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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Father of our spirits strengthen our families and our Church family through the Spirit-filled Word of Christ.**We are glad you are here!**

If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or the pastors.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 OR FM 100.7 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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HOLY COMMUNION Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members **please speak with the pastor before communing** with us. Thank you.**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Preserve your Word, O Savior, to us this latter day. And let your kingdom flourish; enlarge your Church, we pray. Oh, keep our faith from failing; keep hope's bright star aglow. Let nothing turn us from you while wandering here below. Amen.**SERVICE THEME***The Need for Followership:
Followers of Christ Maintain Proper Priorities***ORDER OF WORSHIP***Setting One | 154-171***OPENING HYMN***My Worth Is Not in What I Own | 753***Adult Choir sings in 8:00 am service.***PRAYER OF THE DAY**Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.****FIRST LESSON**

2 Kings 5:14-27

*The prophet Elisha's servant, Gehazi, prioritized riches over his walk with God.*So he went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. Then his flesh was restored like the flesh of a small child, and he was clean.¹⁵Then he and his whole escort went back to the man of God. He stood in front of Elisha and said, "To be sure, now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now accept a gift from your servant."¹⁶But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives, in whose presence I stand, I will not take anything." Even though Na'aman urged him to accept something, he refused.¹⁷Then Na'aman said, "If you do not want anything, please give me, your servant, as much dirt as two donkeys can carry, for your servant will never again burn incense or sacrifice to other gods, but only to the LORD."¹⁸But may the LORD forgive your servant this one thing: When my master goes into the house of Rimmon to bow down there and he supports himself on my arm, then I too have to bow down in the house of Rimmon. When I bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant this one thing."¹⁹Then Elisha said to him, "Go in peace."When Na'aman had gone some distance from him,²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "My master was too easy on this Aramean, Na'aman, when he

did not accept anything that he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.”

²¹So Gehazi chased after Na’aman. When Na’aman saw him running after him, he got down from his chariot to meet him. He said, “Is everything all right?”

²²Then Gehazi said, “Yes, everything is all right. My master sent me to say, ‘Look, just now two young men from the hill country of Ephraim, from the sons of the prophets, have come to me. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’”

²³Na’aman said, “Certainly! Take two talents!” He urged Gehazi and tied up the two talents of silver in two bags with the two sets of clothing. Then Na’aman gave them to his two servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴When he came to the hill, he took the gifts from them. Then he hid them in the house and sent the men back, so they left. ²⁵Then he went in and attended his master.

Elisha said to him, “Where were you, Gehazi?”

Gehazi said, “Your servant didn’t go anywhere.”

²⁶Then Elisha said to him, “Didn’t my heart go along when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take silver, or to accept clothing or olive groves or vineyards or sheep or cattle or male and female servants? ²⁷Na’aman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went out from his presence, leprous like snow.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-13

God’s Word is like a sword. It cuts through our pretensions and pride and exposes our true priorities.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. ¹³And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



For the word of God is alive and ac - tive.

Refrain



It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

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GOSPEL (Sermon Text)

Mark 10:17-27

Jesus helps a young man see a problem deeper than his failure to keep God’s law perfectly—that he prioritized his wealth above the call to follow Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. ¹⁹You know the commandments. ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’”

²⁰The man replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child.”

²¹Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²²When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus told them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For people, it is impossible, but not for God, because all things are possible for God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ | **560**

Sermon **“What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?”** *Pastor Lindemann*

1. Jesus squashed false ideas
2. Jesus amazed the disciples with His answers
3. Jesus alone can do it

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CLOSING HYMN

What Is the World to Me | **717 v 4**

ORGANIST: Brent Nolte

GREETERS: 8:00 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz

10:30 ~ Carley, Louis, Payton & Colton Ferren