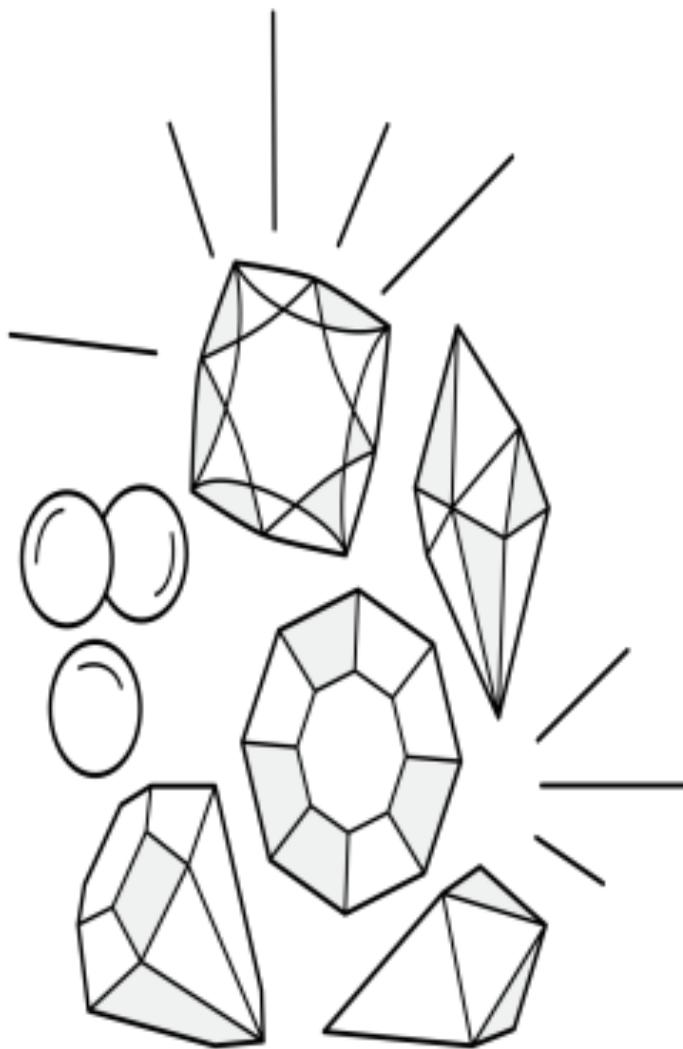


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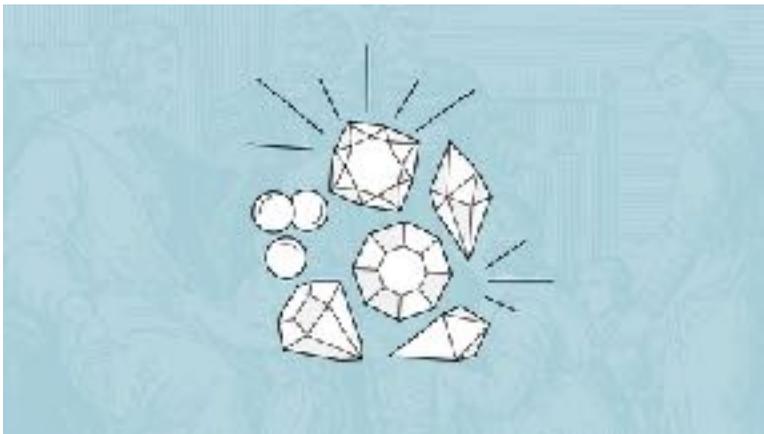


Tenth Sunday in Pentecost
August 9, 2020

**Christ the Rock's Mission:
To grow in faith and boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen
to all people of the Four Corners.**

SERIES THEME: Ministry Basics

Sometimes it helps to go back to the basics. Clear our brains and focus on the essentials. In this series we switch from an emphasis on the life and actions of Jesus to the teachings of Jesus for the life of the church. In this series of teachings from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus opens the Scriptures to help us to take his teaching to heart. We realize what it means to be his disciples and concentrate on our calling to serve Him in loving response.



SERVICE THEME: God Treasures You

God in heaven has blessed us in untold ways. Take a moment to consider just how many blessings you have. Chances are that most of what you considered was temporal, that is, for this life only. More important than all that, certainly, is our salvation in Christ Jesus, the only blessing that offers us an assurance of life eternal. This blessing is ours through the precious Word of God alone.

+ DIVINE SERVICE +

OPENING HYMN

“What Is The World to Me” *Christian Worship # 477*



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt-ed
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon-ored by the
3 The world seeks af-ter wealth And all that mon-ey
4 What is the world to me! My Je-sus is my



plea-sure When you, and you a-lone, Lord
might-y, Yet nev-er once re-flects That
of-fers, Yet nev-er is con-tent Though
treasure, My life, my health, my wealth, My



Je-sus, are my trea-sure! You on-ly, dear-est
they are frail and flight-y. But what I tru-ly
gold should fill its cof-fers, I have a high-er
friend, my love, my plea-sure, My joy, my crown, my



Lord, My soul's de-light shall be; You are my
prize A-bove all things is he; My Je-sus,
good; Con-tent with it I'll be; My Je-sus
all, My bliss e-ter-nal-ly. Once more then



peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
he a-lone. What is the world to me!
is my wealth— What is the world to me!
I de-clare: What is the world to me!

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

Solomon asks for a discerning heart

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but

for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28-30

God controls all things for our ultimate benefit

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

M: The Gospel according to Matthew, the Thirteenth Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

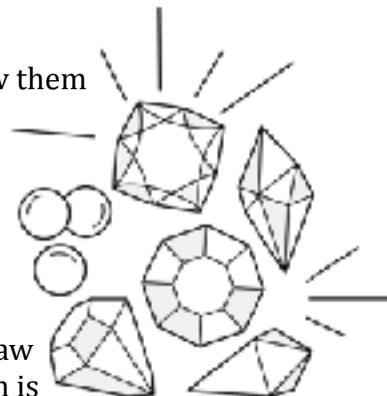
⁴⁷ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will

be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.



M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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.

Refrain



Where your treas-ure is, there your heart shall be.



All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you



free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from



me. Where your treas-ure is, your heart shall be.

- 1 What do you gain from all your worry,
 What you should eat or what to wear?
 There is no peace in stress or hurry.
 Do you not know that you are held within God's care?

Refrain

- 2 Look at the ravens high above you,
 They do not work their whole life through,
 And yet God feeds them and protects them.
 So how much more will God protect and care for you?

Refrain

- 3 Behold the lilies in their splendor,
 In grace and beauty they are dressed,
 And yet so soon their bloom is faded.
 So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?

Refrain

- 4 O little flock, do not be frightened;
 Yours is the kingdom of the Lord,
 Give your possessions to the needy;
 Obtain a treasure in God's heaven safely stored.

Refrain

OFFERING

Please visit ChristTheRockLutheran.com and click on "Online Giving" to give an offering.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be"
Christian Worship # 469, s. 1-4

- 1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from the.**
- 4. Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**