



Altar Copy

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's Gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our comforter:

C **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the Earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves and to love all of your creation as our own. Amen.**

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C **Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN:

God Will Take Care of You 90

He cares for those who take refuge in Him. Nahum 1:7

1. Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
 2. Thro' days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
 3. No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

Be - neath His wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.
 When dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.
 Lean, wea - ry one, up - on His breast, God will take care of you.

Chorus

God will take care of you, Thro' ev-'ry day, o'er all the way;

He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

WORDS: Civilla D. Martin
 MUSIC: W. Stillman Martin

GOD CARES
 8.6.8.6.(C.M.) with Chorus

GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

RESPONSIVE READING

- P** For peace in the World, for the health of the Church, for the unity of all,
C **for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,**
- P** That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
C **that we may live out truth and justice and grace,**
- P** for peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,
C **for life and for love, for work and our play,**
- P** for your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,
C **that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord.**

THIS IS THE FEAST



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Amos 5: 6-15

Please be seated.

L A reading from Amos.

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins —
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD,

the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 90: 12-17

Read responsively.

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4: 12-16

L A reading from Hebrews.

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore, we can approach the throne of Grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

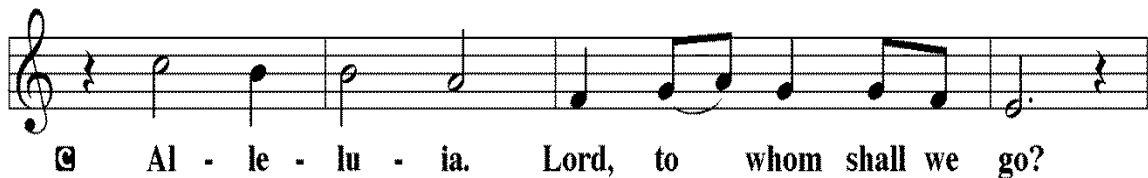
¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL: Mark 10: 17-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: (LORD I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN MY HEART)

Please stand as you are able. Sing only verses 1, 3, and 4.

457 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
 Irregular

APOSTLES' CREED

A Join me in confessing our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into Heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the Church, the world, and the whole creation.

Silence for reflection.

A Compassionate God, embolden the Church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the World.

God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Steadfast God, inspire World leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace.

God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely Michael, Niki, Aurora, Braxton and those we hold in our hearts. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land especially the Darby Plains Tribe, Shawnee, and other Indigenous tribes. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people.

God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in the death and resurrection of Jesus. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SHALOM

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THANKS

Please remain standing

P Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen.**



DIALOGUE

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

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
(Preface is in the pocket of the Pastor's binder.)



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus **took bread**, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he **took the cup**, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

