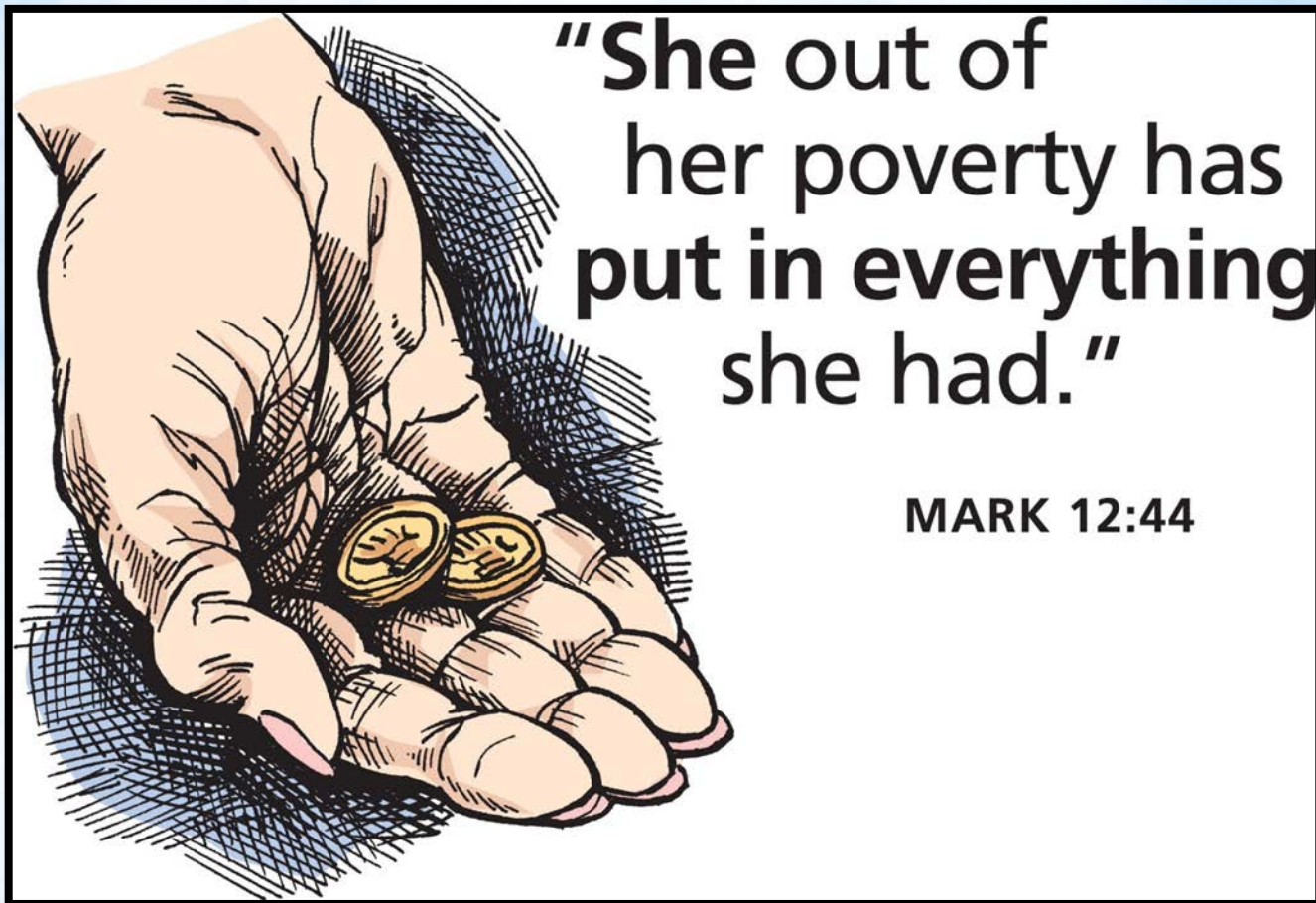


WELCOME!
Trinity Lutheran Church
March 10, 2024



**"She out of
her poverty has
put in everything
she had."**

MARK 12:44

- * = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude - *By Pan Sherman***
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

