

Perley Parish
Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 28
October 10 2021

Gathering Hymn: Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true



Welcome and Announcements

- Newsletter went out – lots going on!!!
- New members connect with me if you wish to join the church – invite others!!!!
- Bazaar a huge success. Thank you to those who organized, brought, bought and worked
- Meatball Dinner Bake & Quilt Sale Next Sunday at Kirkebo 11-2 (stream 9am at Nora)
- Confirmation meets today 11:45 today at Kirkebo
- 9AM streaming will continue
- Reach out

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose live is endless. Amen

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter:

Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our face away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in +Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Psalm 90:12-17 (read responsively)

P: So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

C: Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

P: O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

C: Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

P: Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

C: And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷ Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ⁸ They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³ Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵ Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:17-31 **Glory to you O Lord**

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money^[a] to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is^[b] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another,^[c] “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,^[a] ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's Message:

Have you ever gotten dressed in the morning only to discover your sock has a hole? I've been there. (Show the sock). Today, I thought we could mend this sock together. I brought these to help me. (Show the needle and yarn.)

First, I'll thread the needle. That means you hold the needle like this and push the thread through this little hole called the "eye." (Show the eye.) This could be difficult. Do you think I can do it? (Attempt to thread the yarn, and make a show of it. Ask for help, and let a couple children try.)

You know, this problem of threading the needle reminds me of something that happened with Jesus. One day, a rich young man came to Jesus and asked what he needed to do in order to go to heaven. Jesus answered him, "You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not lie, do not cheat, honor your father and mother.' "

Well, the young man said he'd followed all the commandments since he was young. How many of us have never, ever, ever broken a commandment, even a little bit? (Pause for responses.)

Then Jesus told him there was one more thing he needed to do: "Sell all you have and give the money to the poor," Jesus said.

The young man was very disappointed. He turned and walked away because he was very wealthy, and he wasn't willing to give up his wealth and belongings -- not even to go to heaven.

Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Now, putting thread through the eye of the needle can be pretty difficult. How would you like to try to put a camel through the eye of a needle? (Pause and hold up the needle again.) That seems impossible, doesn't it?

Does that mean Jesus was saying it is impossible for a rich man to enter into heaven? I don't think so, because next, Jesus said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God. With God, all things are possible." That is the God we serve. The God of the impossible!

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that You are the God of the impossible. Without You, it would be impossible for any of us to get to heaven. In Jesus' name, amen.

Message

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

So let's take a quick show of hands – how many of you gathered here this morning enjoy shopping? For many of us – shopping can be great fun, a release of stress and even a fun activity to with friends and family members. For others – NOT FUN at all. How many of you have done the Black Friday shopping spree? I have to admit that I haven't for many years now – partly because it isn't as big of a deal as it used to with some of the stores starting their sales already on Thanksgiving Day and others having the sales all week long. Gone are the days when I would spend all Thanksgiving Day with the flyers all spread out on the floor looking and comparing prices on the newest and greatest and most popular items. Sure we have TV's but do we have this new top of the line smart one? Or how about the newest Instapot or air fryer – it practically makes the meals for you with the push of a button. And don't even get me started on phones, I pads and watches. My watch tells me to breath – how crazy and a little frightening is that?! We all have this fascination about having the best and newest models, don't we? It is part of our world and our culture to want good things and believe they are what make us successful and powerful and popular.

A rich young man – our gospel says – approaches Jesus and asks simply "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus responds that he should keep all of the commandments. Simple enough, right? The man responds however that he has done that since he was just a child – he has kept them at the center of his life and did as God had commanded. But Jesus tells him he missed something – that he should sell all that he has – everything – and give it to the poor. Once he's done that he should then follow Jesus. The young man turns away in sadness – he had worked so very hard for all that he had, he didn't just have enough but had abundance. HE WAS RICH!

Our society has you and I always thinking we need more not less. Advertisements, movies and shows all want us to get something new, faster, shinier, richer etc..... We need to be special. The young man wasn't different in that he couldn't give away his money and possessions because then he would just be ordinary – like everyone else. He wouldn't be notable and he would become normal like the rest of them.

The young man's greed allowed him to only have to go through the motions of being a follower and having faith. On the outside – he could keep up the appearance and even the directions the commandments provided faithfully. On the outside – he looked like a good person. The problem though was that he was far away from the point of loving the Lord with all his heart, his soul, his mind and his strength. And clearly wasn't loving his neighbors as himself. No, he was allowing his acquisitions of money and possessions to give him a false sense of security. He didn't need to look to God to provide – he just looked to himself because he had enough resources and wealth he believed to take care of whatever may come his way. His faith had become misplaced.

When we focus on the money and possessions it keeps us away from the essence of faith – it did for this young man and does for you and I too. God doesn't want us to keep acquiring STUFF, keep growing our wealth and possessions and do so simply for our own use. No, Jesus clearly wants us to see the gift of life comes from the giving to our brothers and our sisters in need. He tells the young man in our story to do just that – sell everything and give it all the poor. That's a big ask in this young man's mind – maybe a big ask in your minds at time as well.

