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Not Impossible

The man who approaches Jesus in today's gospel had followed all God's laws since his youth. He had done all that was expected of him. But he wondered: What else did he need to do to inherit eternal life?

Jesus's answer almost seems like a cruel joke. All the young man had to do was sell his possessions, give the money away, leave his home—meaning his family and his very way of life—and follow Jesus. It's enough to make one wonder if the young man walked away feeling hopeless. He had already done everything he was supposed to do—what more could Jesus possibly expect from him?

Peter argues that the disciples have already done what Jesus has just told the man to do. The disciples have left their belongings, their livelihoods, and their families to follow Jesus. What more could Jesus possibly want from them?

As God's beloveds, we give our time, our talents, and our treasures to the church, so what more could Jesus possibly want from us? Are we lacking? The man's possessions prevented him from following Christ. He lacked the willingness to put God ahead of everything else in his life. What Jesus wants, more than anything else, is for us to put service to God ahead of everything else in our lives. To love God with all our hearts, minds, bodies, and souls.

This may not sound like good news. It may sound impossible. But our God does not leave us hopeless and despairing in our lack—our lack of faith, our lack of action, our lack of love for others. Jesus tells the disciples and us, "For God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27). God already loves us. We have already inherited eternal life. There's no joke here, only God's boundless grace.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 2018

Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre- Service Music

Land of Milk and Honey

Grace Notes

J.C. Dane

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

All Are Welcome

ELW 641 (red book)

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

P Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

A We cannot live by ourselves.

C **God, be near us and lift us up.**

P You will be God's witnesses

C **to the ends of the earth.**

A Lo, I will be with you always,

C **to the end of time.**

P Let us realize that God embraces us and leads us

C **through the Holy Spirit.**

Hymn of Praise

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Let us pray, Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith.
- Ⓑ **Forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, may we follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Special Music

Clapper Kids - 2nd Service

Long Will I Serve You

Clapper Kids

K. Mitchell

Song of Praise

Clapper Kids

J.C. Dane

This Little Light of Mine

Grace Notes

Arr. J.A. Behnke

Sit

First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

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.

Ⓙ A reading from **Amos**:

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.

☐ Lord God, your Word is a lamp to our feet,

☑ **we give you thanks and praise.**

So teach us to num - ber our
 days that we may ap - ply our hearts to wis - dom.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff shows a continuation of the melody with some rests and a final double bar line.

Psalm 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to num- | ber 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 af- | flicted us
 and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your ser- | vants 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; pros- | per our handiwork.** ☒

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

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.

☐ A reading from **Hebrews**:

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.

☐ Lord God, your Word is a lamp to our feet,

☑ **we give you thanks and praise.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

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.

☐ The Holy Gospel, according to **Mark**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷As [Jesus] 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.”²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”²¹ Jesus, 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.”²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”²⁴ And 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.”²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹ Jesus 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,³⁰ who 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.”³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Children’s Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of the Day

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

☞ Longing for God’s will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

☞ Almighty God, holy and righteous, cut our hearts open by your living word. Break down our pride and self-assurance, and transform us by your gentle mercy. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death, and guide the faith of our bishops and

congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches Immanuel Lutheran Church of Suttons Bay, Hickory Corners Wesleyan Church; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Lord in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A Bless workers who clear fields to prepare for the barren season to come. Bring the harvest of your creation to completion, even as we look forward to the blossoming of new life. Lord in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A Exercise and establish your true justice in courtrooms, in prisons, and in neighborhoods. Guide those who manage great wealth to do so with generosity and compassion. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks) and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).* Lord in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A Pour out favor this day upon those who are afflicted and feel far removed from you. Send them companions who will show them you are ever near. We pray especially for *Corrina Palmer, Julissa Jaiman, the family of Ryan Rock, Karl Golnek and family, Larry Hansen, Delmer Hansen, Mary Jane Hayner, Alice Bailey, Teresa (rehab), Wendy Eifler, Cindy Benedict, Miller family, Keith and Carolyn Moffit, Tim Lowe, Colleen Endsley, Ellie Clark, Lexi Markwart, Bill Pontius and John Glasgow.* Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A Build up relationships among people of different beliefs and backgrounds. Use the cooperation between this congregation and others in our community to reveal your goodness. Lord in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Lord in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A Gather us with all the saints whom you have made righteous in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through him give us all the gifts of your kingdom and life eternal. Lord in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

P Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

☞ Amen.

