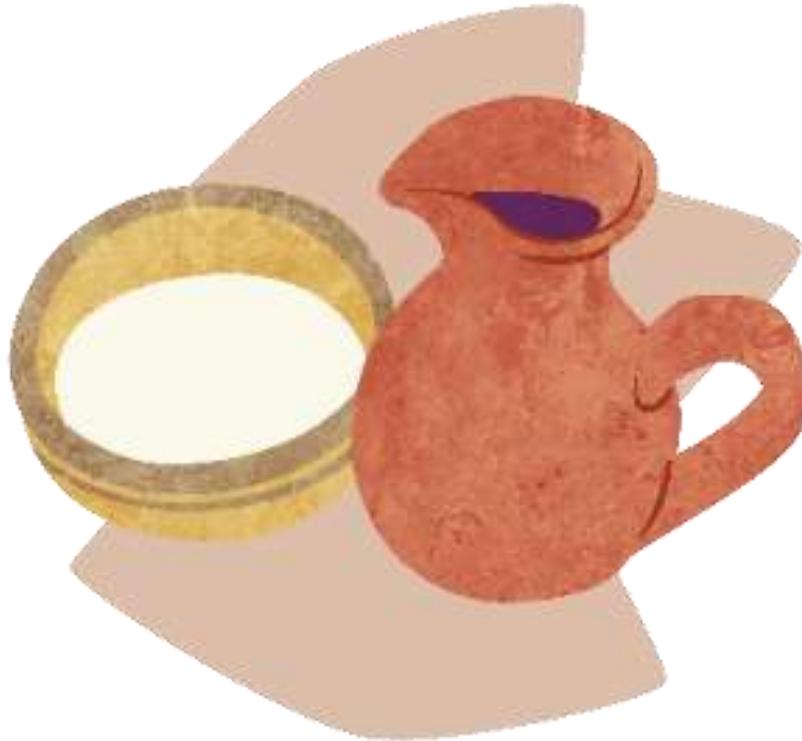


ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

November 11, 2018

10:30 am



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/VETERAN'S DAY

The Way of Peace

AS WE GATHER

“Blessed be the Lord God!” The words of Zechariah the priest recorded in chapter 1 of Luke’s Gospel have been echoed by faithful worshipers through generations. We rejoice in the coming of Jesus, our Messiah, who shows us the tender mercy of our God. As He illuminates our steps, our Savior guides our feet into the way of peace. That peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. With Paul, we can be sure that, in our worship and in all parts of our lives, the God of peace will be with us.

GATHERING SONGS

MY REDEEMER LIVES

Morgan

I know He rescued my soul His blood has covered my sin I believe, I believe.
My shame He's taken away My pain is healed in His name I believe, I believe!

I'll raise a banner 'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

**CHORUS: My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives**

I know He rescued my soul His blood has covered my sin I believe, I believe.
My shame He's taken away My pain is healed in His name I believe, I believe!

I'll raise a banner 'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave **CHORUS x2**

You lift my burdens I'll rise with You I'm dancing on this mountaintop
To see Your kingdom come **CHORUS x3**

✕ PREPARATION ✕

OPENING SONG GOD BLESS AMERICA

Irving Berlin

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam God bless America, my home sweet home

God bless America, my home sweet home

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 29:11; 34:14–15*

Pastor: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry.

People: **Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

Pastor: May the Lord give strength to His people!

People: **May the Lord bless His people with peace!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As children of God who desire to be at peace with our Lord, with ourselves, and with all people, let us come with confidence before the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive absolution.

People: **Almighty God, who speaks peace to His people, Your salvation is near to all who fear You. We know well that we are by nature sinful and**

unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Grant us Your mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit that we may walk in the way of peace both now and forever.

Pastor: God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and turn to Him for mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in perfect peace, lead you in ways of faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Kings 17:8–16
(The prophet Elijah aids the widow of Zarephath.)

Then the word of the LORD came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

"As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread--only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it--and die."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.' "

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:24–28
(Christ will be appearing again.)

