

Sermon St. Matthew 6:23-34 CONTENTMENT: WHY DO WE WORRY ANYWAY?

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus to Life Everlasting.

1. We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O LORD, from Thee.
2. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly as Thou blestest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Alternate Trinity-15 Collect 111. LORD God, Heavenly Father, we thank You for all Your benefits, that You have given us life and graciously sustained us to this day: We beseech You, do not take Your blessing from us; preserve us from covetousness, that we may serve You only, love and abide in You, and not defile ourselves by idolatrous love of wealth, but hope and trust only in Your grace; through Jesus Christ, our LORD. Amen.

Congregation At Prayer for **Trinity-15 Sunday** ✠ **Contentment: Lilies, Birds**
In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles Creed ELH p.46

Bible Memory Verse: [Jesus said,] **"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."**

Matthew 6:33

Trinity-15 Psalm 18

The Catechism Try to memorize **CHIEF PART I: 1ST & 2ND COMMANDMENTS**

What is the First Commandment? You shall have no other gods.

W.D.T.M? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

2nd Comm.? You shall not take the Name of the LORD your God in vain

What Does this Mean? We should fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His Name, but call upon Him in every trouble. pray, praise, and give thanks.

Daily Readings from the Bible and Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions

Week 37 F. of C. Epitomé

Daily Bible Readings Psalm. Old & New Testament

M FofC Epitomé VIII 1-15

M Psalm 118; 2 Kings 20:1-21; Titus 3:8-15

T FofC Epitomé VIII 16-32

T Psalm 108; 2 Kings 21:1-26; Philemon

W FofC Epitomé VIII 33-X 2

W Psalm 40; 2 Chron. 34:1-33; Hebrews 1:1-14

T FofC Epitomé X 3 - XI 3

T Psalm 28; 2 Chr. 35:20-36:10; Hebrews 2:5-3:6

F FofC Epitomé XI 4 - 15

F Psalm 107; Jeremiah 22:1-30; Hebrew 4:14-5:14

Christ's Person, Predestination

S Psalm 133; Jeremiah 25:1-14; Hebrews 6:1-20

Daily Prayer Themes Sunday: Joy of the Resurrection; true & godly Worship.

Mon: Faith to live in Baptismal promises; vocations & work; for unemployed.

Tue: For aid in temptation & deliverance from sin; the lonely, aged & weak.

Wed: For marriage and family; government, nation & community; for peace.

Thu: For the Church and Her pastors & right use of Christ's Means of Grace.

Fri: For missions and missionaries; for the persecuted; for the heathen.

Sat: Faithfulness to the end; those lapsed or fallen away; the sick & dying.

NAMED PRAYER REQUESTS ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ OUR SAVIOR & FAITH FAMILIES

Richard & Pam Terry ^{FM}

Michael G/Pam ^{FM}

Lisa O ^{TX} chemo/Mary O ^{GP}

Mary C ^{FM} in Medford

Dick & Luci ^{FM}

Robert & Tesa ^{FM} health for both

Alyse, Rhea & Dylan ^{FM}

Indie C Baptized, faith growth **Betty & Vince** ^{K GP}

Brenda ^{KY} Karen/Sharon ^{FM}

Brandon Nina S ^{FM}

Renee ^{IN} Maggie ^{FM} niece

Jerry & Lynne Eleanor ^{FM}

David Wright ^{OR} missing **Anne E** ^{FM} slipped disc

Justin son & Karen ^{FM} foot

Betty, Jeannie & Vickie Julie Carte ^{FM} health of all

Pr. Burkhardt ^{SH} heart

Pr. Sam Johnson ^{MN} Elisa and family, assistance

Next Sunday 9/20 **Trinity-16 Dying & Rising** Hymns: 473 477 356 474

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY ✠ AFTER TRINITY ✠ CONTENTMENT ✠ September 13TH 9:00am ^{GP} 11:30am ^{FM}



Icon for Trinity-15 Contentment: Birds & Flowers ✠ **St. Matthew 6:24-34**
In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus teaches contentment using birds and lilies.

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✠ In Nomine Iesu ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

WELCOME to all – *We are so glad you are here!* Visitors, please take a moment to sign our guest book. Please come often to the LORD's house! In conformity with the Bible, the Confessions of the Lutheran Church and historic Christianity, this Parish practices *Close Communion*, i.e. the bread and wine which are truly the Body and Blood of Christ are reserved for our communicant members and those guests of our confessional fellowship [W/ELS]. Thank you for respecting our practice. Please do come up to the rail for a blessing. And please speak with the pastor about receiving Holy Communion in the future. God bless your worship. Thank you.

The Divine Service Rite Two With Communion *ELH p.60*

Opening Hymn 467 In God, My Faithful God	5 verses
Chief Hymn 468 All Depends on Our Possessing	verses 1-4
Third Hymn 468 All Depends on Our Possessing	verses 5-6
Closing Hymn 471 Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be	4 verses

Introit *Tone 1*  *Psalm 86:1-3;4*

Antiphon P: ♪ Bow down Your ear, **O** LORD, hear me: /
You are my God; save Your servant **who** trusts in You!
Be merciful **to** me, O LORD: / For I cry to **You** all day long.

Psalm C: ♪ Rejoice the soul **of** Your ser-vant: /
For to You, O LORD, I **lift** up my soul. C: ♪ Glory- be...

The Collect for the Day

O LORD, we beseech You, let Your continual mercy cleanse and defend Your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, preserve it evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever. C: ♪ **A-men.**

Old Testament Lesson *Deuteronomy 6:4-7* *ESV*

In those days Moses said: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Gradual *Tone 1*  *Psalm 118:8-9*

C: ♪ It is better to **trust** in the LORD: / Than to put con-**fi**-dence in man. | It is better to **trust** in the LORD: / Than to put confi-**dence** in prin-ces.

The Epistle *Galatians 5:25-6:10*

Brethren, If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. ^{6:1} Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Alleluia Verse *Tone 1* *Psalm 108:1* P: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia!
O God, my **heart** is stead-fast: / I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. **Al**-le-lu-ia! C: ♪ **Allelu-ia, allelu-ia, allelu-ia!**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th Chapter:24-34

Jesus said: "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. ²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

This is the ✠ Holy Gospel.