Jesus didn't come to us to live, die and rise from the dead just so that we can be greedy and self-indulged. He came rather so that we could be free. Free to live a full and serving life for God and others. Because of what Jesus did for us when he hung on that cross, we can find our identity in God. We are God's children as we talked about last week – all of us are no matter how old we are – we are the children of God and because of that we can never be separated from the love of God.

Likewise, because of what Jesus did for us when he hung on that cross, we can find security in God too. He promised to protect us, sit with us, walks with us through all of the challenges that arise in this life. We can look to him when we are feeling afraid, alone and not worthy. He is our protector, he is the one who will watch and care for us.

Think about it for a moment. You've often times heard "you can't take it with you" and I'm sure you may know someone who really does operate with the mindset that they sure are going to try to. But then again think about those on the opposite side of that saying. How about those that give and give and give – often times when they really don't have much to give. Our salvation – that has been promised to us by Jesus is so important that God doesn't just leave us to be trusted in our sinful human ways.

Imagine for moment if we had to earn our way to the pearly gates. Would we ever really know if we had earned enough to get there? Could we ever know exactly how much it would "cost" to receive eternal life? It's a good thing that we don't need to know this. We could not ever know because we cannot work our way into heaven – it's not about earning or paying for that promise. We cannot buy our way into heaven. By God's grace however, we can make possible what is impossible. By God's grace we are made members of God's family and have that promise of life everlasting.

I think Kevin Ruffcorn said it best. We don't need riches – we already have all that we need because we have God the Father and Jesus the son. True distinction – true notoriety comes from walking in this truth. True fulfillment and joy comes in sharing what we have first received. True life comes when we loosen our grasp on the tricketts of the world and JUST FOLLOW JESUS. Amen!

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Take My Life that I May Be

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

'Offering Procession: We Give Thee but Thine Own
*We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian/catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the people: (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**)

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing and more. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Healing and serving God, we lift up those who care for others – whether in medical facilities or in homes and living places. We also lift up those who are dealing with health issues and are looking for strength and healing like..... Sonya and Roger, Daniel and Terry, Marlis and Whitney, Jaime, Anne and Brent, and all those we name silently now in our own hearts..... Help them to healing and wholeness when the path forward seems so long and often times bleak. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you. Amen
Meal

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. **Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Words of Institution and 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. 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

Invitation Communion:

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

After Communion Prayer:

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, hearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Blessing:

People of God you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, +one God, bless you now and forever. Amen

Sending Song: Lord of Light

Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace.
Use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son.
Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so on earth Thy will be done.

By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night,
by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all, and healing light,
by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one,
Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so on earth Thy will be done.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark Your Calendars:

Sunday, October 17th – 9am at Nora -3rd & 4th Grade Bibles – Meatballs at Kirkebo 11-2

Monday, October 18th – Council at 6:30 Nora

Sunday, October 24th – 9am at Kirkebo - 3rd & 4th Grade Bibles – Nora at 11am

Service Saturday at Nora – 9am on October 30th –

looking for projects contact Wayne or Vern

Halloween Bingo at Kirkebo – October 31st

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The Rich Young Man

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25 (NIV)

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.



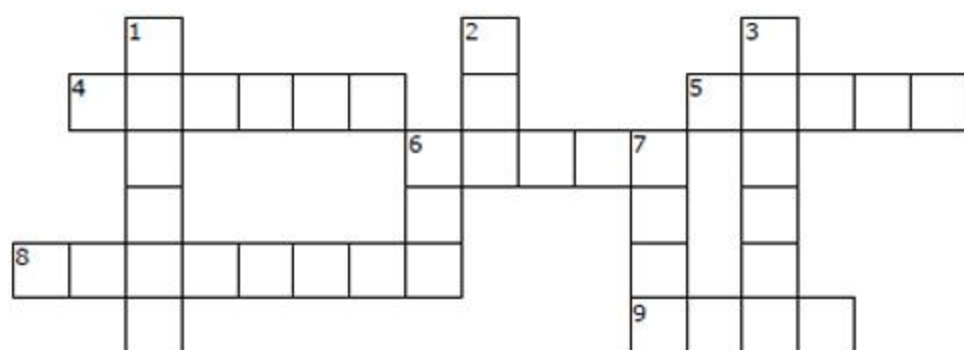
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rich	inherit	life	give	great
teacher	eternal	sell	poor	wealth

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ACROSS

4. A small, slender implement used for sewing
5. A long-necked animal with humps
6. To go into
8. Something considered to be especially precious or valuable
9. Difficult; requiring considerable skill or effort

DOWN

1. The home of God and the angels
2. An adult male human
3. Less difficult; something accomplished with little effort
6. An opening in a needle
7. Possessing great material wealth

rich	easier	eye	hard	heaven
man	camel	needle	enter	treasure

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adultery	false	inherit	mother	steal
camel	father	lack	murder	teacher
commandments	give	life	needle	testimony
eternal	honor	loved	poor	wealth