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**WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF WORD & PRAYER**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in Lent**  
**12:10pm on March 11, 2026**

## Dying to Greed, Living For the Treasures of Heaven

THEME VERSE: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

### Invocation and Call to Worship

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

**C Almighty God, we confess that we have disobeyed your commands. We covet things that we do not have, always seeking more for ourselves. We love earthly possessions and do not seek treasure in heaven. We follow our own selfish ways instead of living according to your will. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.**

P God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son, Jesus, our true treasure, to be our Savior. God forgives our sins for Jesus' sake. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C Lord, lead us to walk in the way of Jesus, our priceless Treasure.**

### Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

P And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Homily

## Prayers

*Concluding with:*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, through our Savior Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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 & Dismissal

P Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,

**C But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.**

P My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**C To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall directly after the worship service.*

**Presiding Minister: Pastor Karin Pejack**

**Minister of Technology: Catherine Germann**

**Hospitality: Eileen Marks**

**WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm Service & Lunch Fellowship**

**12:10pm Service of Word & Prayer (in-person & online)**

**Service of Holy Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**

**12:35pm Lunch Fellowship (in-person only)**

**LENTEN Worship Series: "Dying His Death, Living His Life"**

*Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we also live with him. – Romans 6:8*

February 25, Lent 1:	Dying to Sin, Living in Forgiveness
March 4, Lent 2:	Dying to Pride, Living for Others (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. COMMUNION)
March 11, Lent 3:	Dying to Greed, Living for the Treasures of Heaven
March 18, Lent 4:	Dying to Doubt, Living by Faith
March 25, Lent 5:	Dying to Turmoil, Living in Peace
April 1, Holy Wednesday:	Dying to Judgment, Living in Grace (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. COMMUNION)
April 2, Maundy Thursday:	Remember His Death (Maundy Thursday Communion)
April 3, Good Friday:	He Died For All (Tenebrae Service)

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**PARKING for WEDNESDAYS: 12:10pm WOW Services:**

***Please enter at the chapel doors on 4th Street. An outdoor sign will mark the appropriate doorway. There is very limited free parking on site. Parking on the street is actively enforced at this time of day on a weekday, so please plan to pay for parking if you park on the street. Speak with pastor about parking options for regular WOW attenders.***

**ADDITIONAL PRAYER RESOURCES**

**Invocation and Call to Worship**

P God commands us, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s” (Exodus 20:17).

**C Lord, lead us by your Spirit to obey your holy Word and follow your commands.**

P Jesus said, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15).

**C Lord, help us to walk in your ways and teach us to be content with what we have.**

P Jesus tells us, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19-20).

**C Lord, you alone are our only lasting treasure.**

P The apostle Paul reminds us, “My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

**C Lord, in you we have all that we need.**

## Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, you have graciously given to us the true Treasure, Jesus our Savior. By the riches of your grace, through faith in Jesus, we have received the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. As we follow Jesus to the cross during these days of Lent, cleanse our hearts from greed, and teach us to put aside our selfish desires. Lead us to use the many earthly gifts you have given to us in service to others. We pray, too, that you would guide us by your Spirit to be bold witnesses for our Savior, so that others can share in the riches of salvation through faith in his name. Hear our prayer and accept our praise for Jesus' sake.

**C Amen.**

## Prayers

P Lord Jesus, for us you laid aside the riches of heavenly glory. You humbled yourself to be born among us to save us, so that we would know the wealth of God's grace through faith in your holy name. Jesus, priceless Treasure,

**C In you we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.**

P Lord Jesus, you suffered and died on the cross to atone for the sins of the world. You were buried in the borrowed grave of a wealthy man, but on the first Easter morning you were raised to life to give us victory over death and the grave. Jesus, priceless Treasure,

**C In you we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.**

P Lord Jesus, guard our hearts against the desire to covet what others have. Help us to be satisfied with the earthly gifts that you graciously give to us. Help us to remember that you will provide for all of our needs. Jesus, priceless Treasure,

**C In you we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.**

P Lord Jesus, we ask your blessing for those who are enduring times of trouble through illness, fear, doubt and grief. We pray for (*known names of those sick or in the hospital*) and especially for those we name in our hearts. Comfort them through the promises of your Word and, according to your will, bring them healing. Jesus, priceless Treasure,

**C In you we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.**

P Lord Jesus, forgive our greed and constant grasping for more possessions and greater wealth. Instead, give us willing and generous hearts so that we will gladly share with others the earthly treasures that you have given to us. Jesus, priceless Treasure,

**C In you we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life. Amen.**