Faith Lutheran Church LCMC

Hutchinson, MN
September 8, 2024 ~ 10:10 a.m.
Library Square
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season Color: Green



"What Does This Mean?"

- 1. How has the doctrine of creation been neglected or overstated?
- 2. How has the practice of stewardship often been minimized among Christians?
- 3. What is the basic role of a steward? What does that imply for Biblical stewardship?
- 4. What additional layer does today's Gospel add to the concept of Biblical stewardship?

Gathering Music: "Because He Lives (Amen)"

I believe in the Son: I believe in the Risen One.

I believe I overcome; By the power of His blood.

Chorus: Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends. Because He lives.

I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame.

I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away. *Chorus*

Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone. I know He holds my life, my future in His hand. Because He lives.

Chorus x2 CCLI Song # 7027887

"Build My Life"

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing; Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring; Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name; Jesus the only one who could ever save; Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for You. We live for You.

Chorus: Holy there is no one like You, There is none beside You.

Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me with Your heart, and lead me in Your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon Your love, It is a firm foundation. I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.

Repeat 2x and Chorus

CCLI Song # 7070345

Greeting/Announcements

Song "I Thank God"

Wandering into the night wanting a place to hide, this weary soul this bag of bones. I try with all of my might but I just can't win the fight, I'm slowly drifting a vagabond.

Chorus: And just when I ran out of the road I met a man I didn't know and He told me that I was not alone. You picked me up, You turned me around, and placed my feet on solid ground. I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, because You healed my heart. You changed my name, forever free I'm not the same. I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God.

I cannot deny what I've seen, got no choice but to believe. My doubts are burnin' like ashes in the wind. So, so long to my old friends burden and bitterness You can just keep them moving, nah you ain't welcome here. From now till I walk streets of gold
I'll sing of how You saved my soul
This wayward son has found his way back home.

Hell lost another one I am free I am free I am free.

Hell lost another one I am free I am free

Repeat 3x Chorus

Chorus

CCLI Song # 7169680

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, all that we are and all that we possess are gifts from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you in every aspect of our lives, acknowledge your providence and cling to your promises to us, in life and in death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

"Beautiful Things"

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way. I wonder if my life could really change at all?

All this earth; Could all that is lost ever be found Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

Chorus: You make beautiful things.

You make beautiful things out of the dust.

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.

All around; hope is springing up from this old ground. Out of chaos life is being found in You. *Chorus 2x*

You make me new, You are making me new. Repeat Chorus

CCLI Song # 5665521

"God So Loved"

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty,

Come to the well that never runs dry.

Drink of the water. Come and thirst no more.

Come all vou sinners; Come find His mercy;

Come to the table He will satisfy

Taste of His goodness. Find what you're looking for.

Chorus 1: For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

Chorus 2: For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever. The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well I'm walking in freedom For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God From whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him praise Him for the wonders of His love.

Repeat

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save.

Chorus 2

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world.

CCLI Song # 7169675

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17

Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: James 1:17-25

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Bibles to Three-Year Old Children

The Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to you alone. Lord, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone. Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The What and Why of Biblical Stewardship" Pastor Scott Grorud

Song "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine. Oh what a foretaste of glory divine.

Heir of salvation, purchase of God

Born of His Spirit and washed in His blood.

Chorus: This is my story this is my song.

Praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story this is my song.

Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blessed Watching and waiting, looking above.

Filled with His goodness and lost in His love. Chorus

My King is coming soon, He will roll the clouds away

Light of heaven bursting through. Oh what a glorious day. Repeat

My King is coming soon. He will roll the clouds away.

Light of heaven bursting through and until the glorious day. Chorus

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering: "King Of My Heart"

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run, the fountain I drink from. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life. Oh, He is my song.

Chorus: You are good, good, oh. (repeat 4x)

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails, the anchor in the waves. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days. Oh, He is my song.

Chorus

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (repeat 4x) Chorus

When the night is holding on to me God is holding on. (repeat)

CCLI Song # 7046145

Offertory Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune; Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The 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; and 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.

Benediction

Sending Song "My Lighthouse"

In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures, You won't walk out. You great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea. You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In my silence, You won't let go, in my questions, Your truth will hold. Your great love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea. You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus: My lighthouse, My lighthouse, Shining in the darkness, I will follow you. My Lighthouse, My lighthouse, I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore. Safe to shore. Safe to shore!

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. with each morning I'll rise and sing. My God's love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea. You are the peace in my troubled sea. Chorus

Fire before us You're the brightest, You will lead us through the storms.

Chorus
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