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As We Gather

Though it sounds like a contradiction, the “poor rich man” in today’s parable of Jesus apparently never really heard or just ignored the dire warning of God’s prophets like Amos against trusting in earthly gain and riches to the exclusion of trusting faith in the merciful promises of God. The temptation of earthly wealth infects all people throughout history to this day, regardless of outward circumstances, rich and poor alike. Paul sums up the challenge for faith as he contrasts the “great gain” (or profit) of godly faithfulness and the temptations (or pitfalls) of temporary riches. We all know the sentence of Paul, “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only “money is the root of all evil.” Money is not the problem. There’s no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian’s true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith. It is the life we can take with us through and beyond the grave and gate of death. “Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live” (Psalm 146:1–2), which will be forever!

PREPARATION

593 See This Wonder in the Making *sts. 1–2*

- 1 See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.
- 2 Miracle each time it happens, As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, “Belovèd, Heir of gifts a king would covet!”

Holy Baptism of Lenora Sharon Ann Butcher *p. 268*

593 See This Wonder in the Making *sts. 3–4*

- 3 Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place him/her/them, With Your love and peace embrace her.
- 4 Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God’s precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 43:4; 146:3, 5*

- P I will go to the altar of God,
C **to God my exceeding joy.**
P Put not your trust in princes, in whom there is no salvation.
C **Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

Confession and Absolution *1 Timothy 1:17; Psalm 125:1*

- P The First Commandment is first because “we should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.” Let us in true repentance and good faith direct the fear, love, and trust of our hearts and minds “to the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God.”
- C **Merciful God, the good fight of faith is fierce, the warfare between our love for You and the temptations of the world around us is long, even never-ending. We confess we have not loved You above all things, we are afraid at many times, and there is nothing and no one on earth worthy of our trust. In You, O Lord, we put our trust. In Your grace and forgiveness, let us never be ashamed. Deliver us in Your righteousness for the sake of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son.**
- P “Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” By your Baptism into Christ, God has pledged the forgiveness of all your sins and promised the eternal life to which you were called. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit for Pentecost 16 *Psalm 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76*

- C **Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.**
- A Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.
Those who fear You shall see me and rejoice,
because I have hoped in Your word.
I know, O LORD, that Your just decrees are righteous,
and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for Your law is my delight.
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

Kyrie

- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

- 1 Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav’nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav’nly King.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s only Son, You bore for us the load of this world’s sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict’ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

D 3 Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God’s right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav’nly host we glorify.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Amos 6:1–7*

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!
²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?
⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
⁶who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Timothy 6:6–19*

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.
¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you 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, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.
¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.
L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *Luke 16:31*

P Alleluia, alleluia!
C **If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.**
P Alleluia, alleluia!

Holy Gospel *Luke 16:19–31*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’

²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

- 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne’er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav’n itself were void and bare, If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
- 2 Yea, Lord, ’twas Thy rich bounty gave, My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor. Lord, grant that I in ev’ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace, And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile; Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me, To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy comfort still afford.
- 3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abr’ham’s bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep, Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend, And I will praise Thee without end.

Sermon

Offering

941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.
- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray.
We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth now worships
You, the Father everlasting. Grant to Your whole church throughout the world the strength
and peace of unity in the faith and proclamation of Your pure Word, that all people may
know Your true glory of salvation from sin and the gift of redemption and eternal life. Lord,
in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P To You all angels cry aloud, the glorious company of the apostles praise You, the goodly
fellowship of the prophets praise You, and the noble army of martyrs praise You. We pray
You include us as those who acknowledge You now by faith that we may be received into
their fellowship not by our merits but solely because of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P You are the King of glory, O Christ, the everlasting Son of the Father. By Your death, You
opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant Your saving Gospel to be proclaimed
throughout the world to the salvation of many. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Each day of our lives, O God, keep us mindful of the riches of Your grace that we may know
the contentment of Your heavenly treasures and not be distracted by temptations of worldly
wealth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, we pray for all who are in any need, for those who need the grace of Your help
and healing, those who are in trouble, those who doubt Your kindness, those who fear death,

and all who are sick or injured, especially those who have requested our prayers. [*Pause for silent prayer.*] Be their help, healing, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Make us to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

664 Fight the Good Fight

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be, Your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God’s good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove, Christ is your life and Christ your love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see, That Christ is all eternally.

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