



St. Luke Ev. Lutheran Church

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We Thank God with Our Offerings: *No plates will be passed; please place your offering in the basket by the sanctuary doors. This offering is taken to support our congregation's work of spreading the message of Jesus Christ, within the congregation, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran School, and by supporting mission work.*

EVENING DEVOTION

The Christian seeks spiritual wealth. This week's readings are centered around the very ancient Prayer of the Day. For nearly 1600 years God's people on this day have prayed that God might give them true spiritual wealth.

"Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised."

What a magnificent prayer for the materialist world in which we live! Our lessons today show people who have come into great wealth, but yet this earthly wealth only serves to illustrate where true treasure lies. Today we see that true, spiritual wealth can only be found in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ.

Greeting by the minister

OPENING DIALOGUE:

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world,

Congregation: The light no darkness can overcome.

M: Stay with us, for it is evening,

C: And the day is almost over.

M: Let your light scatter the darkness.

C: Let it shine in our hearts and lives. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE:

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please Stand

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13:44-52 (NIV 2011)

Jesus' parables teach us to seek spiritual wealth. Both of the men in the parables found great treasure. For one it was a complete surprise, as unexpected as it was valuable. For the other it came from an expert search by a discerning man. Before they found these new treasures, both men no doubt valued what they previously owned. But once they saw this new treasure, see how little they valued all else they had! The spiritual wealth of Christ and his Gospel puts everything else into perspective; in fact it marginalizes all else. The importance of this truth comes to light in the parable of the net. All people, rich and poor, will be caught up. Only those who found true spiritual wealth are spared the furnace. Jesus concludes with an encouragement: you have found true wealth in Christ; you have been given a storeroom full of treasures new and old. Bring them out with joy and delight.

⁴⁴ *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.*

⁴⁵ *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.*

⁴⁶ *When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.*

⁴⁷ *"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.*

⁴⁸ *When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.*

⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous

⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

⁵² He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

Please Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW Hymn 418

"My God Will Never Leave Me"

TRUST

418

My God Will Never Leave Me



1 My God will nev - er leave me, And I will
2 When hu - man thought and ac - tion Shall un - a -
3 God shall be my re - li - ance In sor - row's
4 Oh, praise him for he nev - er For - gets our
5 And when the world will per - ish With all its



not leave him; A light my God will give me In
vail - ing prove, God grants me his pro - tec - tion And
dark - est night; Its dread I bid de - fi - ance When
dai - ly need; Oh, blest the hour when - ev - er To
pride and pow'r, All that the world may cher - ish Will



path - ways dark and grim. He reach - es out his hand,
shows his pow'r and love. He helps in ev - 'ry need,
he is at my right. I un - to him com - mend
him our thoughts can speed, For all the time we spend
van - ish in that hour. But though in death they make



His might - y pow - er shar - ing, My bur - dens
 From sin and shame re - deems me, From chains and
 My bod - y, soul, and spir - it— They are his
 With - out him is but wast - ed, Till we his
 The deep - est grave our cov - er, When there our



ev - er bear - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
 bonds re - claims me; From death I, too, am freed.
 own by mer - it— All's well, then, at the end.
 joy have tast - ed, The joy that has no end.
 sleep is o - ver, Our God will us a - wake.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 4-5, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 2-3, alt.

Tune: VON GOTT WILL ICH NICHT LASSEN (76 76 67 76) *Recueil de plusieurs chansons*, Lyons, 1557, alt.

SERMON: based on Romans 8:28-30 (NIV2011)
“God Makes Our Salvation Certain”

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Please Stand

PRAYERS:

Luther’s Evening Prayer (*in unison*)

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions: optional, read by the minister

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent Prayer

M: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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.

BLESSING:

M: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us: his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: CW Hymn 469

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a
 5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -
 be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it



and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al 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.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79.

Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.