

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 (ESV)

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹² Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. ¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. ¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Hebrews 4:1-16 (ESV)

⁴ Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵ And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." ⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.

⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10:23-31 (ESV)

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

ECCLESIASTES 5:10

THOSE WHO LOVE MONEY WILL
NEVER HAVE ENOUGH. HOW
MEANINGLESS TO THINK THAT
WEALTH BRINGS TRUE HAPPINESS!



Our Measure of Love and Gifts

October 21, 2018 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ *By the Voluntary Poverty of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of God.*
To love and trust in earthly wealth is vanity. For nothing of this earth will last forever, nor can any of it grant eternal life (Eccl. 5:10). But the one who trusts in God is “occupied with joy in his heart” and is able to sleep in peace, “whether he eats little or much,” because he knows that the “days of his life” are “the gift of God” (Eccl. 5:12, 18–20). The person who trusts in riches cannot sleep, because he “shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand” (Eccl. 5:15). Therefore, it is difficult “for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God” (Mark 20:23). Indeed, it is impossible for man, yet “all things are possible with God” (Mark 20:27). Thus, the Rich Man, Jesus Christ, has made Himself poor and has gone through “the eye of a needle,” through death and the grave, “to enter the kingdom of God” on our behalf (Mark 20:24–25). He is the “great high priest who has passed through the heavens” (Heb. 4:14), so that we may now enter His Sabbath rest by faith in His forgiveness (Heb. 4:3–9).

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| Pastor | Paul Hauser |
| Organist | Tami Mosher |
| Elders | Frank Yell & Jack Traub |
| A/V | Brad Pinet |
| Ushers | Dave Hutfilz, Dave Little, Marc Pinet |
| Greeters | Don & Gertie Schomaker |
| Altar Guild | Jeanne Kade |

Attendance last week – 82 Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion \$4,128~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$2,359 = Loose Plate \$78, Envelopes \$1,956, Mission \$125 Maintenance \$220.

Thank you for your donations to the Greg and Tracy Mallek family. A total of \$729 was received to help with their medical bills. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Oct 27- Sue Burdick; Oct 28- Chris Hagarty, Frank Yell, Oct 29- Cameron Bedtelyon; Oct 30- Jerry Farrar, Katie Pinet, David Wietfeldt, Richard Wietfeldt, Chandler Worley..

Flowers on the altar today are in memory of Marvin Kade placed by his family.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” Matthew 5:27-28

Door offering this morning following the service for Tracy Mallek who is fighting cancer. This will help the family with medical bills. Your donation is appreciated.

Voters Assembly meeting will be held today following the service. All confirmed members age 18 and older are encouraged to attend.

God’s Helping Hands will be open on Saturday, October 27 from 10 am – 1 pm. We now have food available along with clothing and household items. Please let anyone you may know who could use some help.

Annual Bazaar at St Mark Lutheran Church, 2565 N Miller Rd, Saginaw (corner of Miller & River). Saturday, Nov 3, 8:30a-2:30p. Free admission. Over 30 vendors. Luncheon available.

Christian Symbols ~ Altar: This central furnishing in a Christian worship space



is usually fairly large, with a solid front that may be decorated with symbols or words. The flat surface, often covered with a cloth, is where the Communion elements are prepared and placed, reminding us of Jesus’ sacrifice as the Lamb of God. In some churches, the altar looks more like a table, with open legwork. We remember that Jesus invites us into fellowship with God now and to the heavenly

banquet for eternity. We place offerings on the altar to symbolize our sacrificial response to God’s redeeming love.