

# AT THIS GATE LAY A POOR MAN NAMED LAZARUS

LUKE 16:20



Hope Lutheran Church  
September 28, 2025

Pastor  
Organist

Jim Helgren  
Sherri Moss

\*\*\*\*\*  
16th Sunday after Pentecost  
\*\*\*\*\*

**Prelude, Welcome, Announcements**

**Opening Hymn "Rise Up, O Saints of God"** LBW # 383

**Brief Order of Confession** pg. 56

**Greeting and Kyrie** pg. 57  
**Hymn of Praise "We Praise You, O God"** LBW # 241

**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** Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Psalm 146 pg,287  
1 Timothy 6:6-19

**Alleluia** pg. 62  
**Gospel** Luke 16:19-31

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day "O Savior, Precious Savior"** LBW # 514

**The Apostles' Creed  
Prayers of the Church**

**Offering /Offertory** We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the  
gift may be. All that we have is thine alone. A trust, O Lord, from  
Thee.

**The Lord's Prayer - Sing**

**Benediction and Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"**

**LBW # 352**

**In our prayers we remember Carol Speth and the Workbook  
Committee.**

**We welcome you to Hope Lutheran Church. If you are a visitor  
please sign the guest book in the entry. We are so happy to have  
you worship with us today.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 1st: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation**

**Sunday, Oct. 5th: 10:00 a.m. Worship at Grace, 11:00 a.m.**

**Potluck Dinner Grace is supplying Pulled Pork Sandwiches. We  
should bring any pot luck dish. 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Cake will be  
served with the community invited to join us.**

**Sunday, Oct. 12th: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Starts, 10:00 a.m.**

**Holy Communion Worship**

**Pastor Helgren's phone #'s (Hope 402-848-2391), (Grace  
402-864-4201), (Cell 402-826-0613), or (Home 402-864-2113). For  
bulletin or newsletter items contact Sharon Carman 402-269-5096  
or email carmansharon56@gmail.com**

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

[not printed]

## Psalm 146

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;<sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;<sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup> 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<sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>15</sup> 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.<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> 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.<sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be

rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,<sup>19</sup> 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.<sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,<sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.<sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.<sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.<sup>24</sup> 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.'<sup>25</sup> 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.<sup>26</sup> 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.'<sup>27</sup> He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'<sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'<sup>30</sup> He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'<sup>31</sup> 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.'

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10.

Cover: Lazarus and the Rich Man by Eduard von Gebhardt (1838–1925, German). Copyright © 2024 Artipics/Alamy Stock Photo. Used by permission. Readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible with Apocrypha, copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States. Revised Common Lectionary copyright © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), admin. Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Please visit our website at [www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org). Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced. Printed in U.S.A.