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did

he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation, please rise for the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 12:38–44

(Jesus honors the great gift of the poor widow.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

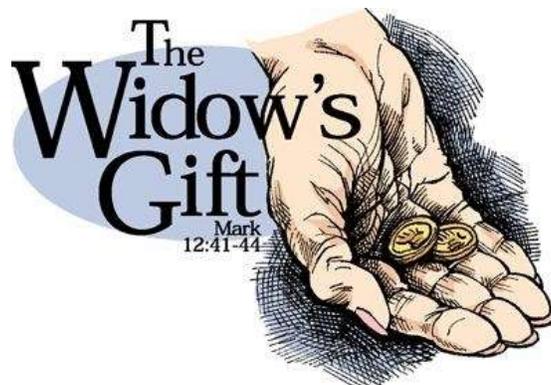
As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything--all she had to live on."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



SONG OF THE DAY WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

Ligertwood/Fielding

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

**CHORUS: What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus**

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater What could separate us now **CHORUS**

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silence the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God you reign Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

SERMON "Always Enough"

Pastor John Larson
Text: I Kings 17:8-16

CATECHISM *The First Article*

Pastor: In the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, we confess that God is our Creator and our Preserver. Not only does He graciously give us life, He also sees to it that we have all we need to support our body and life from year to year. We acknowledge His fatherly protection as we confess together:

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and

mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

We share the Lord's peace with one another, saying, "Peace be with you."

OFFERING SONG YOU ARE HOLY

MEN You are holy.

MEN You are mighty.

MEN You are worthy.

MEN Worthy of praise.

MEN I will follow.

MEN I will listen.

MEN I will love You.

MEN All of my days.

WOMEN You are holy.

WOMEN You are mighty.

WOMEN You are worthy.

WOMEN Worthy of praise.

WOMEN I will follow.

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WOMEN I will love You.

WOMEN All of my days.

First Time, Men Sing left Column; Women Right, Second time: REVERSE

MEN You are Lord of lords,

(WOMEN) You are King of kings,
You are mighty God,
Lord of ev'rything.

MEN You're Emmanuel,

(WOMEN) You're the Great I AM,
You're the Prince of Peace,
who is the Lamb.

MEN You're the Living God,

(WOMEN) You're my saving grace.
You will reign forever;
You are Ancient of Days.

MEN You are Alpha Omega,

(WOMEN) Beginning and End.
You're my Savior, Messiah,
Redeemer and Friend.

MEN You're my Prince of Peace

(WOMEN) and I will live my life for You.

WOMEN I will sing to

(MEN) and worship
The King
who is worthy.

WOMEN And I will love

(MEN) and adore Him
and I will
Bow Down before Him

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Tim and Kim McClaren (Transfer)
Amy Powell (Adult Confirmation)
Sharron Virdon (Reaffirmation of Faith)

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.



✘ SACRAMENT ✘

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

[Psalm 136]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13) Text is in the back cover of your Hymnal.*



DISTRIBUTION SONGS

IN CHRIST ALONE

Townend—Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh. Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death. This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

**CHORUS: This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.**

Who brings our chaos back into order,
who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. **CHORUS**

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart.

**CHORUS: So, remember Your people, Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough, for me.**

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, And all Your people sing along. **CHORUS**

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, for me.

Remember Your people, Remember Your children, Remember Your promise O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, for me.

Yeah, Your grace is enough; Heaven reaches out to us. Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing: Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: God the almighty Father bless you and keep you.
God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, fill your hearts and lives with His glory.
God the Holy Spirit be with you that you ever walk in the way of peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

