



WEEK Four

“At Our Savior’s Way Lutheran Church, we value serving God’s people.”

In today’s Washington Post, Thomas Boswell wrote an article entitled, “The Best teenage hitter ever? Nationals Soto is no fluke.” Another article described Hurricane Florence as the most dangerous storm of a generation. Article after article comparisons were made. There is no question we like to make comparisons to gauge almost everything in life. We even like to compare ourselves to our neighbor in the hopes of gauging how well we are living. To live well is a value Jesus also held in high esteem. He often talked about living wisely and making the most of the opportunities God has given us.

But when we begin to make comparisons or evaluate our lives, the standard Jesus gave us is not based on how much we have nor how well we are doing, but how well our neighbor is doing. The standard for living wisely, is not how much we get out of life but how much we put into it. Jesus said, “whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave-just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

One day when Jesus was in the temple, He and the disciples were observing people as they gave their offerings. Jesus asked his disciples to compare their offerings. Many wealthy people gave large offerings and a poor widow gave just two small coins. Jesus asked, “Whose offering was the greatest?” And then Jesus told the disciples that the poor widow’s offering was the greatest because she gave everything she had. The greatest lives are lives filled with sacrifice for others.

Jesus lived the greatest life that was ever lived. He was born. He lived. He suffered. He died on the cross, so you and I might have eternal life. The cross is the example of true greatness for all who believe in Him. Therefore, at Our Savior’s Way Lutheran Church, we value serving God’s people.

Matthew 20:25-28: *But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave-just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*