rejoice in song.
 May your gracious eye watch over us
 and the work of our hands.

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-16

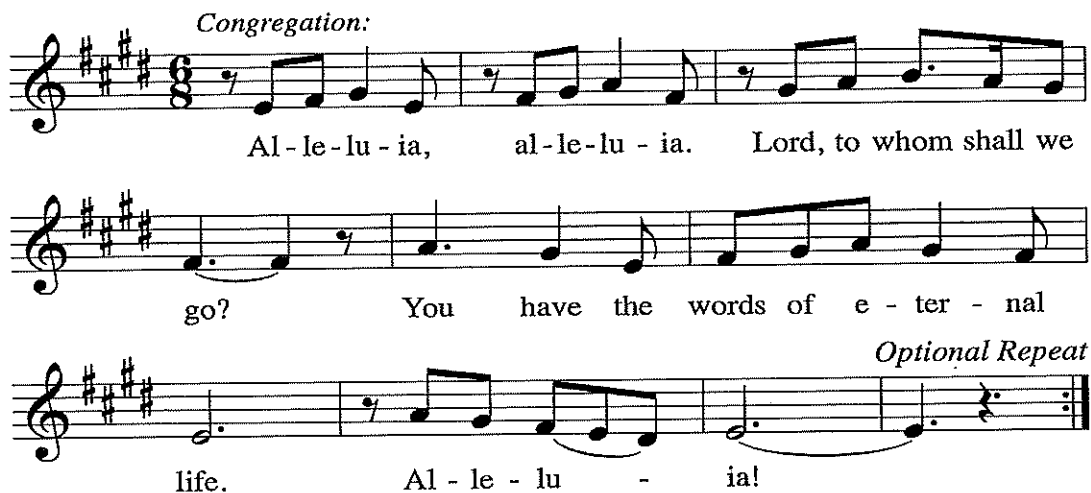
We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

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.

GOSPEL VERSE (*Please stand*)

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

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."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Community: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Shera Nesheim



HYMN

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways

dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

D.C.

PRAYERS (Please stand)

After each petition of the prayers:

Community: **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

Community: **And also with you.**

(While remaining in your seat, please greet those around you)



OFFERING

At this time we will now receive our offering and share with joy, as God abundantly shares with us. Your offering can be placed in the basket as they are passed around or you can now easily text your gift. The gifts of the assembly are gathered for the sake of all in need that we might be light for the world.

You are now able to text your gift to Christus Rex! Text the amount you would like to give to (701) 599-4443, then press send. Follow the directions on your phone to complete your donation. This amount will be sent directly to our Christus Rex account.

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst

2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



to Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Community: **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you.**

We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us.

**May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you,
dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.
Community: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
Community: **We lift them to the Lord.**

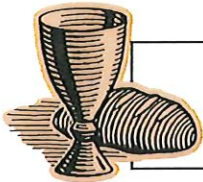
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Community: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION



All are welcome at communion.
Non-alcoholic wine is available on the trays in filled chalices.
Distribution will be done in a continuous fashion around the table.
Gluten-free bread is available from the server.

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

"Thanks be to You"



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,
2. From of old you loved and sought us,



Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy, Thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

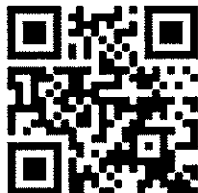
Presider: Let us pray...Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Community: **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take a newsletter/calendar for the month and plan to participate in the events!

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BENEDICTION

Presider: People of God,
You are Christ's body,
Bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, one God,
Bless you now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN

"The Spirit Sends us Forth"



1. The Spir-it sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus' name
2. We go to com-fort those who mourn And set the bur-dened free;
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, To scat-ter joy like seed
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gos-pel to pro - claim.



1. To bring glad ti-dings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro-claim.
2. Where hope is dim, to share a dream And help the blind to see.
3. And, all our days, to cher-ish life, To do the lov-ing deed.
4. God's Spir - it has em-pow-er'd us; We go in Je - sus' name.

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace. Remember the poor. Serve the Lord.
Community: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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