

### **GUEST INFORMATION**

Welcome to Two Rivers Parish, a partnership of Christ Community Lutheran and St. Michael Lutheran! It is a joy to worship with you on this day.

We believe God invites you to the table. Holy Communion is for all the baptized, regardless of age. If walking is difficult for you, we will bring the Lord's Supper to your seat. If you are not communing, we still invite you to come up for a blessing.

We believe worship should be accessible for all. Standing and kneeling happen throughout the worship service, which can be difficult for some. Rest assured that you are still worshipping fully with the community when you sit through these parts.

We believe children belong in worship. Children's worship kits and instructions are available in the hallway so kids can take part in worship. If a child becomes restless, it's okay, because that's what kids do. If you feel you need to take your child out of the service for a cooldown, we encourage them to return to worship as soon as they are ready.

We believe God calls us to pray as a community. Prayer requests may be made during the week by calling or emailing the church office. On Sundays, please write your prayer requests in the Prayer Request Book near the worship space entrance.

We believe God calls us to be welcoming to all. Being in a new place can be nerve-wracking to say the least. If you are unsure where something is or how something goes, please ask. We want you to feel welcome. Restroom facilities are located just down the hallway.

#### **Bulletin Notes**

The worship service is printed fully in this bulletin, so there is no need to flip back and forth to a hymnal. The pastor will also give instructions during the service.

#### **Abbreviations**

P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregational Response

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# 21st Sunday After Pentecost

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.

## **₩** GATHERING



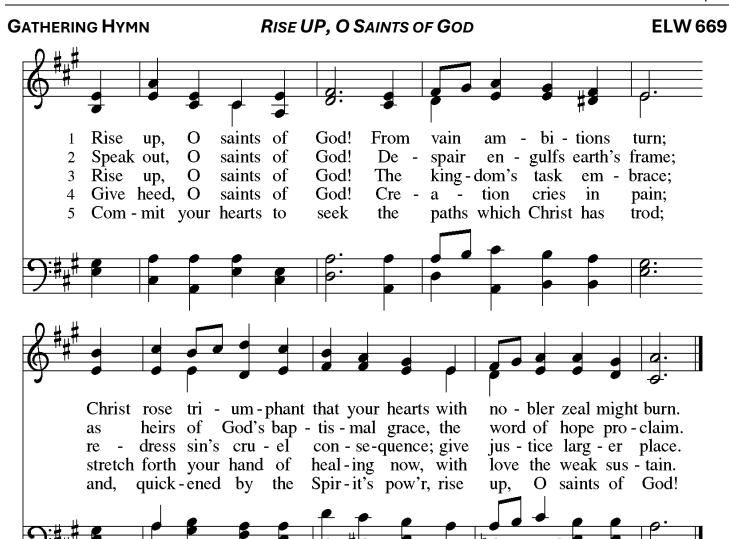
#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### PRELUDE

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, marked upon us at baptism.

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the 🕂 Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Yet, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.



Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

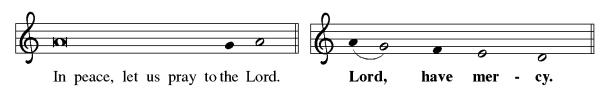
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#### **GREETING**

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

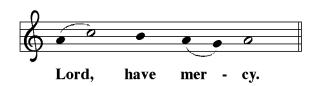
# C: And also with you.

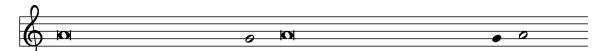
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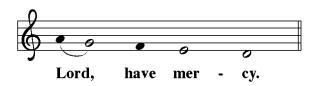
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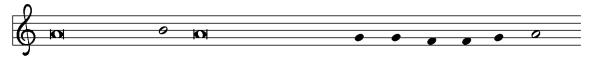




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, 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.

C: Amen.

### ₩ WORD +





### FIRST READING- AMOS 5:6-7;10-15

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

A: A reading from Amos.

<sup>6</sup>Seek 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. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek 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. <sup>15</sup>Hate 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.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 90:12-17

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>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

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we canreceive divine mercy from Christ..

A: A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, 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. <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>Since, 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. <sup>15</sup>For 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. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION







### 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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>As [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?" 18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You 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.' " <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, 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." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It 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." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus 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, 30 who 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. 31 But 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 Rev. Joshua Knutson

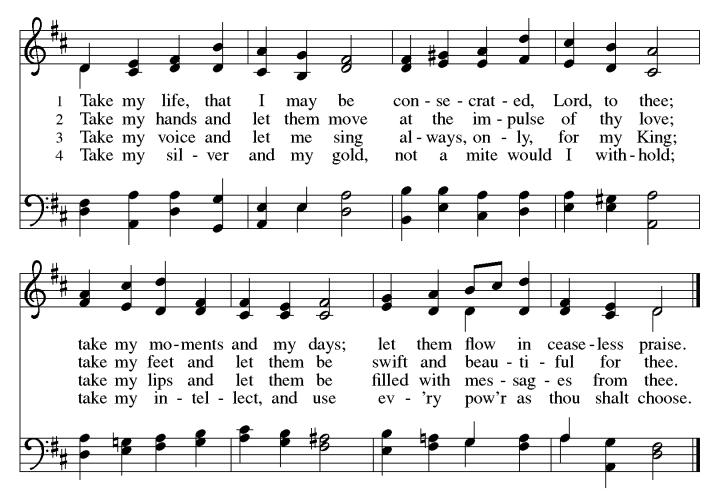
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#### HYMN OF THE DAY

## TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

**ELW 685** 

Please stand as you are able.



