

New Hope Lutheran Church
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 17, 2023



*But seek first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.*

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**NEW HOPE IS A CONGREGATION GATHERED AROUND CHRIST
WE RECEIVE HIS FORGIVENESS IN WORD AND SACRAMENT;
WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED AND RISEN;
WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

Wel come to New Hope Lutheran Church

We're glad you've joined us as we gather to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation! As you prepare for the Divine Service, you are invited to pray the prayers inside the front cover of your hymnal and read the communion statement on page 8.

A Note on the Hymns and Liturgy: *All hymns are sung by the congregation (unless otherwise indicated). The music and text for the hymns can be found below and in your pew hymnal. **Large print bulletins and hymnals are available in the narthex outside the double doors of the sanctuary.***

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3



Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*

for to you do I cry | all the day.

Gladden the soul of your | servant,*

for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*

listen to my | plea for grace.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,*

turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;

give your strength to your | servant,*

and save the son of your maid- | servant.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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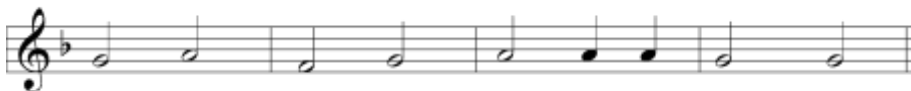
for to you do I cry | all the day.

Kyrie

LSB 186



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

Psalm 118:8-9



It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to | trust in man.

**It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to trust in | princes.**

Epistle

Galatians 5:25—6:10

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Verse of the Day

Psalms 95:1

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Alleluia

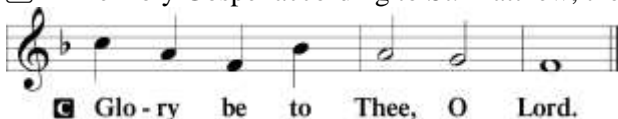
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:24–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.



²⁴[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for 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 God and money.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering (*Offerings placed in the plates at the sanctuary doors will be carried forward at this time. Plates will still be available near the sanctuary doors for those who wish to offer their gifts to the Lord following the service.*)

Prayer of the Church (*After every "...let us pray to the Lord," the Congregation responds, "Lord, have mercy."*)

Service of the Sacrament

God's Word states that in the Lord's Supper Jesus offers His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28), that partaking of this Supper together is a confession of our unity in faith (1 Cor. 10:16–17) and that the body and blood of Jesus can be received to one's harm (1 Cor. 11:27–32). Out of love for those who commune, New Hope Lutheran Church communes only those who

- 1. Have been taught and examined in the Christian faith,*
- 2. Confess their sins and trust in Christ for forgiveness,*
- 3. Have made a public confession of their agreement with us in this one Scriptural faith through membership in this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).*
- 4. Have spoken with the pastor prior to the service regarding communion.*

If you are not a communicant member of New Hope or another LCMS congregation, you are invited to come up for a blessing; please cross your arms during the distribution.

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

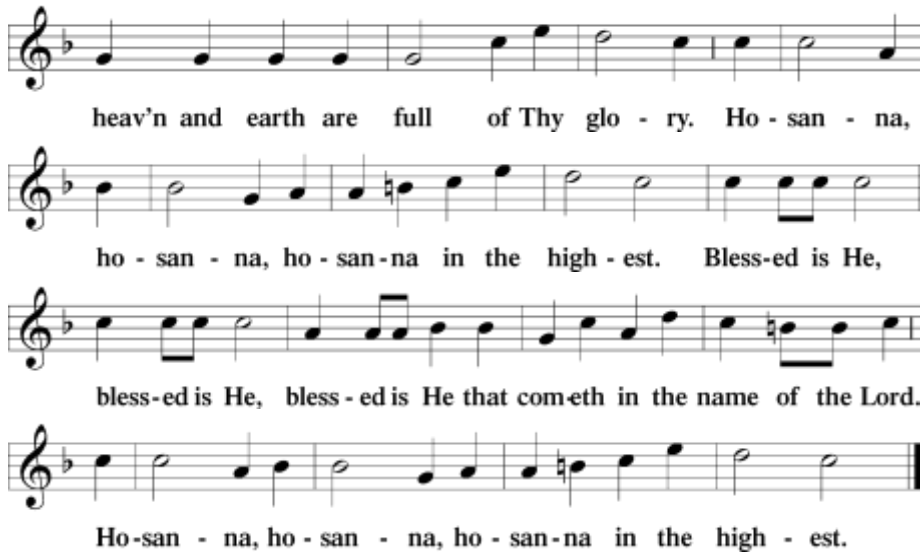
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

