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GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MY STUFF MY FINANCES

October 16, 17, and 20, 2021

We will begin using digital materials from the synod's new hymnal as soon as they are available. The new hymnal products use bolded print for congregational responses and omit "M" for minister and "C" for congregation in the responsive readings. We have implemented this new format in our worship folder today.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 487, vv. 1, 3, 4, 7

O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea

We praise our God, the Creator of all, who opens his hands and graciously provides for our every need.

**O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea,
To you all praise and glory be!
How can we thank you properly Who gives us all?**

**For peaceful homes and healthful days,
For all the blessings earth displays
We owe you thankfulness and praise, Who gives us all.**

**You did not spare your only Son,
But gave him for a world undone,
And freely with that blessed one You give us all.**

**We lose what on ourselves we spend;
We have as treasures without end
Whatever, Lord, to you we lend, Who gives us all.**

HOLY BAPTISM (Sunday 9:15 am)

Collins Presley Wegner

Daughter of Casey and Rachel (nee Keller) Wegner, born July 4, 2021

In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Jesus teaches us not to worry, to be content, and to trust that he will generously provide for all our needs.

Yet we find ourselves in a constant struggle with our old sinful nature. We doubt God's promises. We worry about the future. We believe the lie that we would be happier if we just had a little more.

Let us, therefore, acknowledge the truth, confess our sin, and ask God to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am like a sheep who has gone astray. I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I do what is evil and fail to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us. God, himself, provided the Lamb when he sent his only Son. Jesus' bloody sacrifice on the cross satisfied God's just wrath against the sins of the world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

The congregation sings:

**Dear Lord, from you we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our pow'r to give.
Oh, may we ever with you live, Who gives us all!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature.

Make us even more mindful of your loving providence and more grateful for your immense generosity,

so that your amazing goodness to us overflows through us to the world around us. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

Where Your Treasure Is

Frank Hernandez

Sung by LES Kindergarten & Grade 1 Classes

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20, Bible page 665

How much do I need to have before I am happy? That's the wrong question. The right question is where do I find contentment? The answer? It is a gift of God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 62

The psalmist sings of his confidence in the goodness of the Lord.

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19, Bible page 1195

Godliness with contentment — this is what brings us true, lasting joy and guards our steps from the path of ruin and destruction.

THE FOURTH PETITION

Give us today our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What, then, is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

It was the Lord Jesus himself who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Lord, you love the cheerful giver
Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river
That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving
With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living
We may consecrate to you.

We are yours -- your mercy sought us,
Found us in death's dreadful way,
To the fold in safety brought us,
Nevermore from you to stray.
Your own life was freely given
As an off'ring on the cross
For each sinner, now forgiven
From eternal shame and loss.

Blessed by you with gifts and graces,
May we heed your Spirit's call,
Gladly in all times and places
Give to you who gives us all.
You have bought us; now no longer
Can we claim to be our own;
Ever free and ever stronger
We shall serve you, Lord, alone.

SERMON

Luke 16:1-15, Bible page 1048

Pastor Pete Panitzke

HOLY BAPTISM (*Sunday 10:45 am*)

Harper Lynn Trentacosti

Daughter of Jesse and April (nee Kurer) Trentacosti, born July 29, 2021

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

HYMN 485, vv. 1, 2

We Give Thee But Thine Own

We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us,
To thee our firstfruits give.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord God, we thank you for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, and for the promised graces we have received through him. We thank you that through his perfect life and his obedience to death on the cross we have been granted cleansing and pardon for all our sins.

We thank you that in his resurrection we have the promise of life everlasting and that in his ascension to the right hand of your majesty, we have the assurance that he continually intercedes for us.

Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts words, and actions we may manifest his spirit.

Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence. Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.

Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need.
Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.

Special prayers and intercessions.

Lord, hear us now, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 329

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

We ask God's blessing as we leave his house and the gathering of his people. May the refreshment we experienced today carry us through the coming week.

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
For the gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To your truth may we be found.**

**So whene'er the signal's given
Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels' wings to heaven,
Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with Christ in endless day.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Perfect Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless 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.
Amen.

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