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PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS:

The Seven Deadly Sins & The Heavenly Virtues which Remedy Them

Week Two: "Envy / Gratitude"

8TH Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 18, 2021 ~ 8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
Oh my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

A: The First Lesson is from the 5th chapter of Ecclesiastes.

The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity.
¹¹When goods increase, those who eat them increase; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes?
¹²Sweet is the sleep of laborers, whether they eat little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let them sleep.
¹³There is a grievous ill that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owners to their hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture; though they are parents of children, they have nothing in their hands. ¹⁵As they came from their mother's womb, so they shall go again, naked as they came; they shall take nothing for their toil, which they may carry away with their hands. ¹⁶This also is a grievous ill: just as they came, so shall they go; and what gain do they have from toiling for the wind? ¹⁷Besides, all their days they eat in darkness, in much vexation and sickness and resentment.

¹⁸This is what I have seen to be good: it is fitting to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of the life God gives us; for this is our lot. ¹⁹Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For they will scarcely brood over the days of their lives, because God keeps them occupied with the joy of their hearts.

A: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17

A: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:14-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

¹⁷When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, ¹⁹since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)

²⁰And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor John

HYMN: *When All Your Mercies, O My God*

When all your mercies, O my God, my waking soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.

Through ev'ry passing phase of life your goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity, to you a joyful song I'll raise;
But, oh, eternity's too short to utter all your praise.

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS:

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen

OFFERTORY: *Create in Me*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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**

LAMB OF GOD:

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

COMMUNION:

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say: "Amen."*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.

*Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving,
Alleluia, alleluia.*

PRAYER:

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING:

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: *Let All Things Now Living*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

6:30-8:00-Episode of *The Chosen*

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study 5:30-Council

Friday-9:00-3:00-Communion Kits Available

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-July 25-7:15-9:15-Church Pool Party @ City Pool

Mon-July 26-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-July 27-2:00-Bible Study

Fri-July 30-9:00-3:00-Communion Kits Available

Next Sunday's Theme & Gospel: Anger / Patience & Forgiveness - Matthew 18:21-35

Attendance last week: Sun Worship: 8:30-40; 9:45-65; 11:00-40

** The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in loving memory of Max Griffith on his 90th Birthday by Grace Griffith.

** The additional arrangement is presented in honor of Dennis & Sherry Nelson on their 50th Wedding Anniversary (July 17) by a friend.

The Chosen series continues **TONIGHT** at 6:30. We will watch episode five of season two. All are welcome.

Family Swim at the DuBois City Pool – **NEXT Sunday July 25** from 7:15-9:15 p.m. Friends are welcome! If you don't want to swim that's OK! Bring a chair and enjoy the fellowship. Sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Special Sunday School Class . . . Sunday, August 1 at 9:45 a.m. Our topic will be *Baptism and what it means for your child*. There will be water activities and a cool treat. We plan to be outdoors so please dress for the weather. There is no need to sign up, just come and share time with church friends.

Mission Trip follow-up meeting and prep for picnic presentation: **Sunday August 1**, noon until 2 p.m. at church. Lunch provided. Email Pastor Amy to RSVP or ask any questions.

Clean Up Day and Lunch – Saturday August 7 from **9 a.m. through lunch**. It's time to reorganize and clean up the frequently used areas of the church. Tasks for all ages; come for the whole time or just a part. Lunch provided at noon. Many hands make light work! Sign up today.

Mark your calendar now and plan to join your church family for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and great food on **Sunday August 29** for the annual **Church Picnic!** Games begin at 4:30, dinner is at 5:00. Planning is underway for an awesome afternoon. We need lots of hands to help with shopping, setup, games, and in the kitchen. Please contact Nikki Dombroski if you are willing to lend a hand at dombroski43@verizon.net or via text (814) 715-4474.

Second set of Pentecost Season Devotions The "I Am" Sayings in Exodus and of Jesus in John are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Bluebird Boxes Update . . . Volunteers are needed through August to check the boxes once per week; it only takes about ten minutes from start to finish. The directions and materials are found in the Fellowship Hall, just inside the door to the pavilion. Sign up on the bulletin board and pick your week. Thank you.

Mission of the Month: . . . OPERATION HELPING HAND. Operation Helping Hand was created by the United Way of Miami-Dade to help the victims of the building collapse in Surfside, Florida. If you would like to contribute towards this effort, please use the pew envelope (found in the narthex) and write "Helping Hand" in the *other* line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

Food Pantry Items for July are chicken (canned) and/or egg noodles.