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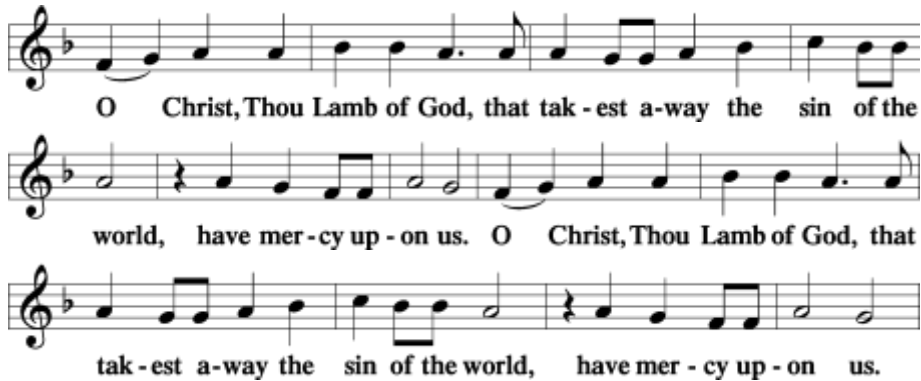
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



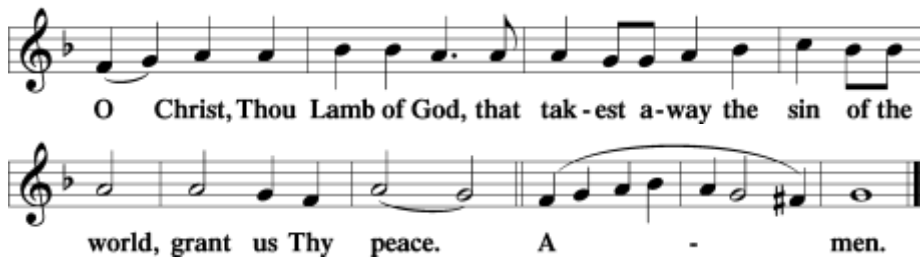
A - men.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution Hymns: 750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

726 Evening and Morning

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

797 Praise the Almighty

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart: 505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay (*Sing only the three verses that begin with print in italics*)



New Hope News and Notes



September 10, 2023 Stewardship

Giving: General Fund: \$2,673 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,966)
Mortgage: \$500 (Remaining Debt: \$15,036)
Sunday Attendance: 52 (Divine Service). Bible Study: 11

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 17	Catechesis, 11:30 am Service at Ossian Health Care, 1 pm
Wednesday, September 20	Bible Study, 7:30 am (Wells Co. Courthouse) Adult Catechesis, 8:15 am Bible Study, 7 pm
Sunday, September 24	Tanzania Mission Presentation, 8:45 am Divine Service, 10:00 am Lunch and presentation on work in Tanzania by Rev. Peter Brock, 11:30 am

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Birthdays: Tristan Bauermeister – Sep. 23.

Anniversaries: Anthony and Christina Book, Sep. 17; John and Karen Peck – Sep. 19; Abraham and Kari Wallis – Sep. 23.

Military: Denver Burkley (grandson of Joey Septer), Ethan Bearman (cousin of Randy Buuck), Grayson Smith (brother of Graham Smith).

Members and catechumens of our congregation: Marilyn Kimmel, Leona Meyer, Nancy Small, Marjorie Johnson, Don Milholland, Janet Fuller, John Hartup, Carol Schumacher, Chris Alfeld, Bryce Bowman, David Hoopengardner, John Peck, Lori Bauermeister, Kim Steckbeck.

Friends and family of the members of our congregation: Susan Gaines; Alice Jacobs; Makenzie Webb (granddaughter of Carol Schumacher); Robin Graham (friend of Randy and Diana Buuck); Don Hockemeyer (friend of Dara Phillips); Lynne Kuzeff (sister-in-law of Jeani Klaus); Charles Brown (brother of Sue Hansen); Joanna Daniel (Niece of John and Karen Peck); Linda Strait (friend of Diane Garrett); Karen Gerbers (friend of Jeani Klaus); Casey (niece of Janet Speed); Lucas Rielsh (nephew of Bonnie Brandewie); Molly Mischler (friend of Sue Hansen), Peg Buuck; Donald Hoopengardner (brother of David Hoopengardner); Cory and Abby (nephew and niece of Kim Steckbeck), Diana Showalter (cousin of Lea Ann Johnson), Tonya.

