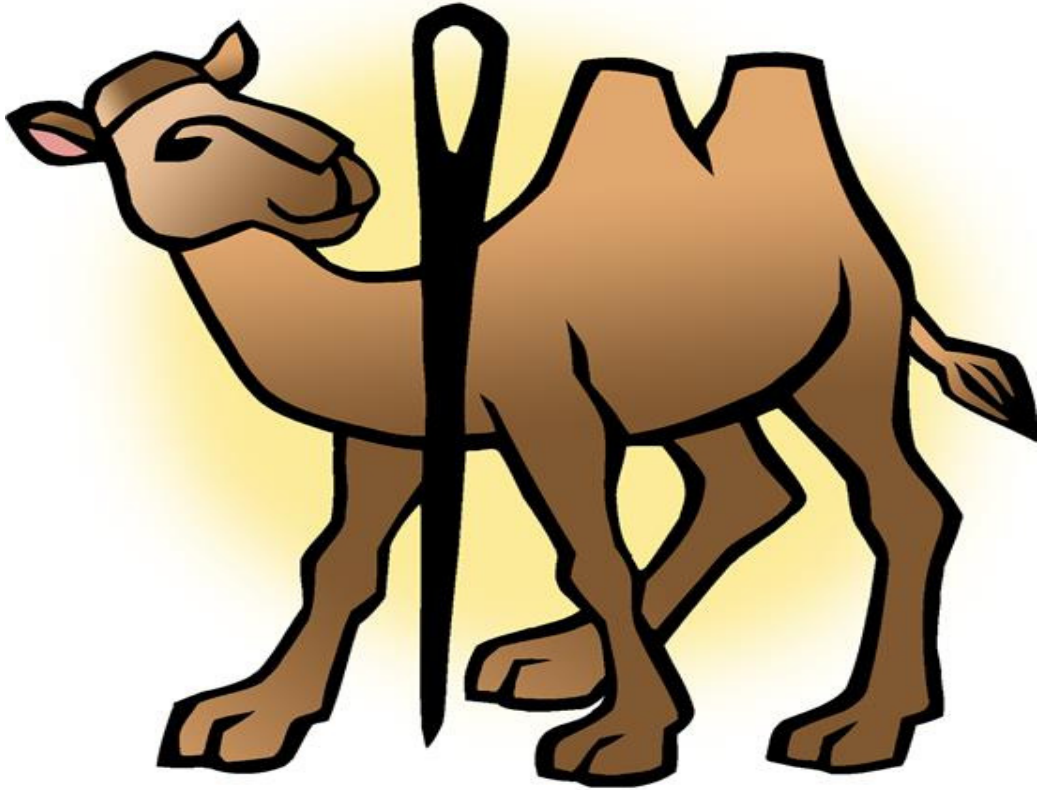


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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Introduction

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.

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.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pr. Larry Donner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Take My Life that I May Be (ELW 583) verses 1 & 2



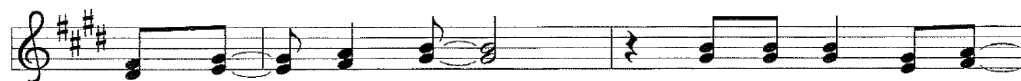
Refrain/Estribillo
To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té* con - sa - gra -
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
ly for my King; take my lips and let
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



Refrain/Estribillo
da guar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos
de lo santo puedan ir,
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
se complazca en bendecir.* Estribillo

3 *Que mis labios al hablar
hablen sólo de tu amor;
que mis bienes dedicar
yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estribillo

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté
consagrado a tu loor;
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor.* Estribillo

OPENING LITANY *from Psalm 90*

Lord, you have been our shelter and security from generation to generation.

**You breathed creation into being,
giving shape to mountains and form to the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You have the power to turn us back to dust;
a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday to you,
or like a brief moment in the night.

**You sweep us away like a dream,
like grass which flourishes and grows in the morning,
but fades and withers in the evening.**

Our frailty is revealed when we trust only in ourselves
and so fail to number our days wisely.

Turn to us, O God, for you alone are our hope.

Have compassion on us we pray.

Help us to begin day after day focused on your steadfast love,
so that each day will be filled with joy and gladness.

**By your mercy and grace, O God,
transform our afflictions into blessings
and our wrongful ways into goodness.**

Let your work be so visible among us
that your glory will be revealed now and for generations to come.

**May your grace, O God, enrich our lives
and give meaning and purpose to our daily activities.**

** GATHERING SONGS

Come as You Are

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.

Come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin.

Come, find your mercy. O sinner, come, kneel;

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal,

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

(Refrain - Music Ministers)

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.

All who are broken, lift up your face.

O wanderer, come home;

You're not too far.

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,

Come as you are.

