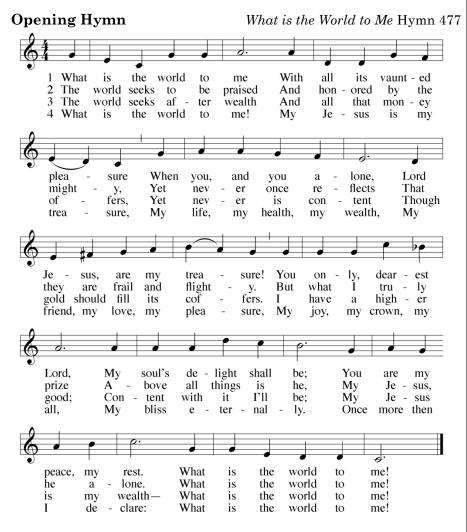
21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 14 & 17, 2021

The Season The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. This part of the Church Year focuses on *Jesus' Grace Is All In All To Us*.

The Sunday Next to the attachment to hearth and home, a person's chief attachment is to his purse. So it is not out of order to consider what God has to say about his gifts of wealth and to let him put those gifts in a proper context for us Jesus' Grace is All in All to Us...It leads us to recognize when we are the problem.



Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Our mission is to

Glorify God

as we

Gather

around the **Gospel** to help people

Grow

in the Gospel

and

Go with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

- M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

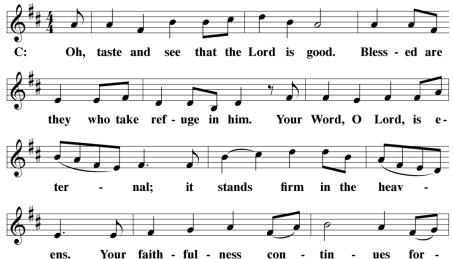
CONFESSION OF SINS

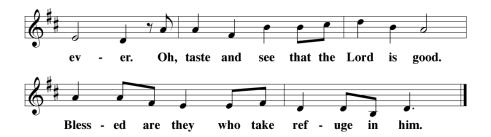
- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See





Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

THE WORD

First Lesson 2 Kings 5:14-27

Naaman had such gratitude for the gift of healing that he wanted to give his wealth to God's instrument in healing him. Elisha had no wealth, only God's Word, and did not want to do anything that would cause Naaman to think that he could buy the blessing of God. Ah, but Gehazi, a servant of the Church, had other ideas. He knew how to make greed look good. Judas was his disciple. Nor have they lacked followers since their day. We all need to examine ourselves to see if even our piety is a cloak for avarice. Leprosy on the soul kills just as surely as unhealed leprosy on the body.

¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

¹⁵ Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant."

¹⁶ The prophet answered, "As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

¹⁷ "If you will not," said Naaman, "please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. ¹⁸ But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this."

¹⁹ "Go in peace," Elisha said.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

²¹ So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. "Is everything all right?" he asked.

²² "Everything is all right," Gehazi answered. "My master sent me to say, 'Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent^[a] of silver and two sets of clothing."

²³ "By all means, take two talents," said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴ When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

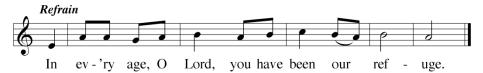
 25 When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?"

"Your servant didn't go anywhere," Gehazi answered.

²⁶ But Elisha said to him, "Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? ²⁷ Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day We will sing the refrain and read the verses

Psalm 90



Lord, you have been our <u>dwelling</u> place* throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth <u>and</u> the world,* from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has <u>just</u> gone by,*
or like a watch <u>in</u> the night.

Refrain

You have set our iniquities be<u>fore</u> you,* our secret sins in the light of your <u>pres</u>ence.

You turn mortals <u>back</u> to dust.*

You sweep them away in the <u>sleep</u> of death.

The length of our days is seventy years—
or eighty, if we <u>have</u> the strength;*
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our <u>days</u> aright,* that we may gain a heart of <u>wis</u>dom.

Refrain

Satisfy us in the morning with your un<u>failing</u> love,* that we may sing for joy and be glad <u>all</u> our days.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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Second Lesson Hebrews 13:1-6

The reading ties together and sums up the themes of this Sunday and last. It bids us trust in the mercy of God and in his abiding presence in his Word of the gospel. Doing so keeps our priorities where they ought to be: first on him and his Word and then on loving service to our neighbor in family life and in our lives in society as reflectors of his grace and goodness.

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."[Dt 31:6]

⁶ So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?" [Ps 118:6,7] (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia. (Isaiah 25:9b)

Stand

Gospel Mark 10:17-27

This is the context: God's gifts to us of wealth more than most of his other gifts can become snares to our salvation when we treasure them more than the Giver and more than our salvation. From a rhetorical standpoint this reading is one of the most brilliant of all of the discourses that Jesus held during his earthly ministry. First he sets up this wealthy young man who would be a treasure to his mother and to any congregation. He sets him up to learn that he has not even kept the First Commandment and that thereby he has lost all hope of saving himself by the law. Then to drive the point home that salvation is the work of God alone, he sets up his disciples and us to see that we are too attached to his gifts of wealth. We either treasure too much what we have or covet too much what we don't have.

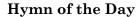
¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

- ¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.' [Ex 20:12-16; Dt 5:16-20]"
 - ²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."
- ²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."
 - ²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.
- 23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"
- ²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
 - ²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"
- 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." (NIV)

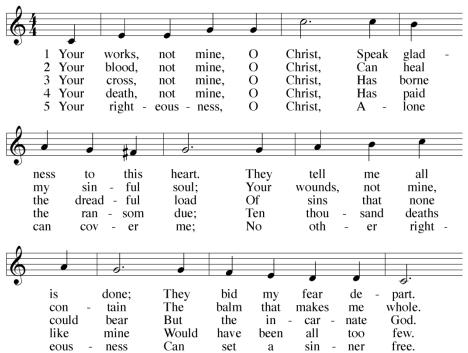
M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

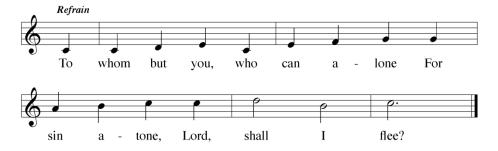
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated



Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ Hymn 401





Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

Tune: St. John (66 66 88) The Parish Choir, London, 1850.

Sermon Mark 10:17-27

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

Be Seated



Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

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