Offering of Gifts and Music

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

Bells – 1st Service

Arr. M.L. Thompson

Wind Chimes

Bells – 2nd Service

K. Mitchell

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill out a Participation card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday morning. After the usher passes your pew, you are invited to drop your coins in the metal bowl at the front of the nave. These gifts are sent to Barry County Cares.

Stand as you are able.

Offering Song

Create in Me

ELW 187

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 your pres - ence, and take not your
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

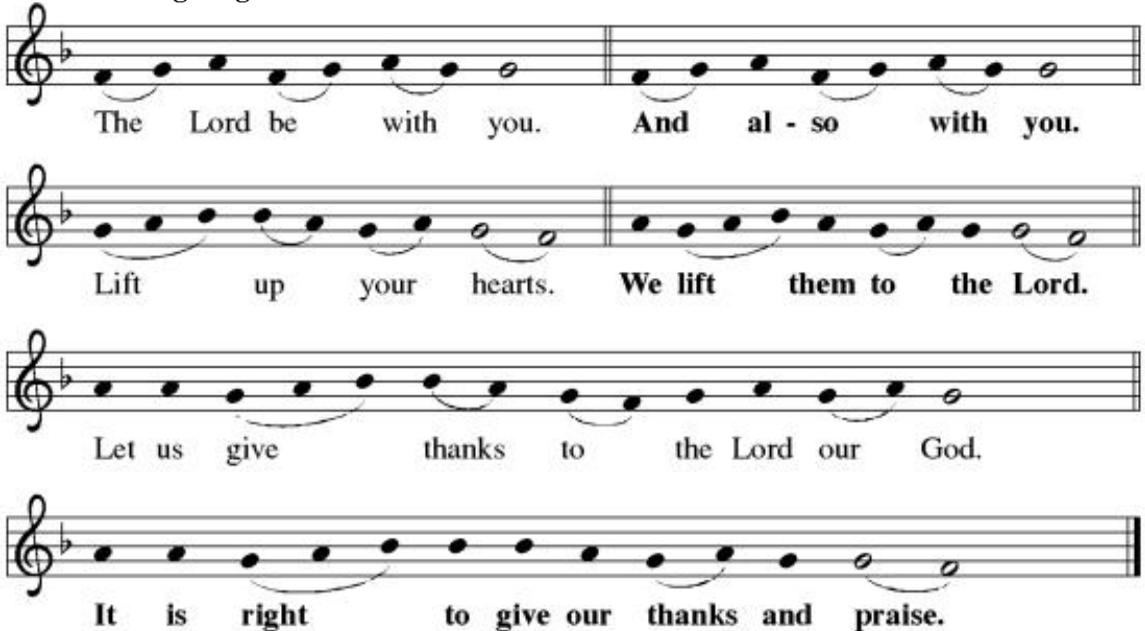
Offering Prayer

- A** Let us pray . . . God of every generation, we offer you our songs of praise and thanksgiving.
C We bring you these tokens of our talents and our lives. Help us to use our gifts so that justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen

Sharing the Peace of God

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.
(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Great Thanksgiving



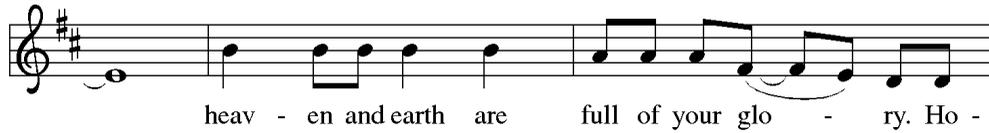
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

☐ 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ Remembering, therefore, Christ's 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.**

☐ By this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

☑ **Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen**

Lord's Prayer

☞ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☞ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

☞ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.