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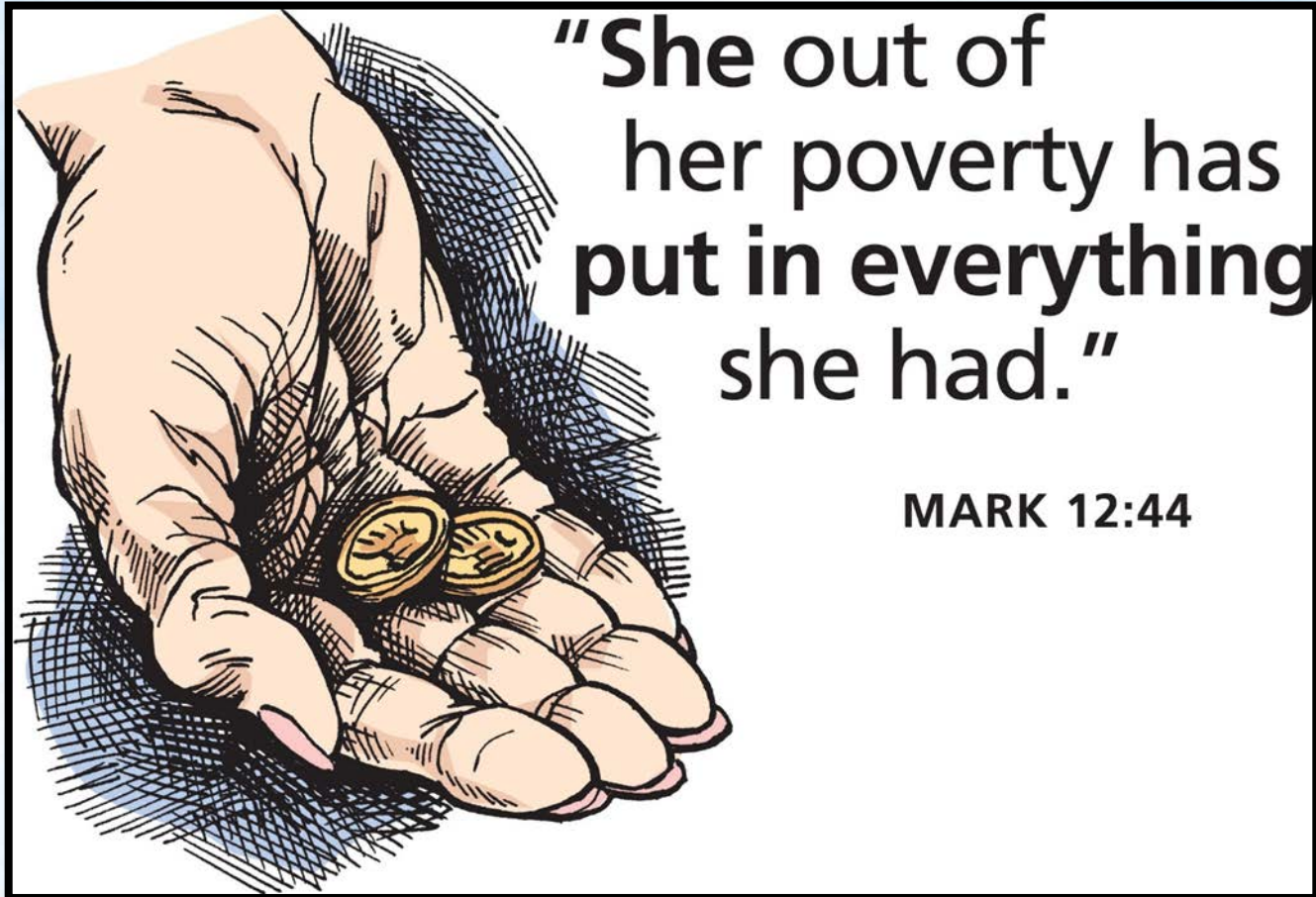
P: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

* GATHERING SONG

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

LBW 486



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* “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” LBW 486

**1 Spirit of God,
descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth,
through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness,
strength to me impart,
and make me love you
as I ought to love.**

**2 I ask no dream,
no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending
of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant,
no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness
of my soul away.**

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**3 Have you not bid me
love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul,
heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there
teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and,
oh, let me find!**

**4 Teach me to love you
as your angels love,
one holy passion
filling all my frame:
the baptism of the
heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar,
and your love the flame.**

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Holy God, you have taught us what it is to live in community with one another in sacrificial love. Give us hearts for service so that all might have their needs met, and be freed to give back for the good of others and of all creation. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen



• **Scripture Reading**

L: Our scripture reading for this day is from the Gospel of Mark, the 12th Chapter.