Howe/Steffe

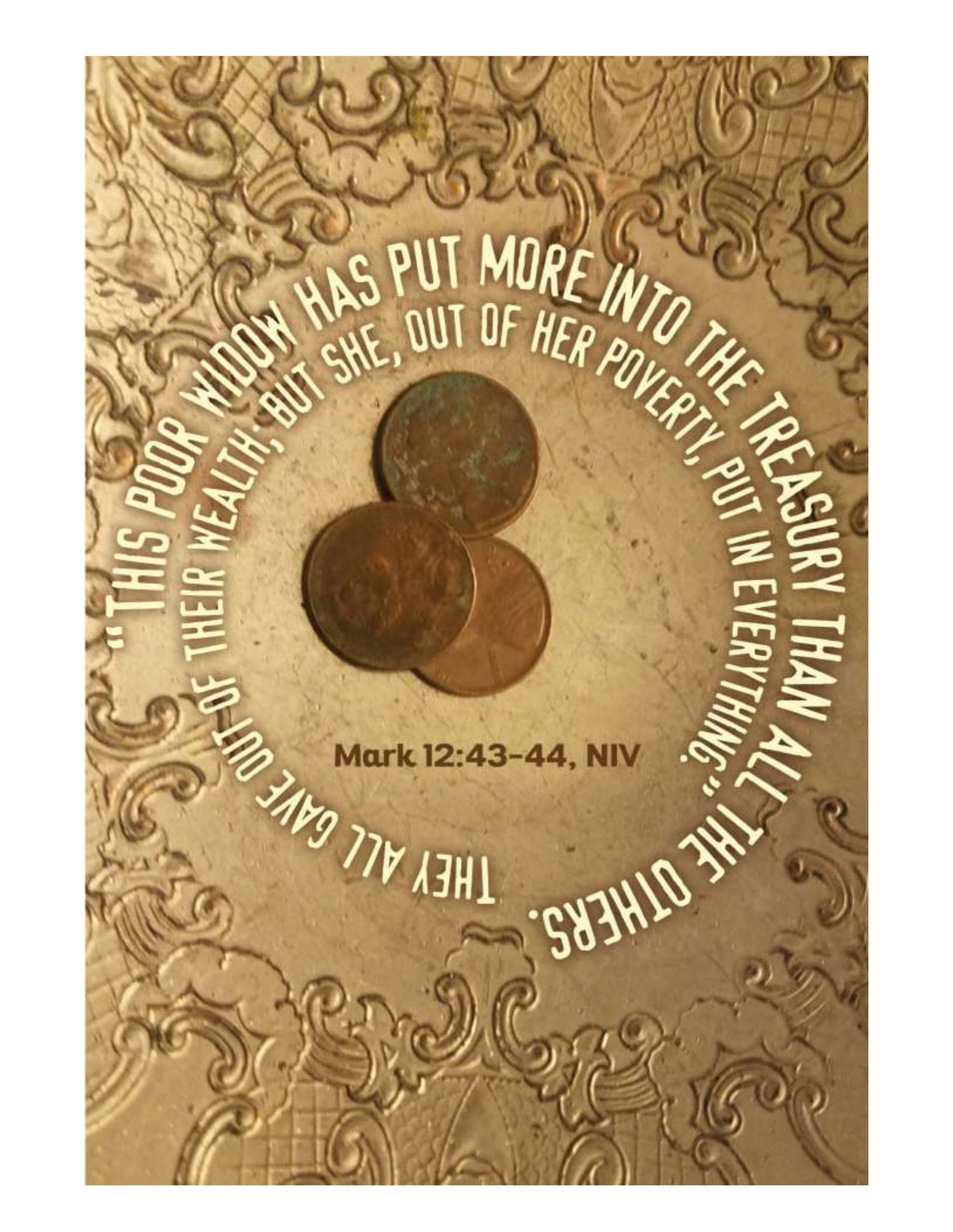
Mine eyes have seen the glory Of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage Where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning Of His terrible swift sword His truth is marching on

**CHORUS: Glory glory hallelujah Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah His truth is marching on**

I have seen Him in the watchfires Of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar In the evening dews and damps
I can read His righteous sentence In the dim and flaring lamps
His day is marching on **CHORUS**

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom That transfigures you and me
As He died to make men holy Let us live to make men free
While God is marching on **CHORUS**

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

The image features a decorative, embossed background with intricate scrollwork. In the center, three copper coins are arranged in a small cluster. The text is arranged in a large, semi-circular arc around the coins, written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text reads: "THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT MORE INTO THE TREASURY THAN ALL THE OTHERS. THEY ALL GAVE OUT OF THEIR WEALTH, BUT SHE, OUT OF HER POVERTY, PUT IN EVERYTHING."

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Mark 12:43-44, NIV

Serving in Worship

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10:30

Michael Lawrenz
Roger Gaide

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Tom Munson
Jeanette Nelson

ACOLYTE 8:00
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Chrissy Coon
Hannah Schmitt

USHERS 8:00
10:30

Hank Peepgrass, Ian Avedissian, Ann
Ranisate, Members of the Congregation
Jason Dierking, Nolan Pierce, Holly
Schmitt, Members of the Congregation

SERVER 10:30
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Munson, Cathy Utecht

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Dennis & Joyce Lord in celebration of
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