# Real Wealth in Heavenly Treasure

October 19, 2025



19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Welcome, guests!** We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be more than happy to assist you. This folder includes all the details about our services, with the congregational responses indicated by indented, bold letters. Please take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this will be used solely by the pastor and elder. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

**THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS**: Real wealth is found in heavenly treasure. Earthly riches are not a reward for doing good, but rather an opportunity to do good.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

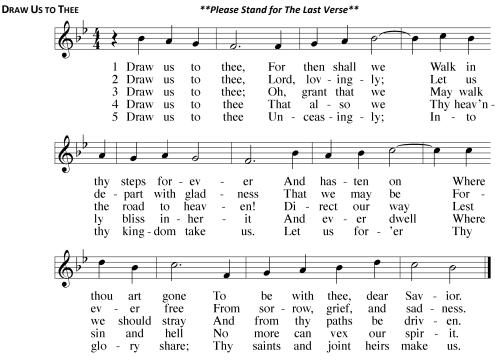
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Text: Friedrich Funcke, 1642–99; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: ACH GOTT UND HERR (447 447) As hymnodus sacer, Leipzig, 1625, alt.



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

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.





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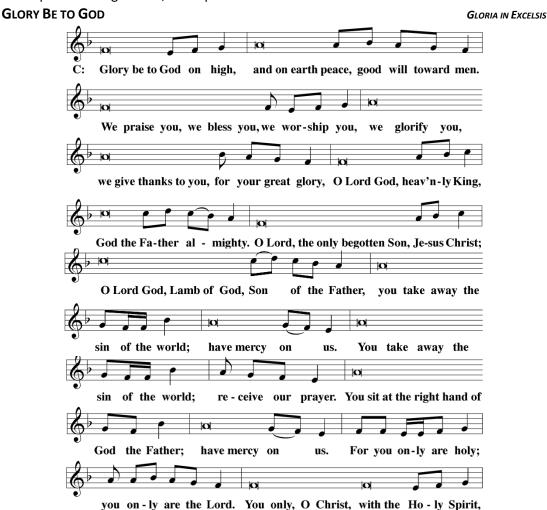


God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



#### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

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







The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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#### FIRST LESSON:

ECCLESIASTES 5:8 - 20

Solomon instructs his listeners on faithful work combined with gratitude to God. Hoarded wealth brings only harm to its owner. Earthly wealth is fleeting; to chase after it is as fruitless as chasing after the wind.

If you see the poor being oppressed, and you see the province being robbed of justice and fairness, do not be shocked about the situation, because one high official is watched by a higher one, and higher ones are over them! All officials take their cut of the profit from the land; even the king benefits from the fields. Anyone who loves money is never satisfied with money, and anyone who loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is vanishing vapor. When goods increase, so do those who eat them. What profit, then, does the owner get, except to see these things with his eyes? The worker's sleep is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but a rich person's abundant possessions allow him no sleep.

I have seen a sickening evil under the sun—wealth hoarded by its owner to his own harm, or wealth that is lost in a bad investment. Or a man fathers a son, but he has nothing left in his hand to give him. As he came out from his mother's womb, so he will go again, naked as he came. From his hard work he can pick up nothing that he can carry away in his hand. This too is a sickening evil: Just as he came, so he will go. So what does he gain, he who works for the wind? Besides this, during all his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, sickness, and anger.

So then, here is what I have seen to be good: It is beautiful to eat, to drink, and to look for good in all a person's hard work which he has done under the sun, during the few days of his life that God has given him, for that is his reward. Likewise, for everyone to whom God has given wealth and riches, if God has also given him ability to eat from it, to enjoy his

reward, and to rejoice in the results of his hard work—this is a gift of God, for the man seldom reflects on the days of his life, since God keeps him busy with the joy in his heart.

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 146





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Praise the LORD, <u>O</u> my soul.\*

I will sing praise to my God as long <u>as</u> I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,\*

in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,\*

the maker of heaven and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the <u>hungry</u>,\*

the LORD sets <u>pris</u>oners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,\*

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast\*

and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful for ever.\*

He upholds the cause of <u>the</u> oppressed.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it,

as it was in the beginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON REVELATION 2:8 - 11

Here is comfort for the faithful who find themselves on the side of the poor and oppressed. In spite of physical poverty and persecution, lasting wealth is found only in Jesus, our priceless treasure. He has guaranteed for the faithful a "crown of life."

To the messenger of the church in Smyrna write: The First and the Last, who was dead and came to life again, says this: I know your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich. And I know the blasphemy that comes from those who say they are Jews but are not; rather,

they are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear anything that you are about to suffer. Look, the Devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you will be tested, and you will suffer for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

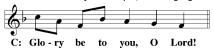
Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11 cf. NIV)



GOSPEL LUKE 16:19 – 31

The rich man loved his wealth more than doing the will of the Lord: helping those in need. Hoarding of wealth for one's own pampering manifests the poverty of one's soul. In a heartbeat, the greedy will go from extravagance to begging for mercy. But it is too late. Not even their wealth will buy them relief.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. Eventually, the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. He called out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.'

"But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

"He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's home, because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' "Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.' "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

"Abraham replied to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.""

