



Pinawa Lutheran Church

A congregation of the ELCIC & The Brokenhead Shared Ministry

Altruism, Stewardship, Faith, Cooperation

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With One Voice – Service of Word and Prayer

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INTRODUCTION: Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

GATHERING SONG WOV 718 – *Here In This Place*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel’s great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God’s people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

1a Woe to those who are at ease in Zion

and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

4 Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall,

5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp

and like David improvise on instruments of music,

6 who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
7 Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

PSALM 146

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

2 I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;

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

3 Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**4 When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

5 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**6 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

**8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are
bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

9 The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**10 The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 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, I charge you 14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19 thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] 19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30 He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to

Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' ”

SERMON: Pastor Nathan Fong – Grace Lutheran Church, Burnaby, BC
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OFFERING: The offering plate is on the table at the church entrance.

OFFERTORY: What Have We to Offer?

What have we to offer? What have we to share?
Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.
God will not falter; so let us dare lay it at the altar there

What have we to offer? What have we to bring?
Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;
dreams of what we're after; promises of when. Lay it at the altar then.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?
Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;
truth that must be spoken; justice somehow. Lay it at the altar now.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?
Lives we will live.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honouring the gift of your creation.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this messy, violent world where people are being displaced by war, poverty, famine and cruelty. We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion rather than greed and power recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for people in need. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbours, and bring us to eternal life.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING SONG

WOV 781 - *My Life Flows On In Endless Song*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

BIBLE STUDY: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month – 10am. All are welcome.

IRONWOOD SERVICE: 4th Sunday of the month – 1:30pm.

Life is a game, you can't win unless you serve!