5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

#### **CREED**

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: 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**

Please kneel or stand as you are able for the prayers.

- A: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- A: Compassionate God, embolden the Church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. Send us to serve those who the world passes by or ignores. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

### C: Hear our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world and of ways we can help communities that do not enjoy the abundance our country has. God of grace,

### C: Hear our prayer.

A: Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. Bring stability and good governance to all nations of the world and bring an end to political violence. God of grace,

### C: Hear our prayer.

A: Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. We remember especially this day all on our prayer list and those we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it now and always. God of grace,

# C: Hear our prayer.

A: Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land long before we arrived. We lament the harm done by colonization at the expense of others we deemed inferior. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,

# C: Hear our prayer.

A: Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living, and we look forward to the day when we will all be gathered around your banquet table together. God of grace,

# C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### C: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people greet others with a sign of Christ's peace. Please be seated.



# ₩ MEAL ₩

#### **OFFERING**

Worshipers may place offerings into the plate near the door or give using the QR code on the back page.

### **OFFERING HYMN**

#### LET THE VINEYARDS

**ELW 184** 

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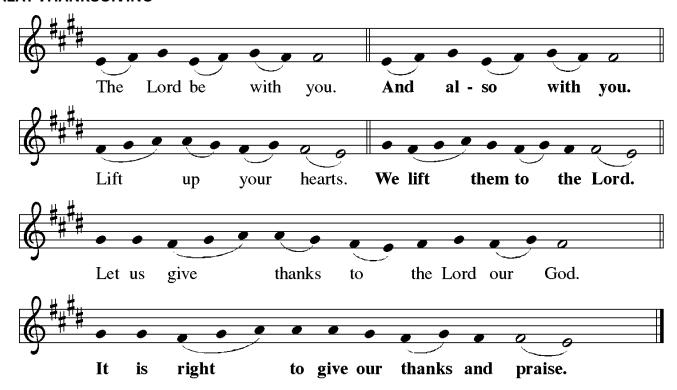
#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

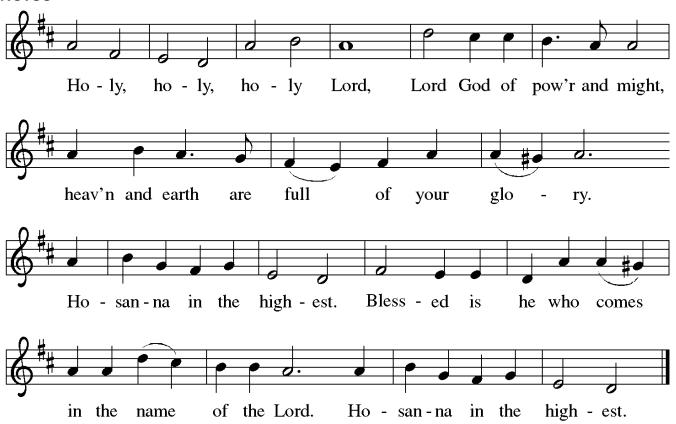
### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



### **PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...The presiding minister continues with the appointed preface for the day...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **SANCTUS**



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving

and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,

may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

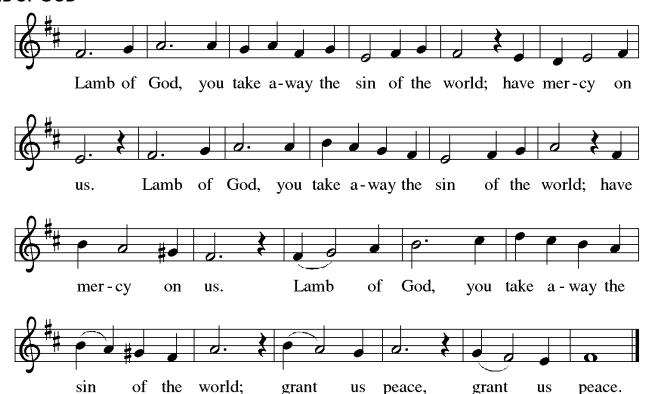
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come, eat, and be healed.

