



Following In Jesus' Steps

Grace Lutheran Church
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Following in Jesus' Footsteps

Treasure True Riches

We value lots of things, especially when they can be taken away from us so quickly: freedoms, financial peace, family, health... but above them all is a kingdom of treasure that cannot be taken away, that brings joy and life – the kingdom that is ours in Christ. Today is the last of our sermon series from Matthew's Gospel. May you learn again to follow in Jesus' footsteps, cherishing what is truly valuable.



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STAND

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: Amen. (spoken)

Psalm 5:3

M: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice.

C: in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Daniel 9:18

M: We do not make requests of you because we are righteous,

C: But because of your great mercy.

Psalm 90:17

M: May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;

C: establish the word of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.

Psalm 119:175

M: Let me live that I may praise you,

C: and may your laws sustain me.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Your Kingdom O God (#755)

**1 Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure,
My pearl of incomp'able worth.
Its value exceeds ev'ry standard of measure,
Surpassing the wealth of the earth.
Lord, give me your grace and the pow'r of the Spirit
To value this treasure aright
That, never allured by the world, I inherit
Your kingdom of glory and light.**

**2 Your kingdom, O God, is alive with the power
Your Word and your Spirit bestow.
Like yeast, they affect the whole measure of flour,
Enabling your kingdom to grow.**

**Empower me, Lord, as I live your commission,
Though humble my service may be,
And bring ev'ry planting to perfect fruition,
A mustard seed grown to a tree.**

**3 Your kingdom, O God, is a field for the growing
Of seeds that your mercy has sown,
But still in our midst is the enemy sowing
The weeds that imperil your own.
Sustain me, O Lord, till your day of returning
And harvest me homeward at last,
To shine in the homeland that quiets all yearning,
Where sorrow and danger are past.**

Based on Jesus' parables in Matthew 13, this hymn expresses the Christian's great joy in discovering the glorious and eternal treasures that only the gospel of forgiveness offers.

SERMON LESSON

Matthew 13:44-46,51-52

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.

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."

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day

also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you.
Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy
angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

HYMN

Jesus, Priceless Treasure (#349)

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide thee, Naught I ask beside thee.

- 2 In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, tho' sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

- 4 Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure; Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss Or shame or cross
Shall not from my Savior move me Since he deigns to love me.

PRAYER

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.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from evil; may Christ
drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may

Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

**5 Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!**

CALENDAR

No Thursday Bible Study

Sunday worship –online – NEW SERMON SERIES – Elijah's God is My God Too!



New SERMON SERIES next week:

ELIJAH's GOD is MY GOD TOO

Next Sunday: My Provider