

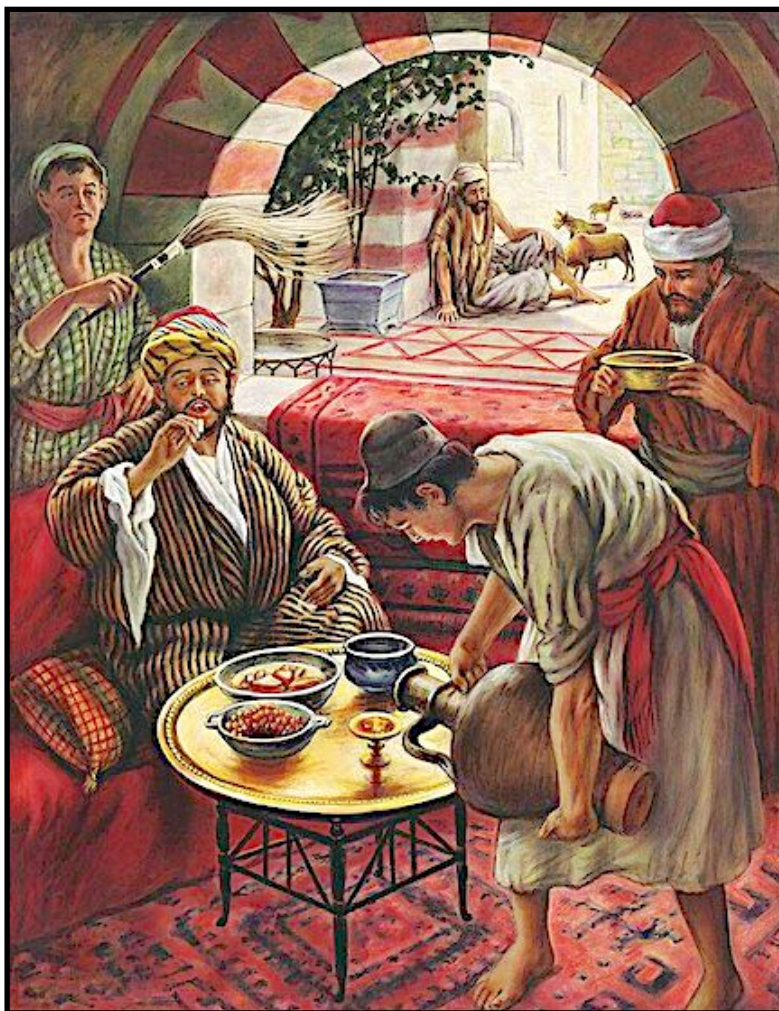
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Christ's Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

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19th Sunday after Pentecost – September 29, 2024

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

Serving Us Today

Organist Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers Mike Sprengeler, Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 62 (pew bible, page 512)
- ◆ The Hymns: 798 (1-4,10), 730 (1-4), 862, 422
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 49
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Luke 16:19-31

Theme

Lessons from Jesus' Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

1. Be rich in the right things.
2. The Word alone gives life.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (422)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Psalm 146

The Happiness of Those Whose Help Is the Lord

1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! 2 While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. 3 Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. 4 His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish. 5 Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God, 6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, 7 Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners. 8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD raises those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. 9 The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down. 10 The LORD shall reign forever— Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 49

Do No Boast in Earthly Riches

P Hear this, all peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world:
C **Both low and high, rich and poor together.**
P Those who trust in their wealth:
C **And boast in the multitude of their riches,**
P None of them can by any means redeem his brother:
C **Nor give to God a ransom for him—**
P For the redemption of their souls is costly, and it shall cease forever:
C **That he should continue to live eternally, and not see the Pit.**
P For he sees wise men die; likewise the fool and the senseless person perish:
C **And leave their wealth to others.**
P But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave:
C **For He shall receive me.**
P Do not be afraid when one becomes rich:
C **When the glory of his house is increased.**
P For when he dies he shall carry nothing away:
C **His glory shall not descend after him.**
P A man who is in honor, yet does not understand:
C **Is like the beasts that perish.**

Second Lesson – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and clothing,

with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, 15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen. 17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Sermon Text – Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus

19 “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And 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.’ 25 But 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. 26 And 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.’ 27 And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— 28 for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ 29 But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ 30 And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’” [ESV]

This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/29)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School (downstairs)
Sun (10/6)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

Upcoming:

- Elders Meeting: Week of October 13, day and time TBD
- Front Range Reformation Festival: Sunday, October 26, 3:00 pm, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland

In Our Prayers:

- Jo Ellen Blakey, who is convalescing at home from injuries she sustained in a car accident a week ago Thursday.
- Naomi Peters, who is undergoing medical tests for an undetermined stomach ailment.
- Family of Darwyn Maas, member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD, and father of Sharlene Chiappetti, who was called to his eternal rest last Wednesday.
- Family of Jack Mayhew, member of Grace, Valentine, NE, former member of the CLC Board of Missions and overseer of many CLC church construction projects, who was called into the Lord's heavenly presence last Wednesday.

Today's Adult Bible Study Topic: *"Godliness with Contentment is Great Gain"* – Study of 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (Second Lesson for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost).

October Birthday Blessings To . . .

Mark Hartmeister, Oct 1 Jaxon Potter, Oct 14
John Sprengeler, Oct 8 Sharlene Chiappetti, Oct 29

Call News: Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD <> Pastor Jim Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND, has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD; St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA; and Faith, Manchester, MO.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 29 – October 5

Mon Luke 7:36-50 The sinful woman recognizes her sin and loves her Savior from sin. The Pharisee, on the other hand, who does not view himself as “a sinner“ (v39), shows much less appreciation for forgiveness.

Tues 2 Corinthians 7:6-10 The apostle is thankful to learn of the Corinthians’ godly sorrow, because such sorrow produces repentance which appreciates Christ’s forgiveness and salvation.

Wed Jeremiah 17:5-10 The prophet compares those who trust in mankind (vv5-6) with those who trust in the Lord (vv7-8) and points out that the Lord can see the difference (vv9-10).

Thurs Matthew 15:21-28 A Canaanite woman seeks the help of Jesus for her daughter, and trusts Him even when He appears unwilling to help. His answer: her daughter was healed at that very hour.

Fri 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 Paul commends the Thessalonians for their God-pleasing walk, and encourages them to continue. Forgiveness is not a license for uncleanness, but a reason to love and honor God.

Sat Acts 9:32-35 The Lord can heal eight years in an instant. And when Peter heals paralyzed Aeneas in the name of the Jesus Christ, people in the whole region who see Aeneas turn, not to Peter, but to the Lord!