

The congregation is asked to join after stanza 2 (refrain, stanza 3, refrain).

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19

Saint Paul teaches in straightforward language that serving money will lead to spiritual destruction. But serving God with our money leads to a fulfilling life.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly cannot take anything out. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied.

⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into complete destruction and utter ruin. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils. By striving for money, some have wandered away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.

¹⁷Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Your words are my joy and my heart's delight! | 161

GOSPEL (Sermon Text)

Luke 16:1-13

All money actually belongs to God; he loans it to us to manage for his glory. Through a parable, Jesus teaches us to be shrewd in the way we use money to serve him.

Jesus also said to his disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. ²The rich man called him in and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be manager.'

³"The manager said to himself, 'What will I do, since my master is taking away the management position from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg.

⁴I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position as manager, people will receive me into their houses.'

⁵"He called each one of his master's debtors to him. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'Six hundred gallons of olive oil.' He said to him,

'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'How much do you owe?' And he said, 'Six hundred bushels of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and write four hundred and eighty.'

⁸"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of the light. ⁹I tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰The person who is faithful with very little is also faithful with much. And the person who is unrighteous with very little is also unrighteous with much. ¹¹So if you have not been faithful with unrighteous *mammon* who will entrust you with what is really valuable? ¹²If you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something to be your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters. Indeed, either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and *mammon*."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Worth Is Not in What I Own | 753

"Be Trustworthy in Handling Worldly Wealth"

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Recognize whose it is.
2. Realize how to use it.

NICENE CREED & PRAYER

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PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

We Give Thee but Thine Own | 750

THE SACRAMENT

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice | 557

THANKSGIVING & BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly | 748

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GREETERS: 8:00 ~ Deb Jaeger 10:30 ~ Judine Schicker