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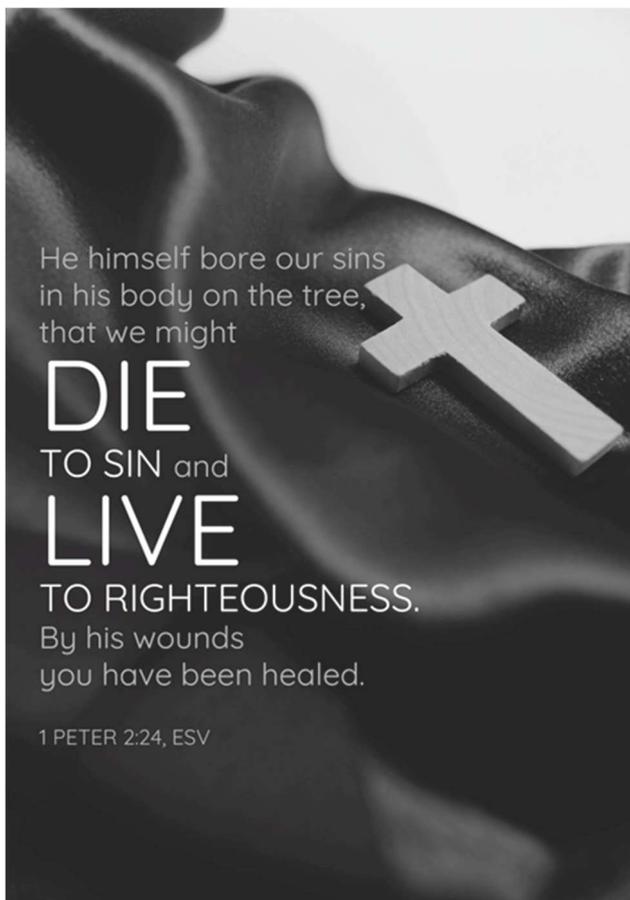
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9:00 a.m.

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**Gambling and
Finances**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The day of the Lord is coming! The day of the Lord is near!

People: The time is fulfilled! The reign of God is at hand!

O people, repent! Believe in the gospel!

Come, let us turn and follow the Lord!

SONG OF DEVOTION

A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen

- **GREETING**
- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Reckless Love

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16)

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, trusting that God will forgive our sin and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you love us, but we have

not loved you. You have opened your heart to us, and in our pride we have spurned your care. You have given us all things, and we have squandered your gifts. We have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and we are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Unison: Cleanse us from our sin and receive us again into your household, that we might nevermore stray from your love but always remain within the sound of your voice. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from 2 Cor. 5:17-18)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

HYMN

#581 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

- *Doxology*
- *And Blessing (remain standing and hold hands)*

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

(p. 1850)

SERMON: “Gambling and Finances”

Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#572 *Blessed Assurance*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

- **BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**



What this passage teaches me about God:

What this passage teaches me about myself:

How it applies to my life:

I have questions about:

