

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“STEWARDSHIP: A HEART OF GENEROSITY”

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

MEMORY VERSE

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”
(Luke 12:32)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG “To God Be the Glory”

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

3. Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain:

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P. Go in God's peace; love and serve your neighbor!
C. Thanks be to God!

* * * **To God Be the Glory** * * *

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LEADING WORSHIP

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Elder: Jacob Langeslag
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THE CONNECTION

November 14, 2021
10:30am

“CONNECT...
GROW...
GO...”



WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE / TITHES & OFFERING

SUNDAY SCHOOL “Give Me Oil in My Lamp”

P Let us now say together our memory verse.
C. **For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. (Revelation 7:17)**

WORSHIP SONG “God Is So Good”

1. God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He’s so good to me.
2. He cares for me, He cares for me,
He cares for me, He’s so good to me.
3. He loves me so, He loves me so,
He loves me so, He’s so good to me.
4. I praise his name, I praise his name,
I praise his name, He’s so good to me.

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OPENING IN THE NAME OF THE TRINITY

P. We begin our service in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P. Let us come before God as sinful people in need of His love and mercy:

C. Lord, we come before You in prayer today, asking for forgiveness. We have not loved as we ought to love, we have not given as we ought to give, and we have fallen short of the mark of truly being Your obedient sons and daughters. We see our sin and remember our shortcomings in love and life. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins.

P. God our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. To those who believe God's word of truth comes the power to be the people of God. In this name of God, and by His authority, as a called and ordained servant of God, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING *Proverbs 22:1-9*

¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. ²The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the maker of them all.

³The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it. ⁴The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life.

⁵Thorns and snares are in the way of the crooked; whoever guards his soul will keep far from them.

⁶Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. ⁷The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender. ⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail. ⁹Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

PIANO "Doxology" ~Gavin Pribbenow

SECOND READING *II Corinthians 9:6-15*

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING *Luke 12:22-34*

²²And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?"

(continued...)

²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781