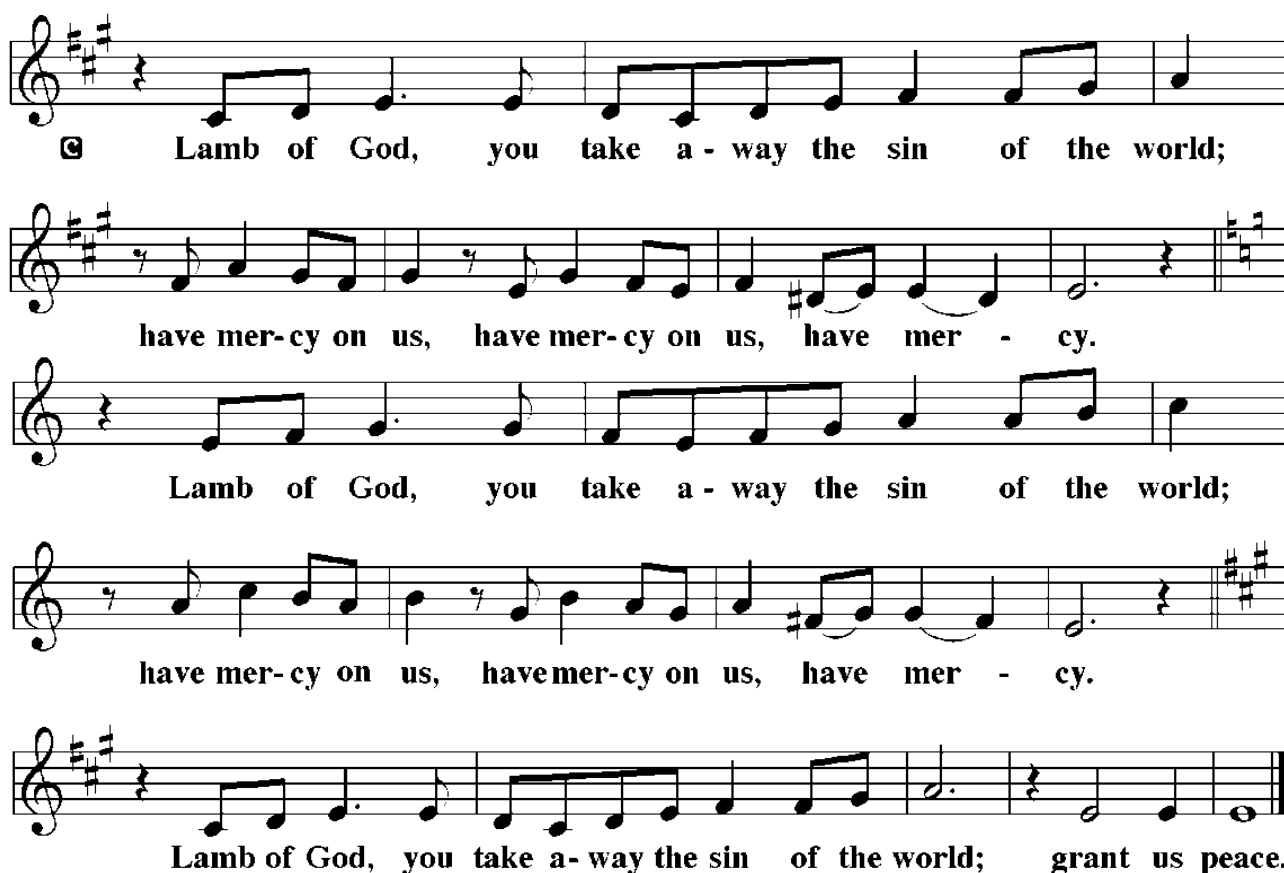
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray the prayer you taught us:

C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION HYMN



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen**

BLESSING

- P** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our lives and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our body, our soul, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. God the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit watch over us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace.
- C** **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: (HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW)

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His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Unison

1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,

Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,
 and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,

when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
 though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:
 I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:

his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;

WORDS: Civilla Martin (1866-1948)
 MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932)

SPARROW
 Irregular

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God. *We go out--Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God's Grace, Reaching out with Christ's love. Amen!*

(The words in italics are Zion's mission statement.)

POSTLUDE

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Serving during worship this week:

Presider: Jon Meister

Lector:

Musician(s): Jerry Gossett

Food fund donations:

Serving during worship next week:

Presider: Jon Meister

Lector:

Musician(s): Jerry Gossett

Food fund donations:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our guests and visitors this morning. Please take a moment to speak with Jon, Jerry, or Louise before you leave. All Baptized persons, at Christ's invitation, are welcome to commune.

CONTACT THE PASTOR

Communications requesting pastoral care should be made directly to Pastor Larry Baker, (614) 257-8560.

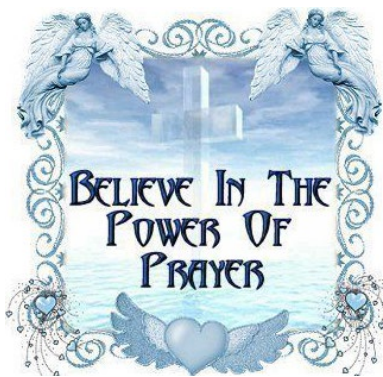


SUNDAY DISCUSSIONS BEFORE CHURCH We have Sunday morning Bible discussions every Sunday before Church. We meet at 9:45 each week.

