



8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 31, 2022

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As We Gather

All three of today's Readings reflect on the problems of worldly people who strive vainly for material things, because as "the Preacher" notes in the Old Testament reading, 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 will your things belong? But while in the Epistle Paul reminds his readers what their lives were like before they knew Christ, he also reminds them that in Holy Baptism they have been *raised with Christ* and promises that they (*and we!*) will one day be with Him in glory. Today is a day for us to look up to the things that are above, to remember our Baptism, and to "serve the Lord with gladness!" (Psalm 100:2).

Prelude

"All Depends on Our Possessing"

T. Stelzer

Opening Hymn

"All Depends on Our Possessing"

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| <p>1 All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.</p> <p>2 He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me
Will remain my help divine.</p> | <p>3 Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.</p> <p>4 When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope anew my heart will quicken;
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender,
For on God alone I build.</p> |
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Invocation

P In the name of the Father, who graciously calls us His sons and daughters.

C Amen.

P In the name of the ✠ Son, whose death and resurrection has given us eternal life.

C Amen.

P In the name of the Holy Spirit, who has given us the gift of faith to trust all the promises of God.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us now confess our sins to God our merciful Father.

C **O God our heavenly Father, we confess that we are born sinful and continue to sin against You. We have not walked in Your ways of truth and righteousness. We have not followed Your Commandments. We confess our sins and ask Your forgiveness. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us and help us in our weaknesses. Create in us clean hearts, that we may turn from our sinful ways and live according to Your will and Your ways.**

P God has promised His mercy to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for forgiveness. Upon your confession and in obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

Romans 6:4, Colossians 3:1-4

P In his Epistle to the Church in Rome, Paul wrote...

P Let us pray,

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing the washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

C We give thanks that according to Your boundless mercy, You have beheld us and have blessed us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam, has been drowned and died. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we could be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

P Do you renounce the devil, all his works, and all his ways?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C Amen.

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted us new birth in Holy Baptism and made us members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom.

C We humbly implore You that, as we are Your children, You would keep us in our baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure we may faithfully lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O Lord, You have made great and gracious promises that come to us through our Baptism into Christ.

C As we recall our Baptism, assure us of Your forgiveness, strengthen our faith, and lead us to be instruments of Your peace and joy,

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

✠ The Vanity of Wisdom ✠ *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26*

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ¹⁸I 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, ¹⁹and 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. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because 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. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For 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. ²⁴There 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, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem of Praise Solo

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

Hymn # 806

Epistle

✠ Put on the New Self ✠

Colossians 3:1-11

¹If then 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 appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of

God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

✠ The Parable of the Rich Fool ✠

Luke 12:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And 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.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And 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. 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, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

“What Is the World to Me”

#730 sts. 1-4

1 What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul’s delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!

2 The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
What is the world to me!

3 The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I’ll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!

4 What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at www.stpauloaklawn.org. For information about regular electronic giving, please contact the church office.*

Offertory Meditation

✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father...

Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

Piano Selection

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

P. Kretzschmar

Hymn

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

#618

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole

Refrain
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art:
Refrain

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;

Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Refrain

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

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Hymn

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

#619

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*

No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*

Refrain

*Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee. *Refrain*

4 Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master
With aid and comfort e'er is near. *Refrain*

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

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3 Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.

Communion Blessing

P The true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Closing Prayer

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament,

C and we implore You to strengthen us through it so that our life and conduct will reflect the presence of Christ, with whom we have been united in our Baptism;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

#782

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

3 In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

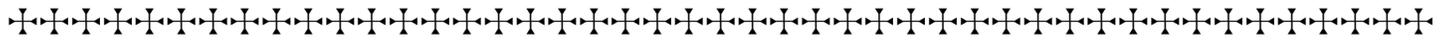
△4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain
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2 By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. Refrain

Postlude

“Postlude in F Major”

A. W. Leupold



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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

For Pastor Mrochen

Announcements & Notes:

The "Party in the Parking Lot" is August 27. They're asking for your help with water, beverages, etc, so bring those by any time.

There's also a flier for Faith in Action's school supply collection printed on the inside the back cover – this is for Worth township's annual collection, and items needed are listed there. Please drop off by August 7th.

On September 17, Ladies' Guild is hosting a "Fall Fest Vendor – Craft Fair" here at St. Paul, so please start spreading the word about that – either to vendors or those who would come to buy – we'd like to see a great turnout!

The following week, September 24 our Operation Barnabas group is hosting our annual Veterans' Luncheon. Again, spread the word!

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

Andrew Mrochen	Vern Howe
Eugene Marcinkowski	Roberta & Carlos Owens
Denise DeLaurentis	Dorothy Kroll
Eric Kessling	Barb & Emily Feehan
Bob Hessert	Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta	Patricia Paulsen
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APPLE TREE PROGRAM AT WORTH 2022

“Apple Tree” is a program which can help families with the financial difficulty of replacing school supplies for their children throughout the school year. The Youth Commission accepts donations of school supplies and monetary donations all year round.

This program is made possible by the generous donations made by local residents, businesses, church groups, schools and civic groups. The list for school supplies is as follows:

#2 Pencils (black lead)	Spiral notebooks (wide rule) (1 subject, 3 subjects, 5 subjects)
Mechanical Pencils	Compasses
Large pink pencil erasers	School bag / backpacks
Pencil Sharpeners	Binders (all sizes)
Red, Blue and Black Pens	Calculators
Erasable Pens (Red, Blue, Black)	Black Sharpie Markers
Pen ink erasers	Index Cards (large and small)
12” Ruler (in inches and centimeters; plastic and wooden)	Cloth Pencil Case
Colored pencils	Plastic School Boxes
Crayola crayons box of 12, 16, 24, 48, or 64	Protractors
Crayola Thin and Wide Washable Markers	Clorox Wipes
Elmer’s White School Glue (4oz. bottle)	Paper Towels
Fiskar scissors (both right and left-handed)	Large box Kleenex (350 count)
Glue sticks (large and small)	Sandwich size zip lock bags
Laminated pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green, orange, black, white)	Gallon size zip lock bags
Regular pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green, orange, black, white)	Ear buds / headphones
Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide rule)	Post It Notes
	Dry Erase Markers

Parking Lot Party

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Food

Games



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9 Square



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(Mark Gorka-Acoustic)



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and more

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