AS WE GATHER

Luke study, part 14

In our Luke study, we reach chapter 17. Pastor Jerry McNamara helps us to hear Jesus--as He gets closer to His cross--to be mindful of living our own lives with readiness and steadiness!

+ COME LET US WORSHIP +

PRESCHOOL ACCREDITATION CELEBRATION

LSB 389 LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD sts. 1, 4-7

- 1 Let all together praise our God
 - Before His glorious throne;
 - Today He opens heav'n again
 - To give us His own Son,
 - To give us His own Son.
- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,

Puts on our human frame,

And in return gives us His realm,

His glory, and His name,

His glory, and His name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord:

How great a mystery!

How strong the tender Christ Child's love!

No truer friend than He,

No truer friend than He.

He is the key and He the door
 To blessèd paradise;
 The angel bars the way no more.
 To God our praises rise,
 To God our praises rise.

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INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling and some of our actions and inactions even lead others to sin. We justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in

Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.

- P God is gracious and merciful. He hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Have Mercy On Me

1 Lamb of God You take away
The sin of the world
Lamb of God You take away
The sin of the world. CHORUS

Chorus

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
(Lord) Have mercy on me

Lamb of God I'm asking You
 To take away my sin
 I confess that I've done wrong
 I need Your help again. CHORUS

Chorus

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
(Lord) Have mercy on me

The precious blood of Jesus Christ Cleanses me from sin The precious blood of Jesus Christ Cleanses me from sin. **CHORUS**

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SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

- ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17 NIV

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

^{17:1} Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ² It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their

neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³ So watch yourselves.

- "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."
- ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"
- ⁶ He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.
- ⁷ "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸ Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"
- ¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"
- ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.
- ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.
- ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?
- ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."
- ²⁰ Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, ²¹ nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst."

²² Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. ²³ People will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. ²⁴ For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

²⁶ "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

²⁸ "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. ²⁹ But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

- ³⁰ "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹ On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything.
- ³² Remember Lot's wife! ³³ Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. ³⁴ I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. ³⁵ Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left."

³⁷ "Where, Lord?" they asked.

He replied, "Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

LSB 857 LORD, HELP US WALK YOUR SERVANT WAY

1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead

- And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.
- You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside. You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.
- You bid us bend our human pride
 Nor count ourselves above
 The lowest place, the meanest task
 That waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.

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MESSAGE: THE READY, NO-EXCUSES LIFE Luke study, part 14

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN LSB 528

sts. 1–2, 4, 6–7

- Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!
- My gracious Master and my God,
 Assist me to proclaim,
 To spread through all the earth abroad,
 The honors of Thy name.
- He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
 He sets the pris'ner free.
 His blood can make the foulest clean;
 His blood avails for me.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.
- To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

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OUR PRAYERS

+ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER +

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My

→ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

LSB 850 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,On Your people pour Your pow'r;
 - Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
 - Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.
- Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness;
 Bend our pride to Your control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.

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LSB 763 WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

ref It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
 - That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate

 And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **Refrain**
- He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,
 Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain
- And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
 Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

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BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.

LSB 924 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
 Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 Let us each, Your love possessing,
 Triumph in redeeming grace.
 O refresh us; O refresh us,
 Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.

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