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# **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **July 31st, 2022**



**Life does not consist in  
an abundance of  
possessions.**

Luke 12:15, NIV

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## AS WE GATHER

All three Readings today bemoan the problems of worldly people. Vainly do they strive for material goods, for, as “the Preacher” notes, you can’t take it with you. Indeed, at any time, as Jesus reminds a man wanting his fair share of an inheritance, your soul can be required. Then to whom shall your things belong? But while Paul in the Epistle reminds his readers about what their lives were like once upon a time, he also reminds them that in Holy Baptism they have been raised with Christ and promises that they (we!) will appear with Him in glory. Today is a day to look up to the things that are above, remember our Baptism, and “serve the LORD with gladness!” (Psalm 100:2).

## SERVICE OF PRAYER AND THE WORD

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

### OPENING HYMN     *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

LSB 549

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### AN ACT OF ADORATION

Pastor: Let us adore our Heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives the light of knowing of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

**People: We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; who will come again, as Judge and King.

**People: You are the King of Glory, O Christ.**

Pastor: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

**People: All praise to You, O Holy Spirit.**

### **AN ACT OF CONFESSION**

Pastor: O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**All: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy on us O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God and put a new and right spirit within us. Amen.**

### **AN ACT OF ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Good Shepherd. He has laid down His life for our forgiveness and has taken His life back up again in His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: The Lord restores us and leads us in paths of righteousness. Amen.**

### **☩ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ☩**

#### **FIRST READING**

*Ecclesiastes 1:2; 12-14; 2:18-26*

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I

have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM~** *Read Responsively*

*Psalm 100*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord, He is God!

**People: It is he who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

**People: Give thanks to Him; bless His name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

**People: and His faithfulness to all generations.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 3:1-11*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*“When Peace, like a River”*

LSB 763

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 12:13-21*

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN**                      *“O God, My Faithful God”*                      LSB 696 vs 1-4

**SERMON**                              *“The New Life in Christ”*                      *Colossians 3:1-11*

## **OFFERING**

### **AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, we lift our hearts in gratitude to You, and for all Your loving kindness we bless Your holy name. For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life.

**People: We thank and praise You, O God.**

**Pastor:** For the wonder and beauty of the world; and for all the things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious.

**People: We thank and praise You, O God.**

**Pastor:** For the gift of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son; for the grace and truth which came by Him; and for His obedience unto death on a cross.

**People: We thank and praise You, O God.**

**Pastor:** For His glorious Resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion.

**People: We thank and praise You, O God.**

**Pastor:** For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of life; for Your holy church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth.

**People: We thank and praise You, O God. Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be to You, O Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**HYMN**                                      *“Thine Forever, God of Love”*                      LSB 687

### **AN ACT OF SUPPLICATION**

**Pastor:** Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be a light to the nations.

**People: Send out messengers and missionaries to every corner of the earth,**

**that people from every tribe, nation, and language would know the saving Light of the world, Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Lord, send Your mercy to all who are advanced in years and struggling with their limitations.

**People: Grant them patience and give them purpose. Help them to share their faithfulness with others, as Simeon and Anna did in the temple.**

Pastor: Lord, as Hannah dedicated Samuel to the Lord's service,

**People: we pray that You would raise up pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and other servants in Your Church, that all people come to see the salvation You have prepared for all people.**

Pastor: Lord, You sent Your Son into this world and by doing so changed the course of history. Comfort all those who are struggling to change their lives, those who live with mental illness, addiction, poor habits, and a lack of self-control.

**People: Transform their lives and bring them to You, for You make all things new.**

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially...*]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (*Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy"*).

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer. Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**     *"May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"*

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## OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### 5:30PM SATURDAY

**Rick Melius**

Elder

**Sarah Peterson**

Organist

### 9:00AM SUNDAY

**Lary Bone**

Elder

**Alexander Noonan**

**Tyler Noonan**

Acolytes

**Denise Edwards**

Organist

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Congregational Chairman

**Brian Ternus**

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