

Hero
PART 6 (July 12)
"Batman" (Rich young ruler)

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: The earth belongs to the Lord, along with everything that fills it—every hidden treasure, every valley, and every heart.

People: We step out from the dark shadows of our secrecy and enter into the beautiful, searching light of His presence.

Pastor: Do not cling to the temporary riches of this world, or hide behind a carefully constructed mask of wealth and comfort.

People: For what does it profit us to gain the whole world, yet forfeit the true, eternal life of our souls?

Pastor: Cast aside your heavy burdens, surrender your earthly status, and take up your cross to follow Jesus.

People: We give up our fragile earthly treasures to claim the enduring, incomparable riches of the Kingdom of God!

Pastor: Jesus is more than a hero, but our Savior!

People: Showing us the way to live a life of truth, grace, and the Christ-centered way!

Hymn

"What Is the World to Me" – LSB730:1-3

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Holy God, You look upon us with love and invite us to take up our cross and follow You.

People: Break the power of the material treasures that hold our hearts captive.

Pastor: Give us the courage to drop our masks, step out of the shadows of self-preservation, and give away our lives for the sake of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (Jn 8:36) Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Proverbs 11:24-28

²⁴One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. ²⁵Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. ²⁶The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it. ²⁷Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it. ²⁸Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

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.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

¹⁶And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" ²¹Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²²When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. ²³And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Creed: Apostle's

Nicene Creed 1st Sunday, Apostles Creed other weeks

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Center" – Charlie Hall (video)

Message

Offering

"Take My Life" – Norton Hall Band (video)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"10,000 Reasons" – Matt Redman (video)

"We Praise You, O God" – LSB785

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" – LSB685

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn/Song

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" – LSB922:1,3-4

Sending

P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.