C: Glory to you O' Lord!

- **Mark 12:28-44**

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your

- **Mark 12:28-44**

strength.’³¹ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”³² Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’;³³ and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor

- **Mark 12:28-44**

as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

³⁵ While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of

- **Mark 12:28-44**

David? ³⁶ David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet.”’

³⁷ David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?” And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

- **Mark 12:28-44**

³⁸ As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

- **Mark 12:28-44**

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them,

- **Mark 12:28-44**

“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

44For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

- **Mark 12:28-44**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon



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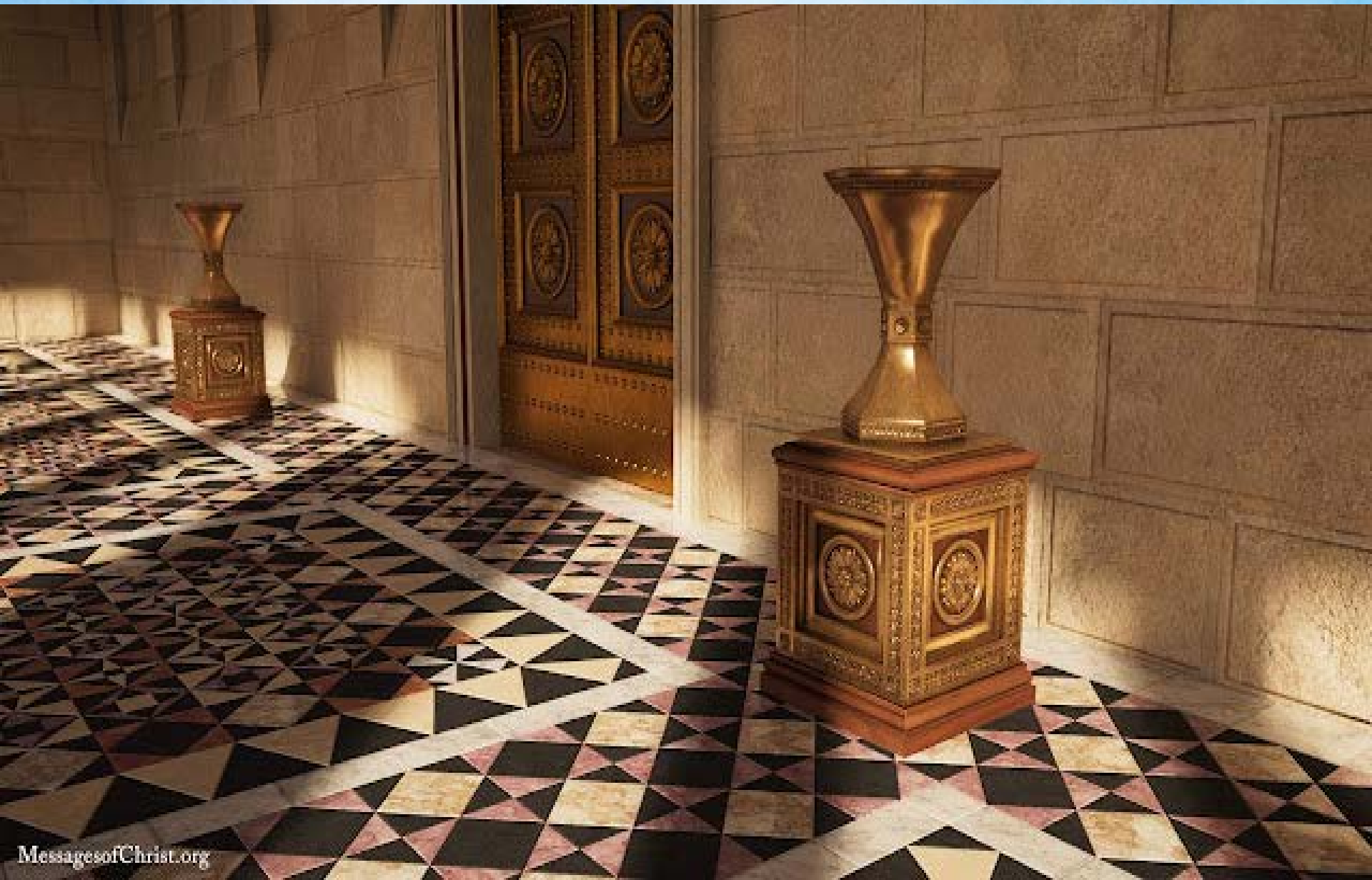


