

mony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ¹⁹“There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. ²⁰And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. ²²When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to

dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.’ ²⁵Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. ²⁶Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s house, ²⁸for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior

ELW HYMN 838

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

P 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

A Watch over the church, O God, so that we place your good news above all worldly gain. Deliver us from the temptations of comfort and complacency. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Watch over your creation, especially the life-giving water that sustains us. Heal oceans, rivers, and lakes around the world. Where drought and floods make tur-

moil of our settled ways, give strength for healing and rebuilding in affected communities. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Watch over the nations. Lead us away from fear and hatred. Show us instead how to welcome the stranger, give shelter to those fleeing violence, and provide food to those who are impoverished. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Watch over those in any need. Have mercy on those who are grieving, suffering, lost, lonely, oppressed, underemployed, and imprisoned. We lift up to you all who are in need, especially Linda Longren, Mark Arganbright, and Susan Fitz. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Watch over all caregivers. Give strength to those who attend to relatives, serve the sick, minister to prisoners, and bring food or communion to the homebound. May they bring joy to those they visit. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Watch over those for whom we pray this day. We pray for Dean McGinnis, Ameerah Esquibel, and Charles Hutchison as they celebrate their birthdays, Loni Reece as she remembers her baptism, and for Hugh O'Neil & Loretta Horman as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Watch over Immanuel Lutheran in Wilson, Kansas, Trinity Lutheran in Chesterfield and Resurrection Lutheran in St. Louis, Missouri, and MOSAIC in Omaha, Nebraska. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses. Grant that we be encouraged by the example of your servant Lucille Falley that we may share in your eternal joy with all the saints in heaven. Bless and support the family and friends of this saint as they celebrate her life. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give you thanks for the saints and their models of faithful living. Give us hope as we look toward the day when we will join them in your eternal presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.