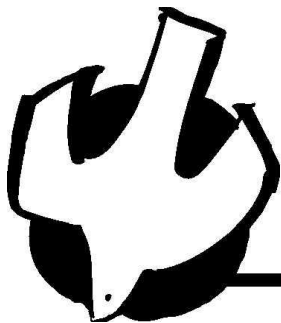


**SERVE GOD WITH MONEY;
YOU CAN'T SERVE GOD AND MONEY**



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9 and 10, 2021

Today's focus: *Serve God with money; you can't serve God and money.* There are more than 2300 Bible passages that speak about money. Why? Money is a master Satan frequently tempts us to serve. And that evil foe knows how successful his efforts with money can be. Money provides us with a false comfort and a sense of security. It serves as a source of pride. It serves as a wonderful tool for a favorite pastime: justifying ourselves in our own eyes and the eyes of others. Jesus knows that serving money makes it impossible to serve God. The human heart is not big enough for both. As a result, Jesus does all he can to expose the futility of serving money. He also helps us see that the only one truly worth serving is our gracious, loving God. When we serve God, money is put in its proper place. Instead of money being a lord to serve, it becomes a resource for serving the Lord. This is the hard truth. There is no way for us to serve both God and money. But we can serve God with our money.

Pre-service, Saturday 5:30pm: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" (Arr. by Brian Henkelmann)

Flute: Patrick Stiglitz

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CURRENT SERIES THEME: *HARD TRUTH*

“Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem” (*Luke 13:22*). Jesus knows that when he gets to Jerusalem, he is going to die. If you expect Jesus to use these final teaching opportunities to share happy thoughts, you don’t know him well. With a sense of extreme urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even if we do not want to hear them. As Jesus teaches hard truth, he challenges conventional wisdom. He reverses the normal and natural order of things. This should not surprise us, considering this Teacher’s life and work are the opposite of what one would expect.

When the truth is hard to hear, the first temptation is to deny it. We cannot do that with Jesus’ teaching, for he never lies. When the truth is hard to hear, the second temptation is to simply ignore it. To do that with Jesus is to court eternal death. Thus, Jesus’ words contain an urgent warning: Listen! Take to heart what Jesus says! For his Word, though it contains hard truth, gives eternal life.

September 4/5

We want peace, but God’s Word divides

Pentecost 15

September 11/12

The first will be last; the last will be first

Pentecost 16

September 18/19

**The humble will be exalted;
the exalted will be humbled**

Pentecost 17

September 25/26

Put down what you love; pick up what you loath

Pentecost 18

October 2/3

The found are left; the lost are found

Pentecost 19

October 9/10

***Serve God with money;
you can’t serve God and money***

Pentecost 20

October 16/17

**What seems to help in life fails in death;
what seems to fail in life helps in death**

Pentecost 21

We Come into the Presence of God

Musical Introduction *(This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.)*

Confession of Sins

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

Confession of Sins

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his holy life and innocent death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Absolution

M: God, our gracious Father, has forgiven all your sins. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for your guilt by his death on the cross and freed you from death by his resurrection from the grave. You are at peace with God. Live in the comfort and joy of his forgiveness.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**



Opening Hymn: #477, verses 1,3,4 “What Is the World to Me”



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mon - ey
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my

plea - sure When you, and you a - lone, Lord
of - fers, Yet nev - er is con - tent Though
tre - sure, My life, my health, my wealth, My

Je - sus, are my trea - sure! You on - ly, dear - est
gold should fill its cof - fers. I have a high - er
friend, my love, my plea - sure, My joy, my crown, my

Lord, My soul's de - light shall be; You are my
good; Con - tent with it I'll be; My Je - sus
all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly. Once more then

peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
is my wealth— What is the world to me!
I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

We Listen

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

¹⁰Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.
This too is meaningless.

¹¹As goods increase,
so do those who consume them.
And what benefit are they to the owners
except to feast their eyes on them?

¹²The sleep of a laborer is sweet,
whether they eat little or much,
but as for the rich, their abundance
permits them no sleep.

¹³I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:
wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,
¹⁴or wealth lost through some misfortune,
so that when they have children
there is nothing left for them to inherit.

¹⁵Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb,
and as everyone comes, so they depart.

They take nothing from their toil
that they can carry in their hands.

¹⁶This too is a grievous evil:
As everyone comes, so they depart,
and what do they gain,
since they toil for the wind?

¹⁷All their days they eat in darkness,
with great frustration, affliction and anger.

¹⁸This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. ¹⁹Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

Psalm 62 (*Pastor will sing the verses; the congregation is invited to sing the Refrains and the Glory be to the Father.*)

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



My soul finds rest in God alone;*
my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation;*
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;*
my hope comes from him.

Refrain

Though your riches increase,*
do not set your heart on them.

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

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

**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.**

Refrain

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

¹Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—⁴I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶“‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day: #481 "O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made"

1 O God, your hand the heav - ens made And
2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine; All
3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims; True

all that they con - tain; The world ap - peared at
tal - ents you have sent. In - spire us now to
stew - ards we would be. En - dow us with a

your com - mand, And in it now you reign.
use them well Your king - dom to ex - tend.
deep de - sire To live un - self - ish - ly.

The rest - less sea, the land, the sky Your
We hold each gift a trust from you Nor
A full ac - count - ing we must give And

hand - i - work de - clare; The touch of your cre -
claim it as our own; We grate - ful - ly ac -
see you face to face; Let us ap - proach your

a - tive pow'r Is pres - ent ev - 'ry - where.
knowl - edge, Lord, All things are yours a - lone.
throne with joy, Sup - port - ed by your grace.

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Tune: KINGSFOLD (CM D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.

Sermon

We Respond

Offering *(In an effort to maintain a safe social distance, please place your offerings in the provided plate when exiting the sanctuary.*

If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

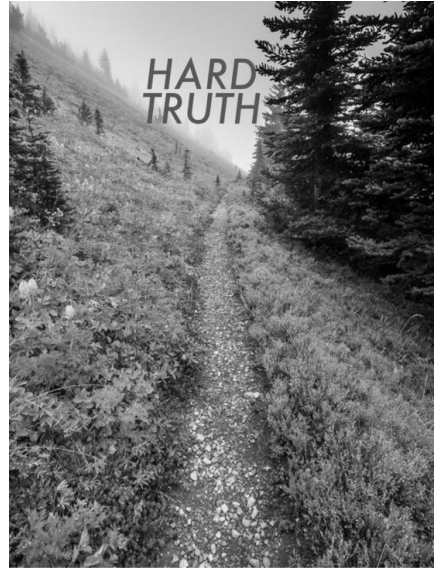
C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C: **Amen.**



Closing Hymn: #492, verses 1,4 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,
4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,
Source of life and truth and grace, Word made
So may we for oth - ers live. Free - ly
flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - or
have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly
all our hu - man race, You our head,
may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold
who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will
and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of
ev - er plead: Fill us with your love and
land and sea; We but stew - ards of your
pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.
boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, abr., alt.

Tune: LORD, REVIVE US (87 87 D) *The Revivalist*, Troy, NY, 1868.

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Seek the Lost
Feed the Flock and
Serve our Savior



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Everyone is welcome to join us for BLAST (Believe, Learn and Seek Truth), our Sunday morning Children's Ministry. We begin each Sunday at 9:15a in the library at the end of the school hallway. Email BLAST@gsdg.org

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