


To Know Christ and to Make Him Known



*You are the God
who sees.*

Genesis 16:13

October 13, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

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Rev. Steve Benson, Pastor

David Hansen, Organist

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Theme of the Day

This weekend we begin a three-week series called *Money Talks* and Lot is our focus. Lot, Abraham's nephew. Lot, whose wife famously became a pillar of salt. Lot, whose life shows us *money's dark side*. There is much to learn!

The Earth is the Lord's (to the tune of LSB 802)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.

2 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Redemption reminds us O God, of your love. By grace we are learning, as year leads to year. We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.	3 Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth. We fail to remember its beauty and worth. We take from creation much more than we need, We threaten your mission through excess and greed.
4 May we be good stewards of all that you give. Extending your Gospel wherever we live. May we be a church that renews and restores And lovingly cares for these gifts that are yours.	Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Tune: Welsh Text and tune: Public domain

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Godliness with contentment is great gain.
C For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certain that we can take nothing out.
P But if we have food and clothing, we will be content.
C People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap.
P For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.
C Some people, eager for money—
P Have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.
C Command those who are rich in this present world—
P Not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth.
C Command them to be generous and willing to share.
P In this way we will lay up treasure for ourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age.
- P** In today’s Gospel lesson Jesus says, “Take care, and be on your guard against every form greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” (Luke 12:15)
Holy God, merciful Father—
C Much like the rich man in today’s parable, we place our faith in wealth and possessions.
P We live as if you do not matter and as if we matter most.
C Like the rich man, too often our goal in life is to earn enough money so we can relax, eat, drink, and be merry.
P Then, blind to the needs of others, we become miserly and stingy.
C Then we lay up treasures for ourselves and are not rich toward you.
P We are sorry for all our sin and seek your mercy through Jesus Christ.

[Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination]

- P** Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

God our beloved Creator and Father, make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts, so that we serve our neighbors in need, extend the Gospel to people without Christ, and live to the praise of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 19:1-11

¹The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth ²and said, “My lords, please turn aside to your servant’s house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the town square.” ³But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. ⁴But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. ⁵And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.” ⁶Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, ⁷and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. ⁸Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.” ⁹But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. ¹⁰But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. ¹¹And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Timothy 6:6-10

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Father Welcomes

LSB 605

Refrain



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom

2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,

3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,

be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve

rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a gain.
Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

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Rite of Holy Baptism

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Sermon

"Money's Dark Side"

Selected verses from Genesis 13-19

Offering



Please sign the red Friendship Book that is in your pew.

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781 sts. 1-2



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Prayer of the Church

- P** All things are yours, dear Lord, but you have granted us so much to use and manage to extend the mission of your church. We trust in your mercy and have confidence that you will give us all things needful, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.**
- P** Guard our hearts against greed, for life does consist in the abundance of our possessions.
- C** **All that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee.**
- P** Guard our hearts against anxiety, for life does consist in the abundance of our possessions.
- C** **May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive.**
- P** Guard our hearts against miserliness, for life does consist in the abundance of our possessions.
- C** **And gladly as Thou blesses us to Thee our firstfruits give.**

Following each petition...

- P** Lord in Your mercy.
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

- P** O God, empower us by your Holy Spirit to be good and faithful stewards, sharing with others the resources you have given us,
- C** **And we believe Thy Word though dim our faith may be.**
- P** We have freely received, now let us freely give.
- C** **Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.**
- P** In Jesus' name.
- C** **Amen.**

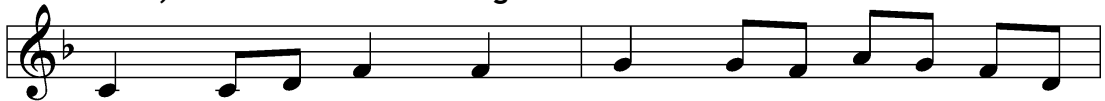
Benediction

LSB 166

- P** Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine—
C According to his power that is at work within us.
P To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!
- P** 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 His favor and \dagger give you His peace.
- C** Amen.

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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