### C: Thanks be to God!

#### LAMB OF GOD

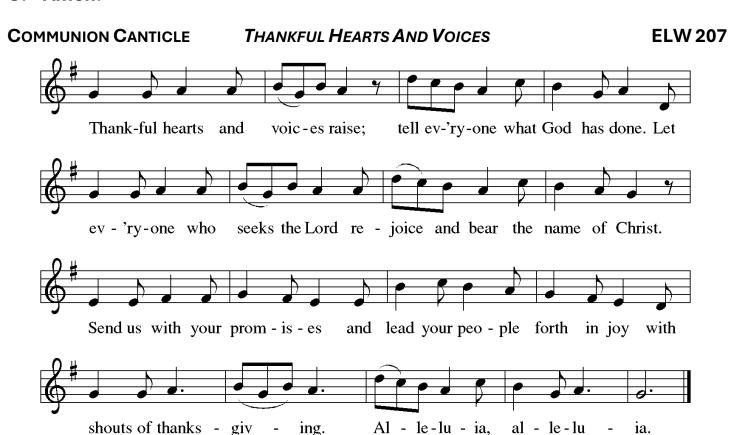


#### TABLE BLESSING

Please stand.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.



#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

# + SENDING +

#### BENEDICTION

C: Amen.



#### SENDING HYMN

#### O GOD OF EVERY NATION

**ELW 713** 



- 1 O God of ev 'ry na tion, of ev 'ry race and land,
- 2 From search for wealth and pow er and scorn of truth and right,
- 3 Lord, strength-en all who la bor that all may find re lease
- 4 Keep bright in us the vi sion of days when war shall cease,



tion with your re - deem your whole cre - a al - might - y hand; bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the from trust in night, from fear of rat - tling sa ber, from dread of war's crease; when ha - tred and di - vi sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and from pride of race and sta - tion and when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when

bit - ter threats are blind - ness to your let your voice be truth and love shall reign,



love and mer - cy guide in us and heal our strife-torn world. - liv - er ter - nal God, we ev - 'rv na tion, e with faith that none can al ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird. and Christ shall rule vic the world's do - main. to rious o'er all

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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#### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Be the hands and feet of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**

### **BELOVED WORTH, NOT WEALTH**

Perhaps you are familiar with the idiom "worth one's weight in gold." The phrase means that someone is valuable because of their skills or what they can contribute. It can mean they are so good at their job that they are worth a high sum of money. This is a very old saying that points to how humans often determine the value of other humans.

The challenge Jesus presents to all of us is to see ourselves and others the way God sees us. We often see each other through the lenses that have been prescribed by our societal norms. We see the brand labels on our shoes and cars. We determine the amount of wages someone earns based on merit or years of experience. (See Matthew 20:1-16 for more from Jesus about wages and the kingdom of God.) Our society often assesses someone's position in the world based on their money or job. In today's gospel reading, is wealth itself what stands in this man's way, or is it a symptom of wealth?

Our worth is not defined by wealth and riches, our skills, or our productivity; rather, it is defined by God. And God names each of us beloved. We are claimed, marked, and redeemed by God through Jesus Christ. Martin Luther shares that our job isn't to earn this salvation; it is a free gift, and our job is to live in response to this gift and to nurture and share it with others.

Everything that we own is made by humans from materials created by God. Jesus instructs us to be generous with these gifts of God. We are to share these riches not according to human standards but God's standards, and God names all beloved and worthy.

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

David Bowers; Paul & Marion Conover; Mary Garrick; Snookie Ham; Margaret Harrell; Roy Jones; Gary LeCroy; Al & Janie Martin; Judy May; Merle Melling; Barbara Moyer; Karen Roberts; Lillian Tanner; Bob Winters

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SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	Thursday	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
21 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 AM Worship (CCL) 11:30 AM Worship (SMLC) 11:30 AM Council Meeting (SMLC)	9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (SMLC) 8:00 PM AA/Al-Ateen (SMLC) 11:30 AM Vision Team Meeting (CCL)	Teresa of Àvila, RENEWER OF THE CHURCH  9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (SMLC)	9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (CCL) 6:00 PM NA Group (CCL) 6:30pm Prayer Circle (Zoom) 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom)	9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (CCL) 8:00 PM AA/Al-Ateen (SMLC)		

#### CAUSE OF THE MONTH- CCL

Patriot Villas Pantry is a VA-supported program in Charleston that helps transition veterans out of homelessness. Each month, the pantry opens for the residents to shop, but the people operating the pantry receive no funding from the VA. Our goal is to raise money to buy more food for the pantry. Food donations also help. We are going to try to feed the veterans at PV sometime in October.

#### **CAUSE OF THE MONTH-SMLC**

Changed Lives Ministry operates an addiction recovery program for men and women in Moncks Corner. Their faith-based program helps those in recovery along their faith and sobriety journey. The program is completely free for the participants, so our Cause of the Month will help fund the program.

#### **PRAYER LIST**

If you have names on the Prayer List, please make sure you update the office about their condition. We do not want to remove anyone who still needs prayer, but we do want to keep current.



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