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



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



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



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



We Come To the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW 464

Come to the Table

ELW 481

Prayer after Communion

- A** O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.
- C** **By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be Christ's body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Congregational announcements

Stand

Blessing

- P** God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you all, now and always.
- C** **Amen.**

Sending Song

We Are Called

ELW 720

Children and adult are invited to come up for a closer look at the bells and chimes during the final song. Your participation is encouraged and welcomed.

Postlude

Spirit Lake

Grace Notes – 1st Service

J.C. Dane

Tranquil Chiming

Clapper Kids – 2nd Service

S. Eithun

Dismissal

- A** Surrounded by God's people of every time and place, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 14th	Worship Services 8:00 and 10:45 am Memorial / Funeral Planning Class 9:30 am Children's Church 10:45 am Bells Ring Crop Walk 1:30 – 4 pm
Monday, October 15th	Social Activities Mtg. 6:00 pm
Wednesday, October 17th	Council Mtg 6:00 pm
Thursday, October 18th	Clapper Kids 3:45 pm Grace Notes 5:45 pm

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chris Bush	Mark Anton
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Vickey Argo
Lector	Chris Bush	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Hope Peck
Usher	Tom & Cheryl Drumm	Joe Longcor & Gwen Hansen
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Tom & Cheryl Drumm	John & Mary Kleinbrink
Children's Church		Tom & Cheryl Drumm
Table Guild –	Jeanette Ulrich & Mary Kleinbrink	
Bread Maker –	Jeanette Markwart	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, October 21, 2018

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Jack Vos	Kate Watson
Lector	John Burdick	Kristi Winick
Communion Server	Jana Bishop	Laura Scheck
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Clyde Watson
Usher	Mark & Jana Bishop	Ed & Luke Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Mark & Jana Bishop	Deb Wilke
Children's Church		Amy & Phil Poholski
Table Guild –	Jeanette Ulrich & Mary Kleinbrink	
Bread Maker –	Jeanette Markwart	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 80 Weekly Giving: \$5,456.00 Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Barry County Cares sent a thank you note for recent donations of \$119.98.

Noisy Offering to benefit Barry county Cares will be collected today.

A Pre-Funeral or Memorial Class will be held during the 9:30 am hour. Adult Forum will resume next Sunday, as we study what the word apostle means and how our God really does care for each one of us.

Bells Ring Today we hear the beautiful sounds of two wonderful bell choirs. The Clapper Kids and Grace Notes will play to the glory of God.

CROP Hunger Walk –Today: Come walk with us in the CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to fight hunger in our community and around the world. We'll start and end at EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL 315 W Center St, Hastings. Registration starts at 1:30 and the Walk starts at 2:00. See SIGN UP BOARD or Kim Domke for more information and how to walk or donate to CROP.

Trunk or Treat Volunteers: Wednesday, October 31st from 5:30-8:00 pm. Sign up on the list posted on the board in the Gathering Room. Volunteers are needed for host “treat rooms”, make and serve popcorn and cider, count attendance, and helpers to keep candy bowls filled. Candy donations may be placed in the basket provided by the sign-up board.

Hastings Area Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on November 18, 2018 at Grace Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome!

Middle School Youth Group: We are pleased to offer Youth Group for grades 5-7 beginning next Sunday evening!! The group will be meeting from 6-7:30 here at Grace and we hope to see lots our young people enjoying this opportunity! The **High School Youth Group** is also scheduled for the same time.

The Youth and Family Committee Meeting is being changed for the month of October. Instead of meeting Oct 23rd at 6:30 they will be meeting Oct 30th, still at 6:30.