

Lessons from the Rich Man



Luke 16: 19-31

The Season of Pentecost

September 25, 2022 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC



Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Today is the 16th Sunday after Pentecost. The season of Pentecost begins on the day of Pentecost and continues throughout the rest of the liturgical year, ending just before the season of Advent. Throughout Pentecost, our readings and songs lift up the work of the church in the world and the ways in which the Holy Spirit empowers us to advance God's kingdom of grace, mercy, and love. The liturgical color for this period is green, the color of growth and life.

A reminder that **our nursery** is located in the education building during the renovation project. Please see an usher for assistance.

Wednesday meal teams needed!—Interested in joining a team to help us with our Wednesday night meals? Sign up at stjohns-salisbury.org/wednesdays or call the church office.

Senior Seasons Academy—Starting Tuesdays in October (4,11,18 & 25) at Trinity Oaks.

October Tour—St. John's is featured on the October Tour this year, Oct. 8-9.

Consecration Sunday— Join us on Oct. 9 for Consecration Sunday and the Celebration Brunch from 9am—12 pm.

God's Work. Our Hands.— October 22 (Blockworks) and 23 (Happy's Farm).

Altar Flowers—Given to the glory of God and in memory Anne Loeblein, by her husband Bob Loeblein.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Interested in walking where Jesus walked?
Use the QR code below to register.



Giving

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Gathering

We gather as the people of God

Prelude

Lento Placido: "Consolation no. 3"
Mark Tysinger, piano

by Franz Liszt

Prayer of Confession. *Worship begins as we confess our sins, seeking forgiveness for those things that separate us from God and one another. Please turn to face the cross of Christ.*

+ We make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism.

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

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.

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.

Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

**We are God's beloved children,
and will model God's grace and love in our hearts.
Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.**

Entrance Hymn 870

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

See page 9 of this bulletin or hymn 870 in the red worship book.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us Pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Welcome; and Stewardship Moment. *The congregation responds by singing our theme song, "We Respond to Serve and Praise," by Robert J. Durocher, Jr.*

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We re-pond with thanks to thee, for thy grace so rich and free;

5
for a - bun-dant life that binds by thy - cross our hearts to thine. Through the turn - ing

10
of our days we re-pond to serve and praise.

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Word

We hear God's word in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony 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.

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

Solo Response

“O Rest in the Lord” from Elijah
Cathy Tysinger, mezzo-soprano and Mark Tysinger, piano

by Felix Mendelssohn

The Holy 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:] ¹⁹“There 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.’”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Debra Purpur

Hymn 717

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ST. THOMAS

See page 10 of this bulletin or hymn 717 in the red worship book

Apostles' Creed. Gathered as God's people across time and space, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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 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.**

Prayers of Intercession, followed by The Lord's Prayer

**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.**



Sending

Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 729

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

WAREHAM

*See page 11 of this bulletin or hymn 729 in the red worship book.
(Stanzas 1,2,3 and 5)*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Join Us In Prayer For The Following

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS — Janie Ali, Matt McEwen, Susan Meyers, Cora Shinn, Susan Shinn

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS — Bobbie Ann Brown, Lanny Burleson, Larry Cartner, Ken Mowery, Reggie Munday, Carol Pomeroy, Dean Safrit, Linda Safrit

We Praise You, O God



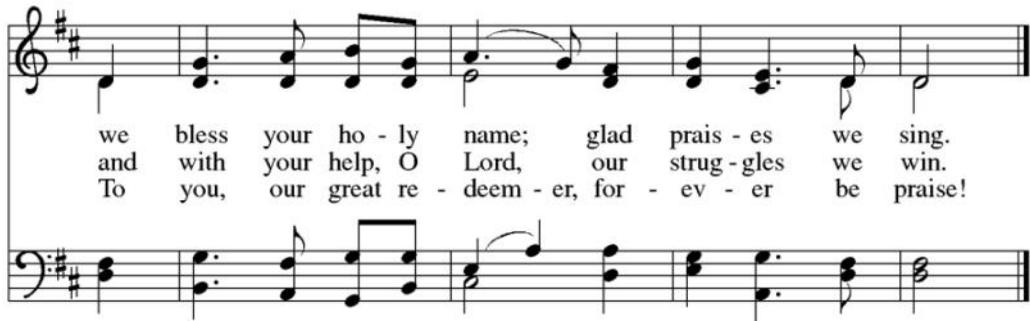
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The piano accompaniment consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line containing three numbered verses. The second line continues the lyrics, and the third line concludes the piece with a double bar line.

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926
Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776
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The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768

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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*