



Service of Worship
Eighteenth Sunday after

Pentecost

September 26, 2010

8:45am and 11am



"Lazarus and the Rich Man" Gustave Dore, 1850

*We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today.
For parents with young children: a nursery is available during all services in the
lower level for children under age 5. If you are visiting, please complete the
Communication Card located on the chair backs. Hymnals and Bibles are located
under each chair.*

◆ ***Prelude***

◆ ***Gathering Song*** *O Day of Rest and Gladness* 521

◆ ***Welcome and Announcements***

◆ ***Sharing of the Peace***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ ***Confession and Forgiveness***

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God of justice and compassion,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen**

P: Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents and a lost sheep is found. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

◆ ***Opening Song*** *We Praise You, O God* 870

◆ **Greeting**

P: The grace given to us in Christ Jesus, the power of God who calls us with a holy calling, and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us be with you all.

C: And also with you.

◆ **The Prayer of the Day**

P: 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.**

◆ **First 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.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But 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. ¹⁰ For 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. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight 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. ¹³ In 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 ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It 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. ¹⁷ As 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. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus 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.

◆ *Special Music*

Non Nobis Domini

MaryLynn, Christine and Susanna Mennicke

◆ *Gospel Reading*

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.

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He 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.' ²⁵ But 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. ²⁶ Besides 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.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- ²⁸ for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will

from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might offer the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

◆ **Prayer Song** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 752

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

◆ **Prayers of the Church**

*We remember in our prayers: **Peace Members:** Vi Turner, Wendell Olson, Barbara Lockwood, James Smith, Chirapaporn Ekegren, Lou Vietti/Pat Lahti family, Roger Rowlette, Bob Meyer **Friends of Peace:** Ken Kjeldahl, Jerry Yeager, Barbara Howell, Roy Jacobson, Lee Jacobson, Deb Simensen, Karen Fredricks, Evin Roley, Tom Bro, Dale Winegar **Those Who Grieve:** Judy Brandriet and family on the death of Joe Smith, the Jon Hansen family on the death of Jon's mother Marjorie Hansen, the Young family on the death Jon and David's mother Phyllis **Military:** Joshua Lee, Matt Janssen*

◆ **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.

◆ **God's Blessing to Us**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

◆ **Song** *Now Thank We All Our God* 840

◆ **Sending**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C: Thanks be to God.

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Steve and Sharon
Kaare in celebration of their 19th wedding anniversary.*

Worship Assistants

8:45am

11:00am

Usher:	Steve and Sharon Kaare	Art and Gloria Johnson
Greeter:	Darrell and Karen Bramer	Dan and Barb Pjevach
Lector:	Karen Bramer	Tom Tisthammer
Hosts:	The Gehant Family	
Accompanist:	Cheryl Higgins	

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