



MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10/21/18—10/27/18

By the Voluntary Poverty of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of God

To love and trust in earthly wealth is vanity. For nothing of this earth will last forever, nor can any of it grant eternal life (Eccl. 5:10). But the one who trusts in God is “occupied with joy in his heart” and is able to sleep in peace, “whether he eats little or much,” because he knows that the “days of his life” are “the gift of God” (Eccl. 5:12, 18–20). The person who trusts in riches cannot sleep, because he “shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand” (Eccl. 5:15). Therefore, it is difficult “for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God” (Mark 20:23). Indeed, it is impossible for man, yet “all things are possible with God” (Mark 20:27). Thus, the Rich Man, Jesus Christ, has made Himself poor and has gone through “the eye of a needle,” through death and the grave, “to enter the kingdom of God” on our behalf (Mark 20:24–25). He is the “great high priest who has passed through the heavens” (Heb. 4:14), so that we may now enter His Sabbath rest by faith in His forgiveness (Heb. 4:3–9).

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YOUNG CHILDREN

- What was the Gospel reading/children’s message about?
- Tell me about your Sunday School class this morning.
- What is one thing Jesus wants you to do this week?

STUDENTS

- What was the sermon about?
- What is one thing you talked about in Sunday School this morning?
- What are some action steps we can take this week in response to what we learned today?

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”
 Isaiah 7:14

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AFTER READING THE PASSAGE, ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- What was this Bible story about?
- What was God trying to tell us in this passage?
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ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED READINGS (FOR FAMILIES WITH OLDER STUDENTS):

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MEMORIZATION FOR LIFE (FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES): HOLY BAPTISM

What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Titus 3:5b-8a He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a trustworthy saying.

Romans 6:4 We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

PRAYERS: Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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