

# CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

March 30, 2025

Sunday Seminar 9:30 am ~ Worship Service 10:45 am

**Worship Leader:** Rebecca Harder

**Speaker:** Lisa Enns

**Children's Time:** Vern Klassen-Wiebe

**Scripture Reader:** Cathy Dorland,

**Glimpse of MCM Gathering:** Julia Thiessen

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**Technician:** Kent Haase

**Song Leader:** Ann Koop Hunsberger

**Ushers:** Ron & Wendy Dueck

**Pianist:** Caroline Klassen

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## Lent 4: The Rich Man and Lazarus

*Christ Confronts our Selfishness*

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Words

Song: VT 563 *Come, Thou Fount*

Call to Worship

One: As we worship, Christ confronts our selfishness.

**Many: Lord, stir our beings as we turn to you.**

One: Lord, shake our perspectives as you work in our lives.

**Many: Help us centre on you, taking the focus off of ourselves!**

*All: We are persuaded to listen to you as we worship this day,  
our living God.*

### HEARING THE WORD

Time with Children

Song: VT 712 *Beauty for Brokenness*

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

### RESPONDING

Confession and Words of Assurance

*All: Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against  
you,*

One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

**Many: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what  
we have chosen to neglect.**

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved  
our neighbour as ourselves.

**Many: We cling to what we have, and trust in material things,  
ignoring the needs of those around us.**

*All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please  
open our hearts to your love. Help us loosen our grip on what  
we have and challenge the selfishness of our society with open*

*hands so we may better share your peace in your world,  
rejoicing in your name. Amen.*

Song: VT 555 *Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing*

Glimpse of MCM Gathering

Offering Ourselves

### SHARING AND PRAYER

Sharing (livestream muted)

Prayer

### SENDING

Announcements

Song: VT 568 *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours*

Benediction

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### Luke 16:19-31 ~ *The Rich Man and Lazarus*

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’