

# THE PARABLES OF LENT

RECEIVE THE TREASURE

THE PARABLE *of the* HIDDEN TREASURE *and the*  
PRICELESS PEARL

Welcome to Week Two in The Parables of Lent series of services, which is based on the parable of the hidden treasure and the priceless pearl. In this parable, two men give all that they have, to buy objects of great worth.

**Opening Hymn: LSB #427**

## **“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance steaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

P In this holy season the Son of God humbles himself so that we receive mercy.

**C Humble me once again, O God, that my life would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

P In this holy season the Son of God abandons all the glory of heaven to pay the price for us, his most precious treasure.

**C Grant me the grace, O God, to treasure all others as you have treasured me.**

P In this holy season the Son of God enters into his Passion and death so that we are exalted.

**C Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

**We Sing:** (Tune LSB # 685)

Let us listen to our Savior as his parables unfold,  
Learning what he has to teach us, bearing fruit a hundredfold.  
Buried treasure is uncovered, hidden deep beneath the ground.  
When with joy the wealth is found, all that once had held such value  
Has no worth that can compare to the treasure buried there.

### **Confession and Absolution**

P Too often we treasure the things of this world more than the kingdom of God. Let us confess the sins of our hearts and lives to our Lord who hears and forgives:

**C Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. We value possessions more than we value your grace. We value the things of this world more than we value treasures that are stored in heaven. We value money and wealth more than we value your Word. We show by what we do and by what we leave undone that we are undeserving of heavenly treasure. By our selfishness we have sinned against you and against others in thought, word and**

**deed. Forgive us, most holy God.**

C The Lord Jesus gave up the glory of heaven and came into this world to purchase you with his holy and righteous blood. His perfect life, crushing crucifixion and glorious resurrection mean complete forgiveness for the sins of our hearts and lives. Because he treasures you more than all the riches of heaven, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**We Sing:** LSB #783 verses 1, 4, 5, 6

**“Take My Life and Let it Be”**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

**Scripture Readings**

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9 (Lg. print pg. 1150; Reg. print pg. 602)

Epistle: Philippians 3:2-11(Lg. print pg. 1825; Reg. print pg. 952)

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46 (Lg. print pg. 1523; Reg. print pg. 795)

**Sermon Hymn:** (Tune LSB #424)

We listen as the Word like scattered seed is sown,  
For as each parable is heard Christ's kingdom is made known.

A treasure that is found, discovered in a field,  
Once buried deep beneath the ground, will untold riches yield.

In ev'ry time of need, before the judgment throne,  
Your work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, your merits, not my own.

## Sermon

## Offering

## Special Music: "Embrace the Cross"

Betsy Jones

## Prayers

P God, who gives the gift of the greatest treasure, help us to value your kingdom more than we value the things of this world. Remind us that you value us so very much that you sent your only Son to pay the price for our sin and purchase for us the kingdom of heaven. Giver of all good gifts,

**C thank you for making us your treasure.**

P God, who gives the gift of the greatest treasure, your Church is the place on earth where the true treasure of mercy, peace and forgiveness is found. Use those gifts in our lives to strengthen our faith and value other people. Giver of all good gifts,

**C thank you for making us your treasure.**

P God, who gives the gift of the greatest treasure, we know all too well that we hold the treasure of faith in our bodies that are "jars of clay." When we are broken, ill or need healing, please make us whole or give us the grace to accept our affliction. Giver of all good gifts,

**C thank you for making us your treasure.**

P Amen.

### **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.**

### **Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **All: Amen**

**Closing Hymn:** LSB #878 verses 1 and 6

### **“Abide With Me”**

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.



**Lenten services continue each Wednesday March 10 - March 24 at 7:00 pm**

Wednesday evening activities:

6:00-7:00 pm – OSKids

6:00-6:45 pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal

Confirmation Classes meets at 6:00 pm

Senior Youth meets at 7:00 pm

**Note that next Wednesday, March 10:  
OSKids and Confirmation Classes will not be meeting.**

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