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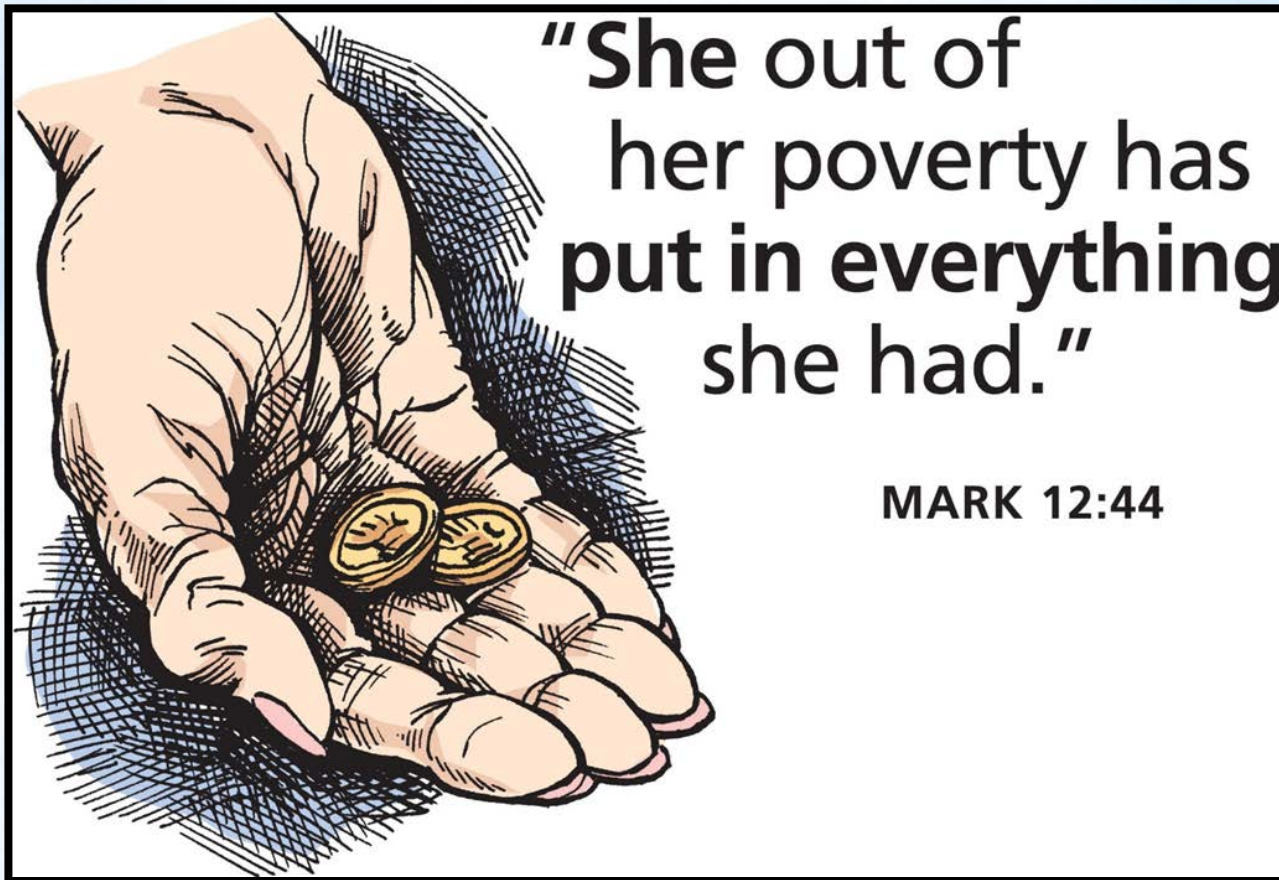
THE WIDOW'S MITE

Sermon

“The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with *all* your heart, and with *all* your soul, and with *all* your mind, and with *all* your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

* **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
ELW 779**



*** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound ELW 779**

**1 Amazing grace,
how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did
that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**3 Through many dangers,
toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me
safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 The Lord has promised
good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield
and portion be
as long as life endures.**

* **NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

* **NICENE CREED**

C: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

* **NICENE CREED**

**C: We acknowledge one
Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God of the journey,

The congregation will respond with:

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: Confident that you walk alongside us in our need, we lift to you all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our savior.

