

October 17, 2021  
21st Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00 am Service  
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He who loves money  
will not be satisfied  
with money

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20



## Welcome to Worship / Announcements

### Opening Song

### First Reading

### Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual****Psalm 91:11; 103:1**

He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
all that is within me, bless his holy  
name!

**Epistle Reading****Hebrews 4:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>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.”

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

**Epistle Reading—Continued**

**Hebrews 4:1-16**

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## Holy Gospel

### Mark 10:23-31

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>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! <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?"

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you."

<sup>29</sup>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, <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 again from the dead,  
he ascended into heaven and  
sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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

*You may be seated*

## Sermon Song

### Sermon

“Christ...The Path To True Prosperity”

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Notes

## Offering

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we are**

**by nature sinful and unclean.**

**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.**

**We justly deserve**

**Your present and eternal punishment.**

**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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### 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.”*

### The Lord's Prayer

Matt 6:9-13

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.

## Passing of the Peace

### Distribution

## Post-Communion Blessing

### Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor  
and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

### Closing Song

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**May the Lord be with you  
on your homeward way**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Messiah Open House - Today**

From 3 - 6 PM today, enjoy some food and drink as Messiah hosts an Open House.  
334 Old Farm Ln S, Prattville, AL 36066

### **LWML Meeting - Date change**

*Wed, Oct 20* this month - 6:30 pm  
Come join us in the fellowship hall.  
*Open to all ladies of St. Paul*

### **Fall Work Day**

Sat 23 Oct 8:00 am—Noon. Lunch provided.  
Time to spruce up the inside and outside.

### **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Now through November 14. Available in the Narthex. We are aiming to get 100 children a box this year.

### **Youth Group Parent Meeting**

Sun Oct 24 4-6 pm. This will be an info meeting for all parents of youth considering National Youth Gathering 2022

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Reality in Truth**

Fri, 29 Oct - Feeding the homeless

#### **Reformation/ Oktoberfest**

Oct 31 (LWML sponsored)

Check out the Calendar:

<https://www.stpaulmontgomery.org/calendar>

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