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Common Service, page 6 in red *New Service Settings book*

Hymn—421, “All Depends on Our Possessing” (10:30—
Sunday School, “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”)

Invocation; Confession; Prayer and Praise (pp. 6-8)

First Lesson—2 Kings 5:14-27 EHV

¹⁴So he went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. Then his flesh was restored like the flesh of a small child, and he was clean. ¹⁵Then he and his whole escort went back to the man of God. He stood in front of Elisha and said, “To be sure, now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now accept a gift from your servant.”

¹⁶But Elisha said, “As surely as the Lord lives, in whose presence I stand, I will not take anything.” Even though Na’aman urged him to accept something, he refused. ¹⁷Then Na’aman said, “If you do not want anything, please give me, your servant, as much dirt as two donkeys can carry, for your servant will never again burn incense or sacrifice to other gods, but only to the Lord. ¹⁸But may the Lord forgive your servant this one thing: When my master goes into the house of Rimmon to bow down there and he supports himself on my arm, then I too have to bow down in the house of Rimmon. When I bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the Lord forgive your servant this one thing.” ¹⁹Then Elisha said to him, “Go in peace.” When Na’aman had gone some distance from him, ²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, “My master was too easy on this Aramean, Na’aman, when he did not accept anything that he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” ²¹So Gehazi chased after Na’aman. When Na’aman saw him running after him, he got down from his chariot to meet him. He said, “Is everything all right?” ²²Then Gehazi said, “Yes, everything is all right. My master sent me to say, ‘Look, just now two young men from the hill country of Ephraim, from the sons of the prophets, have come to me. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’”

²³Na’aman said, “Certainly! Take two talents!” He urged Gehazi and tied up the two talents of silver in two bags with the two sets of clothing. Then Na’aman gave them to his two servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴When he came to the hill, he took the gifts from them. Then he hid them in the house and sent the men back, so they left. ²⁵Then he went in and attended his master.

Elisha said to him, “Where were you, Gehazi?” Gehazi said, “Your servant didn’t go anywhere.” ²⁶Then Elisha said to him, “Didn’t my heart go along when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take silver, or to accept clothes or olive groves or vineyards or sheep or cattle or male and female servants? ²⁷Na’aman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went out from his presence, leprous like snow.

Psalm of the Day—Psalm 90, p. 99

Second Lesson—Hebrews 3:1-6 EHV

Continue to show brotherly love. ²Do not fail to show love to strangers, for by doing this some have welcomed angels without realizing it. ³Remember those in prison, as if you were fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were also suffering bodily. ⁴Marriage is to be held in honor by all, and the marriage bed is to be kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers. ⁵Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God has said: I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you. ⁶So then we say with confidence: The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?

Verse of the Day—Isaiah 25:9

Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia.

Gospel—Mark 10:17-27 EHV

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. ¹⁹You know the commandments. ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰The man replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child.” ²¹Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus told them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For people, it is impossible, but not for God, because all things are possible for God.”

Nicene Creed (p. 12)

Hymn—401, “Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

Sermon—Mark 10:21

“One Thing You Lack”

1. Jesus shows us what we lack
2. Jesus fulfills everything we lack

Create in Me (p. 14)

Offering—*Please sign Friendship Register at this time*

Prayer of the Church; Lord’s Prayer (p. 15)

The Sacrament (pp. 15-19)

Hymn—315, “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”

Thanksgiving; Prayer; Blessing (pp. 19-20)

Hymn—125, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”