C: Amen.

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* OFFERING PRAYER



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*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Announcements

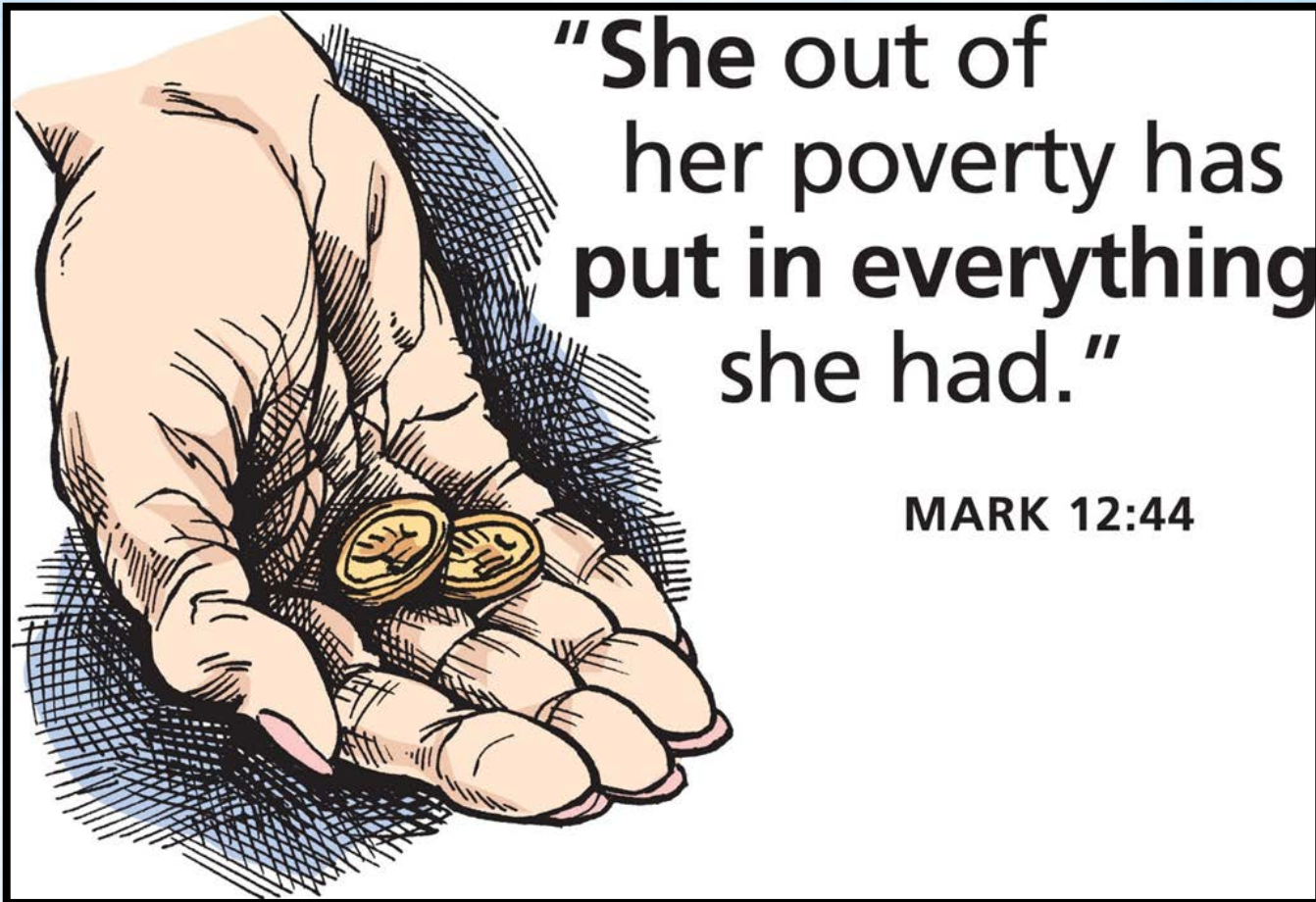
* SENDING BLESSING

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

* **Sending Song**
“I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW 661



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* “I Love to Tell the Story”

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1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

**2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word.**

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

**3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long.**

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

* **DISMISSAL**

P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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