

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### SERMON OUTLINE -- OCTOBER 31, 2021

# FROM RAGS TO RICHES

*(1 Corinthians 15:55-16:2; 2 Corinthians 8:9)*

**INTRODUCTION:** *A common expression –  
“He went from rags to riches...”*

## I. OUR LORD JESUS DID THE OPPOSITE:

**HE WENT FROM RICHES TO RAGS** (2 Corinthians 8:9)

- A. Why would Jesus do such a thing?
- B. *The news story of the toll bridge in Michigan (“He paid your toll”)*
- C. Jesus paid our eternal toll (2 Cor. 8:9; Colossian 1:13-14,20)
- D. Jesus went from “riches to rags” that we might become God’s treasured possession (Malachi 3:17)

## II. THE RAGS OF OUR SIN & DEATH HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED FOR JESUS’ RESURRECTION VICTORY

- A. We have gone from rags to riches!
- B. Our eternal riches have a lot to do with the use of our earthly riches
- C. A BIG DISCOVERY: “From resurrection to collection” (1 Cor. 15:55-16:2)
- D. If we Christians do not support the Lord’s work who will? (will Buddhists? Hindus? Muslims? Mormons?)
- E. Today is Reformation Sunday (Did you know that the Reformation **began** because of a “money issue”???)
  1. The issue was the *indulgence* (paying for forgiveness of sin!)
  2. Luther’s holy anger over indulgences spread the saving Gospel & reformed the Church
- F. There is a proper connection between the resurrection & the collection
- G. Jesus.... Heaven’s Prince became a pauper for us... He went from riches to rags (2 Corinthians 8:9)

**CONCLUSION:** *Mark Twain’s book –  
“The Prince & the Pauper”*