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Opening Hymn #413 I Walk in Danger All the Way

- 1. I walk in danger all the way.
 The thought shall never leave me
 That Satan, who has marked his prey,
 Is plotting to deceive me.
 This foe with hidden snares
 May seize me unawares
 If e'er I fail to watch and pray.
 I walk in danger all the way.
- 2. I pass through trials all the way,
 With sin and ills contending;
 In patience I must bear each day
 The cross of God's own sending.
 Oft in adversity
 I know not where to flee;
 When storms of woe my soul dismay,
 I pass through trials all the way.
- 3. Death doth pursue me all the way, Nowhere I rest securely; He comes by night, he comes by day, And takes his prey most surely. A failing breath, and I In death's strong grasp may lie To face eternity for aye.

Death dost pursue me all the way.

- 4. I walk with angels all the way,
 They shield me and befriend me;
 All Satan's power is held at bay
 When heavenly hosts attend me;
 They are my sure defense,
 All fear and sorrow, hence!
 Unharmed by foes, do what they may,
 I walk with angels all the way.
- 5. I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me; Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's power assails me; And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread. In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.
- 6. My walk is heavenward all the way; Await my soul, the morrow, When thou shalt find release for aye From all thy sin and sorrow. All worldly pomp, begone! To heaven I now press on. For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heavenward all the way.

Invocation

P We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C JAmen.

Confession & Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C JWho made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C JAnd Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P & C O most merciful God, who has given Thine onlybegotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C JAmen.

Introit

P: Let your steadfast love comfort me

C: according to your promise to your servant.

P: Your hands have made and fashioned me;

C: give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

P: Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,

C: because I have hoped in your word.

P: I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous,

C: and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

P: Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;

C: for your law is my delight.

P: Let your steadfast love comfort me

C: according to your promise to your servant.

Gloria Patri

C ∫Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie

C JLord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)

All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the Highest One,
Who doth our sinful race befriend,
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may His good will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

P The Lord be with you C \(\frac{1}{2} \) And with thy spirit.

The Collect for the Day

P Let us pray...... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C JAmen.

The First Lesson – Amos 6:1-7

¹"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, 3O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? 4"Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, 5who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 146

Antiphon –

I will Praise Your name forever, my King and my God.

While I live I will | praise the Lord;*

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a | son of man,*

In whom there | is no help.

His spirit departs, he returns | to his earth;*

In that very day his plans | perish.

Antiphon –

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob | for his help,*

Whose hope is in the | Lord his God,

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that | is in them;*

Who keeps truth for- | ever,
Who executes justice for | the oppressed,*
Who gives food to the hungry,
The Lord gives freedom to the | prisoners.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
And to the Holy | Spirit,
As it was in the be- | ginning,*
Is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon – I will Praise Your name forever, my King and my God.

The Second Lesson – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love. steadfastness. gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, 14to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor

and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

The Gradual

P: He will command his angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Hallelujah!

Triple Hallelujah

The Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame. ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' 27 And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— 28 for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this

place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Confession of Faith Apostle's 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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day #429 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee ne'er from me depart, With tender mercies cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share, Yea, heaven itself were void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee no one could shake. Thou art the Portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.

Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord, Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word. 2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have In this poor life of labor. Lord, grant that I in every place May glorify Thy lavish grace And serve and help my neighbor. Let no false doctrine me beguile And Satan not my soul defile. Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow Thee. Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy comfort still afford.

3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abram's bosom bear me home, That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep My body safe in peaceful sleep Until Thy reappearing. And then from death awaken me That these mine eyes with joy may see, O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace, Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend, And I will praise Thee without end.

Sermon Text - Luke 16:19-31

Sermon
Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches

Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: God of mercy, You provide us with Your Holy Word, that we might know and believe in Christ. Make us diligent to study Your Word and dwell in Your promises, that we are content with Your provision in this life and joyfully look toward the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, remember the men to whom You have given the noble task of pastor. Strengthen them, that they might be above reproach as they care for their own households as well as Your Church. Preserve them from every snare of the devil, and give them a great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Father in heaven, preserve our homes from idols and sins of idleness. Bless fathers and mothers as they catechize their children, that generations to come might faithfully guard their hearts and rejoice in Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: King of kings and Lord of lords, watch over the authorities of this and every nation. Deliver them from the idols of wealth and power, and grant that they would use their offices in service to You and those You have entrusted to their care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, You afflict in faithfulness and comfort in Your steadfast love. Let Your mercy come to [______ and] all in need of help, that they might find their consolation in Your promises until You deliver them from their trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, You deliver Your people from the sufferings of this world and comfort them with eternal rest. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to the saints who have gone before us, and preserve us in repentance until we are carried by angels to Abraham's side. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Answer all doubt and fear, O Lord, with confidence in Your Word and Sacraments, that by these Means of Grace we may be kept in holiness and guarded from temptation and despair until the day when You bring all things to their perfect fulfillment and we are delivered to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Sermon Hymn #26 (v. 1-3, 5) Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him

1. Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yea, I will laud Him until death. With songs and anthems I'll come before Him As long as He doth give me breath. From Him my life and all things came; Bless, O my soul, His holy name. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

- 2. Trust not in princes, they are but mortal; Earth-born they are and soon decay. Naught are their counsels at life's last portal, When the dark grave doth claim its prey. Since, then, no man can help afford, Trust ye in Christ, our God and Lord. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 3. Blessed, yea, blessed is he forever Whose help is in the Lord most high, Whom from the saving faith naught can sever And who in hope to Christ draws nigh. To all who trust in Him, our Lord, Counsel and aid He doth afford. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 5. Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, Pardon and peace from Him obtain; Ever the wants of the poor supplying, Their faithful God He doth remain. He helps His children in distress, The widows and the fatherless. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Prayer & The Benediction

Closing Hymn #430 (v. 1, 4, 6, 8) What Is the World to Me

1. What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure When Thou, and Thou alone, Lord Jesus, art my Treasure! Thou only, dearest Lord, My soul's Delight shalt be;

Thou art my Peace, my Rest,-What is the world to me! 4. The world seeks after wealth And all that Mammon offers, Yet never is content Though gold should fill it coffers. I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be: My Jesus is my Wealth,-What is the world to me!

- 6. The world with wanton pride Exalts its sinful pleasures And for them foolishly Gives up the heavenly treasures. Let others love the world With all its vanity; I love the Lord, my God,-What is the world to me!
- 8. What is the world to me!
 My Jesus is my Treasure,
 My Life, my Health, my Wealth,
 My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,
 My Joy, my Crown, my All,
 My Bliss eternally.
 Once more, then, I declare:
 What is the world to me!

Silent Prayer

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