LIFE THOUGHT – Trinity XV - Our God Jesus has set us free from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He also gives us the gift of dependence, to depend upon Him in faith and on one another in love and service (Galatians 6:2). Rather than diminishing our humanity, mutual dependence dignifies it. *Lord Jesus, help me to depend upon You with Your people and defend those who depend upon me. Amen.* – *A Life Thought from Lutherans For Life* • *lutheransforlife.org* “*Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help.* word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.”

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT - Trinity XV - Matthew 6:25 – “**Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.**” Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father. He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.

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PRAYER REQUEST/ANNOUNCEMENT COMMUNICATION – We have a new way to communicate regarding updates and prayer requests. On the table outside the sanctuary double doors, you will find two trays; one tray has forms and envelope for prayer requests/updates and the other has forms and an envelope for bulletin/newsletter/website updates and announcements.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED to teach Bible stories and review memory work from 8:45 to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. Please sign up in the gym.

THANK YOU to all those who donated time and resources to our Ossian Days booth this year!

SEPT. 24 MERCY AND MISSION IN TANZANIA – Join us during Bible study and for lunch after church to hear from Rev. Peter Brock on efforts to preach the Gospel and rescue albino children from bodily harm in Tanzania. Pastor Brock will also preach in the Divine Service that day.

SEPT. 24 CARRY-IN LUNCH – Following the service next Sunday, please join us for lunch and a presentation by Rev. Peter Brock. If you are able, please bring a side dish and/or dessert for the meal. The main course will be provided by the Mary Martha Guild.

SEPT. 24 SILENT AUCTION – In order to raise funds for mission and mercy work in Tanzania, the Mary Martha Guild will also hold a silent auction on September 24. If you are able to donate items to the silent auction, please leave them in the church office this week.

OCT. 1 PORK CHOP DINNER. Drive through 11 to 1 at Lighted Gardens. Cost: \$14.00. Includes smoked pork chop, baked potato, green beans, and roll. **Place your orders by Sunday, Sept. 24** with Pat Meyer 260-227-0400 or Cheryl Louison 260-414-5526.

OCT. 11 – “WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?” CLASS BEGINS - In the Bible, God gives us answers to life's most important questions. This class will offer a defense of the Bible and Christian faith, address common misconceptions about the Bible, and lay out what the Bible says about various topics. This class is for anyone interested in asking questions about the content of God's Word. Please join us on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm beginning October 11 and invite a friend!

SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:

September 17

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend

Organist: Amy Schueler

Elder: Terry Bauermeister

Altar Guild: Bonnie Brandewie

Coffee Hour:

Sound: Randy Buuck

Ushers: John Peck and Tad Steckbeck

Greeters: Sue Hansen and Bonnie Brandewie

September 24 - *Lord willing*

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend

Preacher: Rev. Peter Brock

Organist:

Elder: Tony Bauermeister

Altar Guild: Sue Hansen

Coffee Hour: Carry-in lunch

Sound: Erik Schlemmer

Ushers: Larry and Theodore Burfiend

Greeters: Amanda Branstrator,
Carol Schumacher

From Martin Luther's Sermon for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Matthew 6:24-34

15. ...For it is not forbidden to have money and possessions, as we cannot get along without them. Abraham, Lot, David, Solomon and others had great possessions and much gold, and at the present day there are many wealthy persons who are pious, in spite of their riches. But it is one thing to have possessions and another to serve them; to have mammon, and to make a god out of it. Job also was wealthy, he had great possessions and was more powerful than all who lived in the East, as we read in the first part of the book of Job: yet he says, in Job 31:24-25: "If I have made gold my hope, and said to the fine gold, 'Thou art my confidence;' have I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because my hand had gotten much?"

16. The sum of all is, it is God's will that we serve not gold and riches, and that we be not over-anxious for our life; but that we labor and commend our anxiety to Him. Whoever possesses riches is lord of the riches. Whoever serves them, is their slave and does not possess them, but they possess him; for he dare not make use of them when he desires, and cannot serve others with them; yea, he is not bold enough to touch it. However, is he lord over his riches, then they serve him, and he does not serve them; then he dare use them, as Abraham, David, Job and other rich persons, and he casts his care only upon God, as St. Paul teaches in 1 Cor. 7:32.

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