(Verse 2 - All)

**There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed.
Come, sit at the table; come, taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary,
Rest that endures;
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.**

(Refrain - All / Music Ministers)

**Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home;
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.
Come as you are.
Fall in his arms.
Come as you are.**


(Verse 3 - Music Ministers)

**There's joy for the mourning. O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.**

(Final Refrain - All / Music Ministers)

**So, lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home;
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.
Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are.**


Shout to the Lord (W&P 124)




My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.




My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;




let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.




Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Lord, I Need You

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowling here, I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

(Refrain - All)

**Lord, I need you, oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
O God, how I need you.**

(Verse 2 - Music Ministers)

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where you are.
And where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

(Refrain - All)

**Lord, I need you, oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
O God, how I need you.**

(Music Ministers)

Teach my song to rise to you
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

(Refrain - All/ Music Ministers)

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O God, how I need you.**

My one defense, my righteousness;
O God, how I need you.

CONFESSION

We confess we have strayed away from your Word.

We cry out to you, O God.

We confess that we have allowed the worries of this world to drive us away from your vision for our lives.

We cry out to you, O God.

We confess that there is strife and contention all around us.

We cry out to you, O God.

Let us confess together:

That we are powerless

and have taken our focus off your Word...

that we have not allowed your Word to work in our lives,

yet we continue to cry out to you in times of trouble and need.

Grant understanding and wisdom

that we may see your vision and apply it in our lives.

Hear our prayer, O God, and call us back to you.

FORGIVENESS

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORD

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

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.

A reading from the book of Amos.

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. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. 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. 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. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. 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. 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

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

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?

Be gracious to your servants.

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

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

Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

**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 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.

A reading from the book of Hebrews.

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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

** 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.

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 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.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 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." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 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!" 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! 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." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." 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, 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. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

YOUTH MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pr. Larry Donner

**** 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 into hell.
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 THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your heads; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your voices; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your hearts; **we lift them up to God.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And so we gather at the table. We come from many different places in life. And as we come together around the table we discover that our differences are not something we just tolerate, but that our differences are indeed a blessing. So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life and faith, you are welcome here - here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember. Remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell: Stories of bread broken and shared to feed a multitude; stories of gathering both enemy and friend together around a common table; stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

On a night of both celebration and betrayal Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it; gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples 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."

And so we pray: Lord, bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open, and that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one another .

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION - *Receiving the Lord's Tangible Presence*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Each person may respond **Amen**.*

Communion Statement ~ *If you believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is your Savior and Redeemer and would like to receive Holy Communion, then come forward to receive the elements. If you would just like to come forward and receive a blessing, then you may do that also.*

NOTE: We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion. If you have a gluten allergy, gluten-free wafers are available upon request when receiving Communion. Also, if you prefer not to receive wine at Communion, apple juice is available upon request. For those choosing to remain in the pews, there are communion all-in-one cups containing grape juice available in the Narthex.

REFLECTION DURING COMMUNION

As we prepare to receive the sacrament today, may we quietly take this time to center ourselves on Christ, and reflect the amazing gifts of grace and forgiveness that we have been given. As we receive the body and the blood of our Lord, let us reflect upon His sacrifice. Finally, may we take this time to ask the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts, and then to work in us and through us each and every day.

**** TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and always keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

** BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

** SENDING HYMN

No Turning Back

(Refrain - Music Ministers / **All**)

I will follow you.

I will follow you.

No turning back, no turning back.

No turning back, no turning back.

(Verse 1 - **All**)

This is my heart cry:

Though none go with me,

The cross before me, the world behind me.

This is my heart cry:

Though none go with me,

The cross before me, the world behind me.

(Refrain - **All**)

I will follow you.

I will follow you.

No turning back, no turning back.

No turning back, no turning back.

(Verse 2 - **All**)

This is my anthem:

My life for your fame;

My every move bring glory to your name.

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My every move bring glory to your name.

(Refrain - **All** / Music Ministers)

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(Music Ministers / **All**)

The cross before me, the world behind me;
I will follow, I will follow.

**The cross before me, the world behind me;
I will follow, I will follow.**

The cross before me, the world behind me;
I will follow, I will follow.

**The cross before me, the world behind me;
I will follow, I will follow.**

No turning back, no turning back.

No turning back, no turning back.

No turning back, no turning back.

No turning back, no turning back.

**** DISMISSAL**

Assistant Minister

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Created, saved and gifted by God, we seek, serve and share Jesus Christ.
Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“W + 2” = Worship Plus Two

**Make a commitment to not only worship each week
but also try to find a way to serve in the congregation
and seek out a way to serve our community.**

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD

Upcoming Commemorations

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

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

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.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name “Christians” originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Luke, Evangelist

Friday, October 18, 2024

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus’ life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

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