



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

July 31, 2022 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community”

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Welcome to Worship this morning. We will be sharing Holy Communion. Communion will be given two ways, you can either come up front and receive from Pastor, or Pastor can commune you, or you can pick up the convenient cup/wafer before the service and receive at your seat.

Reminder; we are videoing “live”.



Today’s texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the “unhappy business” of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the “things that are above.” To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord’s supper and the encouragement of God’s word.

**Prelude
Welcome**

Joanne Richards

Hymn “Morning Has Broken”

Red Worship Book 556

- 1** Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2** Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3** Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

L: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

Refrain



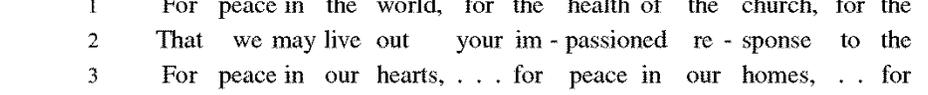
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



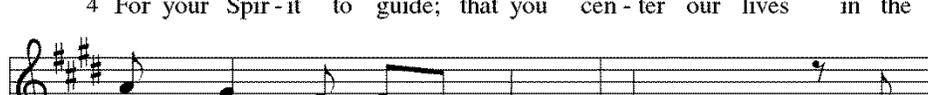
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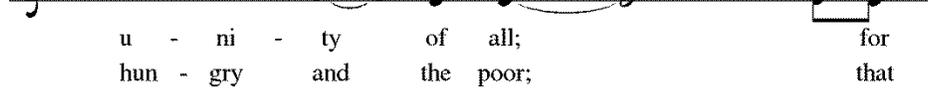
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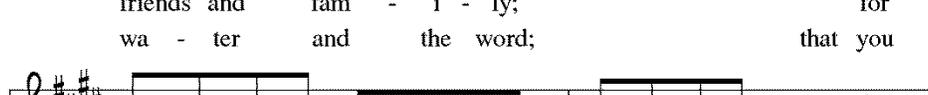
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the



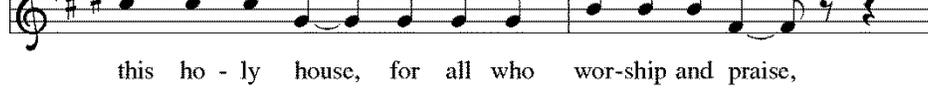
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for



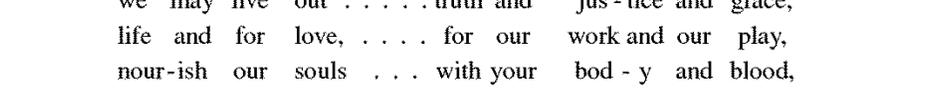
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



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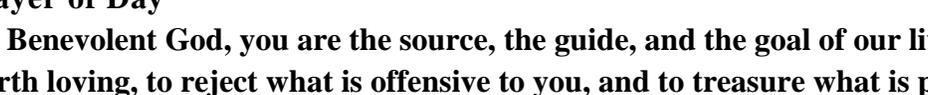
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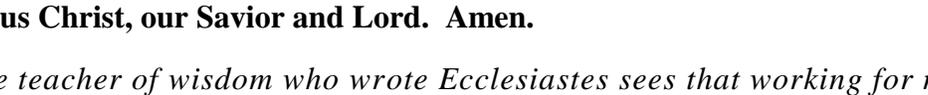
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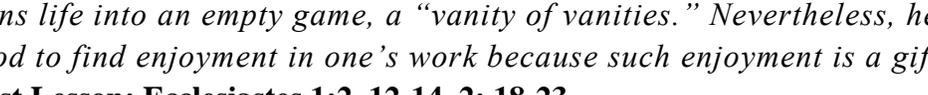
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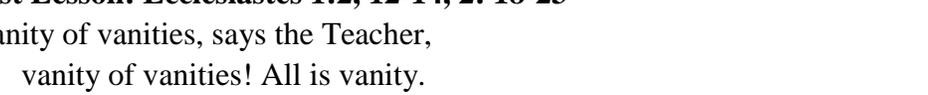
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,



life and for love, for our work and our play,



nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Prayer of Day

C: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2: 18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and

knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalm 49: 1-12

L: Hear this, all you peoples;

C: give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

L: you of high degree and low,

C: rich and poor together.

L: My mouth shall speak of wisdom,

C: and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

L: I will incline my ear to a proverb

C: and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

L: Why should I be afraid in evil days,

C: when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

L: the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,

C: and boast of their great riches?

L: One can never redeem another,

C: or give to God the ransom for another's life;

L: for the ransom of a life is so great

C: that there would never be enough to pay it,

L: in order to live forever and ever

C: and never see the grave.

L: For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish

C: and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

L: Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,

C: though they had named lands after themselves.

L: Even though honored, they cannot live forever;

C: they are like the beasts that perish.

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

Second Lesson: Colossians 3: 1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 143

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.”

¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of Our Lord

Red Worship Book pg. 143

C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

Children’s Sermon “WE TO ME”

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Sermon “Where is Your Treasure?”

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Hymn “How Great Thou Art”

Red Worship Book 856

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” *Refrain*

Offering/Hymn “We Are an Offering”

Red Worship Book 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices. Lord, use our hands. Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer

L: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **C: Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

L; Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

L: O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress. Renew us at your table of mercy.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: Amen.

Word of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Red Worship Book pg. 145

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn "Come, Let Us Eat"

Red Worship Book 491

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,) come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. (Our Lord's body let us take together,) our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,) come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. (Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,) Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,) in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. (In the presence of our Lord we gather,) in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,) rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word. (Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,) Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Communion Hymn "One Bread, One Body"

Red Worship Book 496

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. ***Refrain***
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. ***Refrain***
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. ***Refrain***

Communion Prayer

Blessing

L: The God of peace, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Red Worship Book 733

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

Dismissal

Go in Peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

the worship is ended ... let the service begin...

****The Noisy offering for this month is for Foodshelf, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.****



Next Week's Readings and Psalm

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm

Psalm 33:12-22

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel

Luke 12:32-40



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ Gary Wells, Judy Smith, Lana Jensen, Wally Guptill, Rev. Mike Pancoast, Rev. Ericka Foss, Karen Johnson (mother of Jamie and Amy Johnson), Leigha Ness, Marie Sigler (niece of Virgil and Joyce Seegebarth), Yvonne Guptill, Drew (Mindy's brother), Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny) and Alysa McFadden (daughter of Robert and Pat Anderson).

Care facility member ~Dorothy Svendsen.

For Health Care Workers, Firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect Policemen and women and military.

For world peace. For our companion synods.

For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke

Announcements/Calendar

Sun. 8:30 Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC.

Wed. 11 am Staff mtg.; 5-6 pm Community Meal; 6:30 pm Worship/HC.

Thurs. 8 am Men's Text Study.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC.



We express our Christian sympathy to the families of Reverend Gerald "Jerry" Allen and Pearl Anderson (sister of Joyce Seegebarth.) May they know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and give them peace.



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CANCELLED!

My Starving Children-
n at 10 pm –
illetin board.

Please join us for the Community Meal on
Wednesday, August 3rd from 5-6 pm with
Worship at 6:30 pm. We are looking
forward to seeing everyone.

