

COMMAND THEM TO DO GOOD, TO BE RICH IN GOOD DEEDS, AND
TO BE GENEROUS AND WILLING TO SHARE. IN THIS WAY THEY
WILL LAY UP TREASURE FOR THEMSELVES AS A FIRM
FOUNDATION FOR THE COMING AGE, SO THAT THEY MAY TAKE
HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT IS TRULY LIFE.

I TIMOTHY 6:18-19

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AS WE GATHER

In the traditional “learning trio” of reading, writing, and arithmetic, the first two of the listed disciplines deal with words. Spoken and written communication are vital throughout life. But learning numbers and how to work with them, understand them, and use them well is also important. The books of the Bible include many numbers, each of which has special significance. The fourth book of the Old Testament is called Numbers because it contains the results of two censuses of the Hebrew people taken after the exodus from Egypt, one beginning in the first chapter and the second beginning in chapter 26. The Lord God demanded that each of His people was accounted for and known. His care for each of us continues, as is reflected in His Word through the prophet Isaiah, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine” (Isaiah 43:1b). God sees each of us as “number one” in His loving view!

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS

♪ Worthy is the Lamb ♪

♪ Give Thanks ♪

♪ Blessed Be Your Name ♪

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160*

Pastor: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
People: Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Pastor: Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.
People: The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.

Pastor: Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.
People: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words:
People: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
People: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

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.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

EPISTLE

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. ¹²Fight 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, ¹⁵which 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19–

31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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, ²³and 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.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for 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.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

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.

GOD'S TREASURE BOX



SERMON HYMN
LSB No. 730

“ What is the

World to Me ”



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645-1732; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.
 Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629-1701
 Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON

“Money”

1 Timothy 6:6-19

HYMN

“ Fight the Good Fight ”

LSB No. 664



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75, alt.
 Tune: The Methodist Harmonist, 1821, New York
 Text and tune: Public domain

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE Hear Us, O Gracious Lord, We Pray

Pastor: For the blessing of God upon us, that we may lead peaceable lives, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE Hear Us, O Gracious Lord, We Pray

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE Hear us, O Gracious Lord, We Pray

Pastor: With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE Hear Us, O Gracious Lord, We Pray

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE Hear Us , O Gracious Lord, We Pray

SPECIAL PETITIONS

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

♪ **The Blessing** ♪

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We Are...

Canoga Caring
Park People
Lutheran Loving
Church Christ!



We all need to Remember: Everyone has a different comfort level and tolerance, so we need to be compassionate towards others. If you still feel more comfortable and safe wearing a mask into and during church - please go ahead and do so. We offer in-person Worship Sundays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.

(Holy Communion is offered the first and third Sunday of each month; and also by appointment with Pastor Tim during the week.)

This Worship is a combined Worship and is recorded and uploaded to our website so other members and folks all around the world are able to Worship with us! (Note - we get anywhere from 1,000-2,000 watches per month! All praise to God for this marvelous outreach of His Good News!) If you can't be with us in-person Sunday mornings, please Worship along with us online. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

In HIS service & love - Pastor Tim

TITHES AND OFFERINGS We offer two ways to give to CPLC, through our Facebook page or on the church website. Also, you may continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church: Canoga Park Lutheran Church, 7357 Jordan Ave. Canoga Park, CA 91303.