



September 25, 2022 - 10:30 AM  
*Proper 21*

## Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

L: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**P: And also with you!**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

Dr. Craig Ralston

**(Please stand as you are able)**

Call to Worship

L: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob  
Whose hope is in the Lord their God.

*Ps. 146:5, 10*

**P: The Lord God reigns forever,  
for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!**

L: Let us worship God!

**(Please remain standing)**

Opening Hymn #638

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

**(Please be seated)**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Dressed in fine linen,  
we feast sumptuously every day,  
while others long  
to satisfy their hunger.  
We have Moses and the prophets,  
yet we remain  
unconvinced,  
waiting for some human warning.  
Forgive us.  
In your mercy,  
convince and comfort us,  
and lead us to righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

*Luke 16*

**(Silent Confession)**

L: Amen.

**(Please stand as you are able)**

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Declaration of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

**(Please be seated)**

Anthem

*Jubilate Deo*

Peter Anglea

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*When Peace, Like a River & The Water is Wide*

Porter

Katie Staudt, handbells; Rich Longfield, trumpet; Jim Klein, keyboard

**(Please stand as you are able)**

Doxology, Hymn #668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

**The Word**

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup> But 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. <sup>10</sup> For 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.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight 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.

<sup>17</sup> As 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. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus 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: The Word of our Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

**(Please remain seated)**

Response, Hymn #143

*You Are My All in All*

JERNIGAN

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

*Luke 16:19-31*

<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup> and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup> 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.’ <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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.’ <sup>27</sup> And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup> And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> 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.’”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

P: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon “How to Have a Lousy Prayer Life: A Case Study of Dīvēs & Lazarus”  
The Rev. Dr. Dan Storvick

**(Please stand as you are able)**

Hymn of the Day #530

*I'd Rather Have Jesus*

I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

**(Please remain standing)**

Affirmation of Faith

**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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**WE BELIEVE in one holy catholic 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.**

**(Please be seated)**

Prayers of the People, concluded with The Lord's Prayer in unison:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

**Sending**

Benediction

Postlude

Dr. Craig Ralston



Flowers today celebrate Ron and Sharon Tom's 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

## HOW TO HAVE LOUSY PRAYER LIFE

A Case Study of Dīvēs & Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31

Pastor Dan Storvick

**Be Self-Righteous**--Wealth was considered a sign of God's favor.

*There was a rich man (Luke 16:19).*

**RX:** Trust in GOD, not in your achievements or your religiosity. Lazarus shows us that when we trust in God, we can be blessed by God no matter what our status.

*The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham (Luke 16:22).*

*God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him (Matt 5:3)*

**Be Self-absorbed**--Since he thought only about himself and his immediate pleasures, he was oblivious to the Lord and to the needs of others.

*[The rich man] dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day (Luke 16:19).*

*Alas for those who . . . who rely on horses, who trust in chariots . . . and in horsemen but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the Lord! (Isaiah 31:1)*

**RX:** Focus on the Lord, not on yourself.

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him (Psalm 28:7).*

**Be Selfish**--He earned his; let others earn theirs!

*And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores (Luke 16:20).*

**RX:** Be generous. The Lord cannot pour blessings into a closed hand.

*From the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked (Luke 12:48).*

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you (Luke 6:38 NIV).*

*I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me! (Matthew 25:40).*

**Be Self-satisfied**--He didn't need God.

*[The rich man] feasted sumptuously every day (Luke 16:19).*

*[Another rich man said to himself] 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store everything. And I'll sit back and say to myself, My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!'* (Luke 12:18-19).

**RX:** Lazarus shows us that we must ask when we are in need.

*[Lazarus] longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table (Luke 16:21).*

He knew he could not make it on his own. (Matthew 5:3-6).

**Self-deceit**--He was in denial of his own mortality and his spiritual bankruptcy.

*The rich man also died and was buried (Luke 16:22).*

*[God said to another rich man,] 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get it all?'* (Luke 12:20).

*Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they commit abominable acts; there is no one who does good (Psalm 53:1).*

*Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand (Matthew 13:13).*

**RX:** Make no pretense about your status.

*Even the dogs would come and lick his sores (Luke 16:21).*

*Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin (Romans 7:24 25).*

### **Assisting in Worship:**

Liturgist: Tommy Keenan

Ushers: Beth Wingate, Sharon Tootle, Sandy Stamper, Jean Risdon

Larry & Shirley Culver, Mike Vest & Lolly Platt

Greeter and Coffee Fellowship Coordinator: Karen Thorstad

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### **Welcome to Mountain Reformed Church!**

We are so grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today! The vision of our church is to provide an open door to relationship with God for all through worship, teaching God's Word, and by celebrating with music and the arts. Our mission is simple: All Glory to God! Our church is independent and non-denominational, with a theology based in the reformed way of being Christian. Please see our website at [www.mountainreformed.org](http://www.mountainreformed.org) for more information about our church.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the shoebox project! May the joy and blessings you bring to children come back to you many times over. And please, keep praying for the project and the recipients!

### **Pastor on Call**

The Rev. Dr. Gene Grimm will be the Pastor on Call for the month of October. If you would like to get in touch, feel free to email [eugenegrimm@me.com](mailto:eugenegrimm@me.com) or call 928-925-6057.

### **MRC Name Badges**

If you would like an MRC name badge, please send your name as it should appear to Mary Bricker: [marybricker18@gmail.com](mailto:marybricker18@gmail.com) and she will have one made.

### **MRC Bulletin and Weekly Email**

Would you like to place an announcement in the Sunday bulletin or "This Week at Mountain Reformed Church" email? Please send your info to Emily Lawhead at

ejlawhead@gmail.com. The deadline is Monday evening of each week for the coming weekend, but we always appreciate as much notice as possible.

### **Prayer Ministry and Prayer Chain**

Prayer cards are now available at the usher's table. If you would like to be a part of our prayer ministry and prayer chain, please indicate this on your welcome card. Lyndi Peacock coordinates this ministry, and she will send prayer requests to you by email: lyndi@milehighlending.com. You can also call or text Lyndi at 928-899-2085.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Prayer shawls serve as a tangible reminder of God's love for those who are walking through difficult times. A prayer shawl can bring great comfort! Shawls can also be given in celebration of milestones such as graduations, weddings, and new babies. Our shawls are lovingly created by Sharon Tom, Barbara Poland, Sheri Simpson, and Debra Ochoa. Please let us know if you have someone who needs a prayer shawl! Recipients do not have to be local. Anyone with a love for knitting or crochet is welcome to participate in this ministry as well. Please email Sharon: sharonctom@yahoo.com.

### **Card Ministry**

Cards for encouragement, celebration, sympathy, get well, birthdays, and more can be mailed out via our Card Ministry. Sheri Simpson, Carolyn Peterson, Lyndi Peacock, and Beth Wingate are coordinating this ministry and can always use donations of cards and stamps. Please let us know if you have someone whose day would be brightened by receiving a card from Mountain Reformed Church! Please email Sheri: charlieandsheri@gmail.com.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers in several areas to help facilitate worship. If you would like to help, please let us know! We need Ushers, Liturgists, Coffee Fellowship Helpers, Setup Assistants, Sound Technicians, and Camera Operators.

### **Flowers**

Sheri Simpson coordinates our Flower Ministry. If you would like to commemorate a special occasion by providing flowers, please ask an usher to guide you to the flower sign-up chart.

**9/18/2022 Worship Attendance: 61**  
**Bank Balances as of 9/20/2022: \$29,586**