

The name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit. Amen. Dear friends in christ. This gospel in which our lord, invites us, to lay aside, our worries and anxieties, and cares and give them into our father's hand who loves us and cares for us this Invitation in this gospel comes up.

Every year. And every year, When we get here, i think boy. This should be the reading every sunday. Every sunday i come with cares. And worries. Worries about the church about my country, my family, you all, and you have your own worries. When do we not need? To here.

These words. Of course. As you go through life, you're worries, do change. I didn't retrospect, they often seem Silly. You have to admit overblown. Can you even remember? Back far enough. To recall the sort of things you worried about. When you were, let's say four or five years old.

What it what did we even worry about at that age? I suppose, whether our Halloween costumes would be cool. These were our, these were our worries. And in retrospect, of course it seems silly. Then we got a little older. And we worried. About different things. Does she like me?

Will he notice me? Uh, am i going to get my homework done on time? Am i gonna do? Okay on the test? And then we got a little older. We worried about what we are going to do with the rest of our lives. Are we going to go to school?

Or are we gonna take over the family farm or are we going to learn a trade, or are we going to get married? And these sorts of worries, and then we had children. And the worries. Exploded. And we worried about them, we worried about the sort of worlds, they were growing up in what sort of life would we be able to give them?

Are we completely ruining them and failing as parents and the worries? Go on and on. And we get older. And we worry about our aging parents. We worry about the mounting bills. We get older still. We worry about our health. Are they going to put me in the nursing home?

Is the medicare. The health insurance going to cut us And on, and on it goes. But as we look back, We realize that all that energy, Expended in our hearts and our souls worrying about things is simply not worth it. As as our lord even says, which of you by worrying can add even an hour to your life.

If anything is the opposite, probably These things are simply just not worth. The spiritual emotional energy of our hearts. That they demanded us. In fact, nothing is Jesus tells us there's only one thing. That's worth all that, that's worth your energy like that.

Seek, ye first the kingdom of god and his righteousness.

And all these things. Will be added. To you. The kingdom of god. And his righteousness. The kingdom of god is his rule as a merciful king to save worrisome. Sinners Like us. The kingdom of god, says saint paul in, romans is not eating and drinking, but it is righteousness.

Peace and joy. In the holy spirit. There is a piece, which passes all understanding. And it is not found in our worries and in our efforts, but it is found in christ. There is a righteousness that avails before the father and it's not found in our doings, but in the blood and righteousness, Of his son.

None of these things that we chase after in life are the things that we want standing by us. When we stand before, the judgment seats of god. Most just On that day, we will not want money or things or even family. What we will want? Is jesus blood and righteousness, what we will want is the very thing that he gives you.

For free by grace. It is the very gift. Given to in your baptism. Eaten and drunk in his supper and preach. Now, Into your ears. The kingdom of god and his righteousness. His righteousness is not only the forgiveness of your sins but it is also That you are robed in christ.

The gospel news, the good news is not only that, god has cast your sins into the depth of the sea and forgotten them. So that you are some sort of a blank slate now. Hope you don't mess it up this time. No, but the gospel is that in addition to casting your sins into the depths of the sea, removing them from you.

As far as east as from the west, he has also come and robed you with christ's righteousness and filled you up and looks at you. And is pleased and said this is my beloved child in whom. I am wealthless He not only takes away our sins, but he fills us up.

With jesus perfect, obedience and righteousness. Everybody knows the answer to this next question. When you're on your deathbed, What do you want to be surrounded by piles of money? Sports trophies. What do you want to be surrounded by? Your children and grandchildren. In the pastor reading to you, singing to you.

About a savior who died. And rose. So that you can live forever. That's what you want. That's what's important in life. Seek first, the kingdom of god. And his righteousness. And all these other things. Will be added to you because your father in heaven knows that you need them.

He knows. Traces is not encouraging us towards irresponsibility. Or laziness. We're not to take these words and say, well see i just sit

on my bum and don't have to do anything and pizza will just fall out of the sky, even the birds Gather. Even the lilies. Grow. But the point is, that we are to commend our worries into our father's hand.

We are to use the things of this world, but not serve them. Jesus says, you cannot serve god and money. The word is mammoth. Which man, then means money and things and the things we chase after. So you fill in the blank, you cannot serve god and money. You cannot serve god and work.

You cannot serve god and sports. You cannot serve god and fill in the blank. Notice, he doesn't say you should not, which is true. But it's not only that you should not, it's that you cannot. Your heart's energy. Can only be devoted like this to one thing. And only one thing.

Is worth it. Many people want to serve money, And use god. But we are to serve god. And use money work. Sports. You fill in the blank. Because when we get to eternity, Will be rich. Our heavenly home. We will not say. You know. This wasn't really worth. All that fuss.

Oh no. Seeing. God face to face. Being in the joyous company of all his saints and angels, you will say This was it. This was the one thing. That did not disappoint. This is the one thing. Worth serving. Seek first, the kingdom of god. And his righteousness, dear friends.

Do all the things that you worry about. Will be added to you. Where he knows. Well, how to turn all things? Even evil. For the good of those who love him. I'm sitting lord jesus. Amen.