



Lazarus & The Rich Man

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“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4 - 7

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, ⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6 - 19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Janice Gerken

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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

Luke 16:19 - 31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw

Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

#712

Apostle's 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 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide our daily bread. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all who are in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

please be seated

Communion Hymns

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

#719

"What Feast of Love"

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Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"To Be Your Presence"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

"SHOWING AND SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE"



Welcome: Welcome to worship in the name of the blessed, immortal, invisible God, King of kings and Lord of lords. To him be honor and might forever. (1 Timothy 6:15-16).

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Joann Brauer, Glen Webb and Kyle Luetjen.

Clyde & Phyllis Ulm (friends of Lois Barr), Jeremiah Crider, Lyle Browning, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Dorothy Schroder (friend of Debbie Vaughan), Esther Schlesselman, Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke), Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).

Heavenly
Father.....

We need
your mercy.



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*. Irene Viebrock: *Homebound*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



Congratulations: Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Triplett! Steve Triplett and Tammie Heimsoth were united in marriage on Sunday, September 18th. We wish them all of God's blessings.

Personal Care Kits: We will host an in-gathering of Personal Care Kit items over the next four weeks beginning **today** and concluding on Sunday, October 23. (**Note the insert in the bulletin**). Following the last Sunday of the in-gathering, the committee will be assembling the care kits, as they will be boxed and delivered to Our Savior's Lutheran (Jefferson City) on Saturday, October 29. There is a display table in the Gathering Space with more information and also where you may "drop-off" your donated items. For questions, see Janice.



"One Stitch At A Time": The Sewing Group will not meet on Monday, **September 26th**.

LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **September 27th** and Wednesday, **September 28th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **September 29th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Osage Conference Gathering: Members of ELCA churches in our area conference, the Osage Conference, are invited to come together with the Bishop and synod staff for a Conference Gathering to ask the question, What does this mean? We will gather on Sunday, **October 2nd**, from 3:00-6:00 pm here at St. Paul's in Cole Camp, to have conversation and learning about what it means to be the church today. We will focus on the Synod's new mission statement: *United with Christ in baptism. Traveling the way of Jesus. Joining God's reign of justice and radical love for the world.* What does it mean to live in these ways as the church together? You are encouraged to come for conversation that afternoon.





First Bibles: St. Paul's has a long-standing tradition of giving a Bible to our children who are entering the second grade. These Bibles are purchased through a memorial gift that was given many years ago. One of the promises made at the service of Holy Baptism is the responsibility to "place in your child's hands the Holy Scriptures." Parents and sponsors made a promise to do just that, but we as a church made a promise to support them in doing so. On Sunday, **October 9th**, parents of second grade children will present a Bible to their child. If you have a child that age and have not received a letter, or have a child who has not received a First Bible, please let Pastor Stephen know.

The Gathering: Mark your calendars for our 8th annual Gathering event. On Saturday, **October 15th**, we will welcome as our featured speaker KC Wolf, mascot for the Kansas City Chiefs (a.k.a. Dan Meers) who will share stories and inspiration for living a life of influence and making an impact. Speakers and music will fill the morning of the 15th, followed by lunch and some fun hands-on activities.



Schedule for "The Gathering"

9:30 am – Welcome & Music

10:00 am – Presentation by Dan Meers

11:00 am – Music by Fred Kennedy, Ben Van Dyke, and Jim Bahrenburg

12:00 noon – Lunch: walking tacos – free-will donation

1:00 pm – Canvas painting w/ Paint the Town (\$20/person, please RSVP)

USHERS



Ushers: There is a need for ushers for 2023. If you are interested please contact Greg Bredehoeft or Kelly Viebrock.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 25:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, September 26:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, September 27:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, September 28:	8:00am	LBPS
Thursday, September 29:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, September 30:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, October 1:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

October	Pastor Appreciation Month
October 2	Conference Gathering
October 9	First Bibles
October 15	The Gathering

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 25, 2022

Assisting Minister Melisa Balke
Communion Assistant Trisha Goosen & Stephanie Randall
Reader Sara & Logan Jackson
Children's Sermon Janice Gerken
Acolytes Kaelyn Keith & Leighton Tinney
Altar Flowers Kathy Gerken
Ushers Kelly Viebrock, Assistant Head Usher
..... Jim Gumbel, Mark Oelrichs, Justin Tinney & Bruce Wienberg



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 2, 2022

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistant At the Altar
Reader Shirley Cash
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Ben Goosen & Hudson Kullman
Altar Flowers Sharel Wienberg
Ushers Greg Bredehoeft, Head Usher
..... Melisa Balke, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Ryan Schlesselman