

A painting depicting a scene from the Bible. In the foreground, a man with a long, dark beard and a shaggy, dark beard lies on a large, dark, textured rug. He is wearing a dark, draped garment. Behind him, a large, ornate white bowl sits on a low, light-colored ledge. In the background, a woman in a blue and yellow patterned dress stands near a doorway, looking down at the man. A small, dark dog stands near the woman. The background is dark and textured.

*At his gate lay
a poor man named Lazarus*

LUKE 16:20

Hope Lutheran Church
September 25, 2022

Pastor

Organist

Jim Helgren
Sheri Moss

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Hark, the Voice of Jesus"

LBW # 381

Call to Worship

P: We are gathered together in the name of Jesus, as the children of our loving God.

C: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

P: We are sisters and brothers, the family of God. We don't always agree, but we look together toward our Savior.

C: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

P: Today we strip away what divides us and embrace what unites us.

C: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

All: Holy Spirit, pour upon us the peace of Christ that we may live and love like him. Amen.

Hymn of Praise "I Love Your Kindom, Lord" vs. 1 & 3 LBW # 368

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.

The Lessons

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In our prayers we remember Bruce Gerking and Leta Steinkuhler.

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guestbook in the entry.

Wednesday, 28th: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday 29th: 10:30 a.m. Pastor leads Worship at Good

Samaritan

Sunday Oct. 2nd: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship

2:00 p.m. Crop Walk

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FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7
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Psalm 146

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

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.

¹¹But 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 you¹⁴ 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.

¹⁷As 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: Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] “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 looked up 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, father, I beg you 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 goes to them from the dead, 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.’”