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

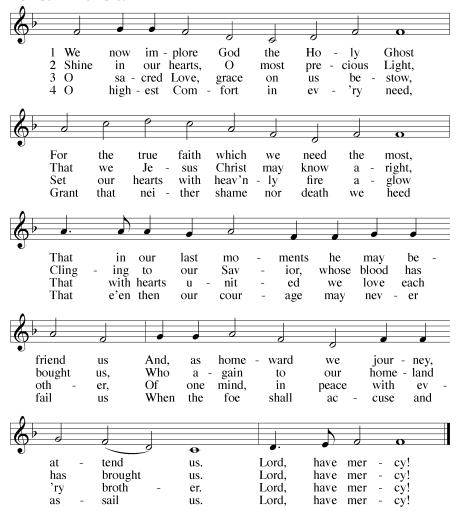
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: #190

#### WE Now IMPLORE GOD THE HOLY GHOST



Text: German hymn, c. 13th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-4; tr. composite. Tune: NUN BITTEN WIR (99 11 10 4) Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

#### **SERMON TEXT:**

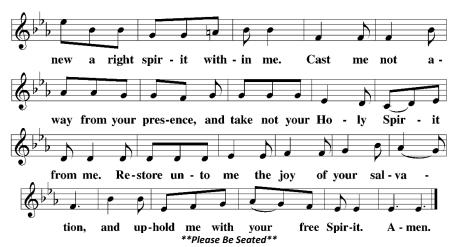
**LUKE 16:19 - 31** 

#### **SERMON THEME:**

OUR TRUE RICHES ARE MOSES AND THE PROPHETS



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OFFERING – In 2 Corinthians 9:7, Paul tells us: "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver." This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

\*\*Please Stand\*\*

#### PRAYER FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

## Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

# Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love to our family members and neighbors.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament, bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to clearly witness and to act boldly to those who live in Redmond and her surrounding cities. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

#### Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder

their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

## Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

#### **Special Prayers and Intercessions**

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

#### THE 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.

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#421

ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING





Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Alles ist an Gottes Segen (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, alt.

# THE SACRAMENT

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The Lord be with you.

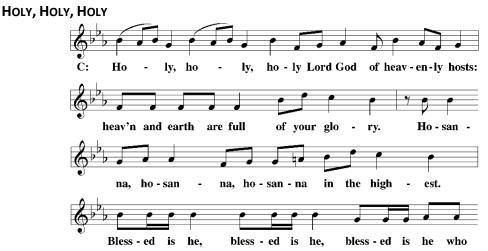
Lift up your hearts.



SANCTUS

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:





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Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

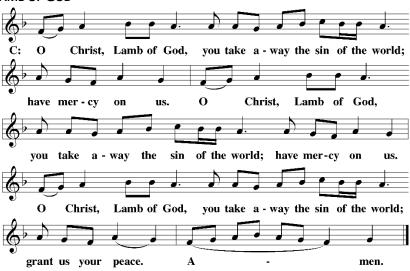
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

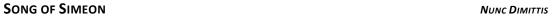
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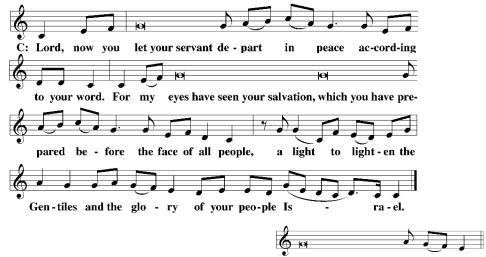


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DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul's guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

\*\*Please Stand\*\*





O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you 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.



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CLOSING HYMN: #549

#### AROUND THE THRONE A GLORIOUS BAND



Text: Rowland Hill, 1744-1833, abr., alt.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (LM) Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, London, 1778, adapt.

#### WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work, receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment, and destroy this present world.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** We will focus on the book of Luke, specifically chapter 17. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. We hope you find this Bible study enlightening! Feel free to bring your questions; you can come and go as needed; reading is optional, and questions are always welcome.

**Midweek Bible Study:** We will resume our midweek Bible study this Tuesday, October 21. Please consider joining us at 6:00 p.m. at Gary and Lani Carroll's house, 3211 SW Umatilla Rd, Redmond, to study the book of Haggai. You can also join via Zoom. The Zoom link is provided; alternatively, you can email Pastor Emmons to request it.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057 Password: GraceOT

**Consolidated Reformation Service:** Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Grants Pass, OR, will host a joint service at 1 p.m. on October 25, 2025. Everyone is invited to join this celebration. Please contact Pastor Emmons to RSVP by October 12 regarding your attendance plans, as Grants Pass is planning a meal following the service.

**LMSG:** Lutheran Military Support Group, we have a fundraiser scheduled for the first three weeks of November. Please consider supporting them.

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** We will host our Thanksgiving dinner after the service on November 23. Please think about what you might like to bring for the meal; the sign-up is in the entry way. Also, consider inviting a friend to join us for that service and dinner.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service:** We will kick off our Advent season on Wednesday, November 26, with our Thanksgiving Eve Service. The service will start at 5:30 p.m. Additionally, please note that while the Thanksgiving Eve service is on Wednesday, the Advent services will be held on Tuesday.

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