Please come and join our lively discussion. Bring your Bible and your favorite morning beverage with you if you wish. We are beginning a discussion of the Holy Trinity based upon a paper written by Alex Meister. Be sure to get in on the ground floor.

FINDING US ON THE INTERNET Some of you may know that the church has a wonderful website that was designed by Susie Taylor. She does a wonderful job updating it every week. Susie also has her own page on Facebook that I have referred to on several occasions. There are many items on her site that are great for thoughts of the day. It is *Stix-N-Stonez*. Check it out. However a new blogger on the scene is Alex Meister. Find him at "christianameister.wixsite.com/blog". Alex has posted many of his essays on different topics relating to Christianity. Some we have discussed in our Sunday Bible Studies. I invite you to check out both of these Facebook sites. Then come to Bible Study and discuss your feelings.

PRAYERS



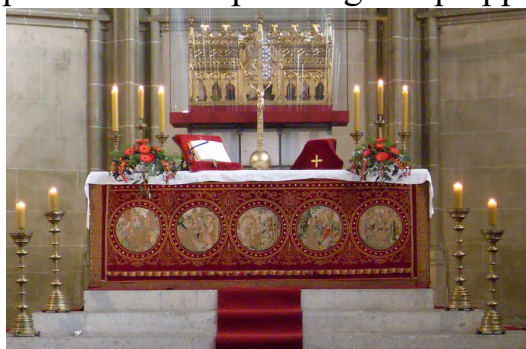
We are praying for Michael Koch, who has been fighting for a lifetime; Nicole Biler Robinette, (Tim's daughter). She is on the transplant list for a new heart. We pray that this will happen soon. Tim says that she is in good spirits. Keep her; her husband, Stephen; and her parents and family in your prayers.

Please keep these people in your prayers as well: Michael Koch; Mike and Donna Toy, and all of those who are suffering from diseases or other health issues and their families. Please remember all of our shut-ins and sick, especially Arlene Castor. Maybe send a card or something to let them know they are being remembered.

The address for Michael and the Koch family is 224 West Romany Loop, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. You can get updates from Linda at www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid Keep all of the Koch's in your prayers

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 20TH, 27TH we will be worshipping at the Senior Center due to the Fall Festival. If you have not seen how the Community Center is transformed you should check it out. They spend 6 months planning and prepping for this extravaganza.



OCTOBER 27TH is Dedication Sunday. We will be decorating in red. I hope that you all can find a little red to wear as well. We will be remembering Martin Luther's brave stand against the Catholic Church. We will be doing all of this at the Senior Center. We will make it work.

OCTOBER 31ST is Halloween. It was mostly a reminder to prepare for the next day, All Saints Day, which we will celebrate on November 3rd.

NOVEMBER 3RD is of special importance is November 3rd, which will be the last Sunday before the National Election. It will also be *All Saints Sunday*, I hope that we are all prayerfully considering all of the candidates and who will be the best for our country.

NOVEMBER 10TH we will celebrate Veterans' Day, it would be lovely if all of our veterans could all bring a picture of yourself or a family member to place on the altar for the service. In my opinion the greatest God moments are the ones that our veterans might share. Think of a story about yourself or someone you know to share with us.

NOVEMBER 17TH we will celebrate Holy Communion. We are so lucky to have the Lord be willing to sacrifice his life that we may live in eternal happiness with the Father.

NOVEMBER 24TH we will celebrate Thankoffering Sunday. Traditionally it has been a service that was done by the women of the congregation. Since we are small but mighty, I would invite all of our congregation to contribute to this collection. It will go to the Lutheran agencies to be used to help others.

This is also the last Sunday of the Church year. Next week we will be starting Advent. I hope that you are all getting ready to receive the special gift of the birth of our Lord.

I FEEL BAD FOR THIS GUY, ALL HE WANTS IS AN ANSWER.



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YEAH, BUT HE'S ASKING THE WRONG QUESTION.



A BETTER QUESTION WOULD BE ...



HOW DO I INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE AND KEEP ALL MY STUFF?



MARK 10:17-31

NO!



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