

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024 – Setting One

"How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" "Who then can be saved?" "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

Dearly beloved, there is no one who has been as rich as our Savior Jesus Himself. All things that were created were made through Him. And He is King over all. But, recognizing the ugliness of our selfishness and our greed, and our unwillingness to use every resource we have to serve our neighbor—and seeing that the only thing that we have truly earned for ourselves is everlasting damnation, "He emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross,"
(*Philippians 2:7-8*).

Yes, it would have been harder for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God. For us rich people, it is downright impossible. But not with God. All things are possible for God. And so what did the Richest of all Men do? "You know. . . you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich," (*2 Corinthians 8:9*). And Christ went to the cross, to suffer and die and pay the exorbitant price that only the richest of the rich could. He paid for our sins with His holy blood, a cost beyond measure, so that we might be forgiven; so that we might inherit the treasure of heaven.

God has done it all. He gave you life and He gave you life everlasting. He gave you earthly blessings and He gave you spiritual blessings. And He gave us the simplest of ways by which we are able to prove our trust in Him and our love for our neighbor.

—Pastor Kilps

Welcome

We are glad you have joined us today!

Hymn

God Himself Is Present | 907

Entrance Psalm

[Psalm 34:1-4; antiphon Psalm 34:18]

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

**I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

**Oh, magnify the LORD, with me
and let us exalt his name together!**

I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

**When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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and saves the crushed in spirit.

Please stand.

Confession & Absolution

☩ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. 🙏 **Amen.** [Matt 28:19b; 18:20]

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.** [1 John 1:8-9]

Quiet time for self-examination and confession

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

Lord, Have Mercy

[Mark 10:47, Setting 1]

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. B Lord, have mer - cy.
 A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
 B Lord, have mer - cy.
 A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
 B Lord, have mer - cy.
 A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. B Lord, have mer - cy.
 A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. B A - men

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God | 946

*Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
 We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 Lord God, almighty Father; heav'nly King*

*Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
 Receive our prayer; grant us Your peace within.*

*Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
 At God's right hand in majesty most high:
 Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
 With all the heav'nly host we glorify.*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** [1 Timothy 4:22]
 Let us pray...[silence for individual prayer] O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on Earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**
Please be seated.

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Ecclesiastes:

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart. [Ecclesiastes 5:10-20]

Time for reflection.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading is from Hebrews:

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

*"As I swore in my wrath,
 "They shall not enter my rest,""*

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

*"Today, if you hear his voice,
 do not harden your hearts."*

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

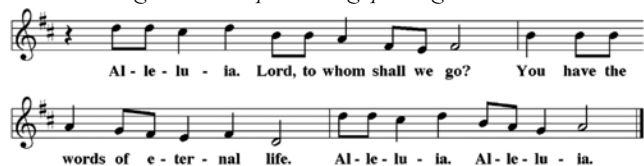
Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,

piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. [Hebrews 4:1-13]

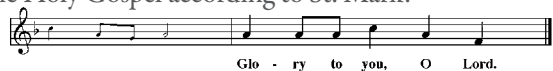
Time for reflection.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading speaking the Alleluia verse:



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:



And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first." [Mark 10:23-31]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Talk

[Mark 10:14-16; Matt 19:14; Luke 18:16-17]

Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on today's Scripture readings led by Pastor Erkkimen.

Hymn

Amazing Grace | 744

Sermon

Our Confession of Faith

*Please stand to confess the **Apostles' Creed** printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert.

Gathering of the Offering

In Person | Mail to Church | Bank Bill Pay



As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand to sing:

Offertory Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be | 783

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

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 Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

[Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

[1 Cor 11:26; Rev 22:20]

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

So 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.** [Matt 6:9-13]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** [John 20:19]

Lamb of God [John 1:29]

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.

Hymns

Seek Ye First | **712**
What a Friend We Have in Jesus | **770**
When all have communed please stand.

Post Communion Song

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Announcements

[Galatians 6:10]

Please stand.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you + peace. **Amen.** [Numbers 6:24-26]

Hymn

Abide, O Dearest Jesus | **919**

Postlude

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