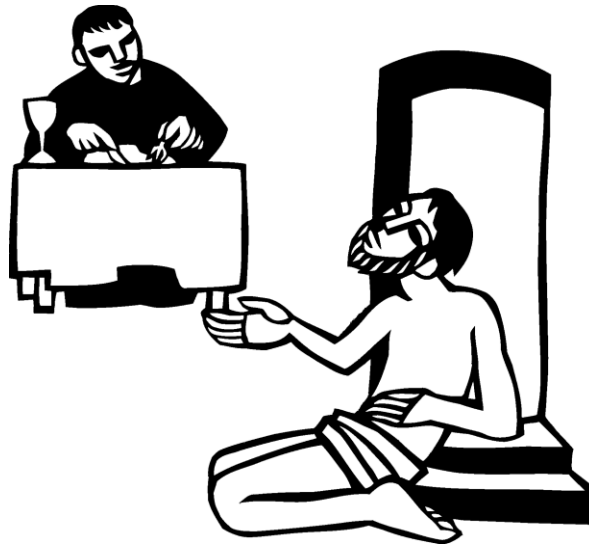


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Rich Man and Lazarus



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MISSION STATEMENT

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH
we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS
we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

INTRODUCTION *In the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus Jesus confronts his listeners with a message that is difficult to hear for those who have more than they need. The Rich Man has so much, and Lazarus has so little. The contrasts continue after death. The Rich Man is buried and goes to Hades, while Lazarus is carried up by the angels. It is too late when the Rich Man realizes that he could have made different life choices in how he treated his neighbor.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

“Restore in Us, O God”

#328 ELW



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Divine Word,

You sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Psalm 41:1-3

¹Happy are those who consider the poor; the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.

²The LORD protects them and keeps them alive; they are called happy in the land. You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

³The LORD sustains them on their sickbed; in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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.'"

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: “Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land” #333 ELW

Refrain – All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1	No	one	can	do	like	Je - sus,	not	a
2	When	Je - sus	was	on	earth,	the . .		
3	Yon - der	comes	my	Sav - ior,		him . .		



mum - bling	word	he	said;	he	went	walk - ing	down	to	Laz -		
flesh	was	ver - y	weak;	. .	he	took	a	towel	and	gird -	
whom	I	love	so	well;	. .	he	has	the	palm	of	vic -

Refrain



-	a - rus'	grave,	and	he	raised	him	from	the	dead.
	ed	him - self	and	he	washed	his	dis - ci - ples'	feet.	
-	to - ry	and	the	keys	of	death	and	hell.	

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

You sent your Son that the world might be saved through him. Inspire the witness of the church throughout the world. Empower missionaries, Bible translators, and ministries of service in your name. Bless our partners in ministry (*specific mission partners may be named*), our ELCA global partner churches, and Young Adults in Global Mission. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

From east to west your steadfast love is shown. Nourish seas and deserts, wilderness areas and cities. Give water to thirsty lands; nurture spring growth that feeds hungry creatures; bless farmers as they prepare for the growing season. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You sustained your people in the wilderness. Give courage to all who lead in times of crisis and scarce resources. Prosper the work of those who aid victims of famine and drought (*especially*). Bring peace in places where scarce resources cause violence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your mercy endures forever. Deliver all who cry to you, especially those who are hungry or without homes. Give life in places where death seems triumphant; give healing to those who are sick and comfort to those who mourn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By grace we have been saved. Fill this congregation to overflowing with that grace, that we show mercy to others. Nourish any in our midst who are hungry, especially children, and bless our ministries of feeding and shelter (*especially*). Give us patience and courage when the way seems long. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Son was lifted up that whoever believes might have eternal life. We praise you for all who have died in Christ. Bring us with all the saints into the fullness of your promises. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God,

you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

PRAYER after COMMUNION

God of steadfast love,

at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ✠ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen

HYMN:**“Christ, the Life of All the Living”****#339 ELW**

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, March 7, 2021 - Virtual Attendance *: 86Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - In Person: 13Virtual Attendance *: 10

**Virtual attendance is based on a matrix from the NEMN Synod. We determine the number of unique views per week and multiply by 2 – assuming there are two people per household watching the YouTube video service.*

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**March 15, 2021 – March 21, 2021**

Monday	3/15	10:00 am	Council Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	3/17	6:00 pm	Lenten Service In-Person
Sunday	3/21	8:45 am	Worship Service premiers on YouTube

ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Donna Myhre

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES will continue in person throughout the Lent Season. Services will be at 6:00pm to accommodate the Confirmation Students course of study. Pre-recording of the service will be available on our YouTube channel at the same time.

“ZOOM COFFEE HOUR”: coffee and conversation will continue to meet every other Tuesday as interest continues. Next meeting is March 16th at 10:00am. Please email the office if you are interested so we can email you a Zoom invite. If you have additional questions, please contact Mary in the office at blcmalmo@gmail.com or 320 684-2123.

IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES are planned for Sunday, March 28th at 10:00am. There will be two in person worship services on Easter, April 4th at 8:30 & 10:30am. All MN Department of Health guidelines will be followed including, but not limited to: Health Screening Assessment upon entry, 6’ physical distancing, wear a mask the entire time you are in the building, prayers will be whispered from behind your mask, no singing, no hand shaking, etc.

EASTER LILIES sales will begin today. Signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall today. Price is \$15. Buy one as a memorial to loved ones and to decorate the church for Easter.