EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 2019 - 10:45 AM

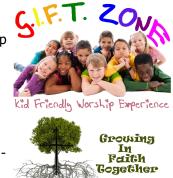


Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate 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.

G.I.F.T. Zone Worship-Learning Area For Parents

We offer the parent-friendly G.I.F.T. Zone (in the left-hand transept of the main sanctuary) so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. This parent-friendly worship experience is located in the left-hand side area of the sanctuary. **Every child in the G.I.F.T. Zone should be accompanied by a family adult**—as the purpose is to provide an area for parents to help teach their children the routines and meaning of worship (until they are old enough to worship in the pews for the entire service).

For families who wish to take advantage of the G.I.F.T. Zone, there is child-friendly worship furniture plus adult chairs for parents. Feel free to sit in the special area throughout the service with your child - or come to the area with your child following the Children's Message. Parents and children use guided activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the readings, see



use guided activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the readings, sermon, hymn, creed, and prayers. This is an awesome way for parents to share the rhythm of worship and have children/ parents engaged together in worship with the whole congregation, while learning the liturgy. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for children who have not yet reached the point to focus and benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities).

Living Springs Lutheran Church

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GATHERING: GOD-STORIES & BULLETIN SLIPS

As we gather, we reflect on God's work, with some visual examples on the display screens. We use the green slips in our bulletins to write down our God's Stories (and prayer concerns). Where have you seen or experienced God at work in yourself, in the lives of others, or the world this past week? Names are NOT required. Green slips may be placed in the offering plate.

SUMMER GATHERING MUSIC Hymns by Request

(During the Gathering Music, individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy

endures forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism

and confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)

Pastor: God of mercy,

People: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and

against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need.

Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our

Lord. Amen.

Pastor: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ,

forgiving us + all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ

has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

People: Amen.

We face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. We turn to follow the cross as it enters.

ENTRANCE SONG "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" ELW #523

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the

Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.



SONG OF PRAISE & PRAYER OF THE DAY



Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dea Jones

Children, youth, and young at heart are invited to gather on the steps for a special message. Toddlers may be accompanied by parents. All may bring forward coins or dollars for the bucket collection (Summer Feeding/School Supply Program). Following the message, young children and parent(s) are invited to the G.I.F.T. Zone for special activities that help young ones participate in worship through the middle portion of the service. As the children gather, we sing:

Allelu, allelu, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord! (2x)
Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia! (3x) Praise ye the Lord!

FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from Ecclesiastes.

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

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied 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. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

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 —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. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because 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. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For 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. (Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.



PSALM 49:1-12

Lector: Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

People: you of high degree and low,

rich and poor together.

Lector: My mouth shall speak of wisdom,

and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

People: I will incline my ear to a proverb

and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

Lector: Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

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

and boast of their great riches?

Lector: One can never redeem another,

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

People: for the ransom of a life is so great

that there would never be enough to pay it,

Lector: in order to live forever and ever

and never see the grave.

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

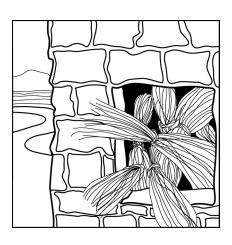
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

Lector: Their graves shall be their homes forever,

their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

People: Even though honored, they cannot live forever;

they are like the beasts that perish.



SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from Colossians.

So if 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! (Colossians 3:1–11)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.



We stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And 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." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then 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. 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, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." (Luke 12:13–21)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

We are seated

SERMON Rev. Eric Fink

HYMN OF THE DAY "Be Thou My Vision" ELW #793

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assist: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in

need, and all of your creation.

+ A brief silence +

Assist: Your people struggle with the weariness and toil of living in a broken world. Work

through your church to restore justice and mercy, and send rest and comfort to all

who are bowed down. Trusting in God, our abundant provider, let us pray.

People: Have mercy, O God.

Assist: Your creation longs for generous care. Give growth to the fields, strength to

farmers, ranchers, and laborers who toil in summer's heat, and wisdom to us to

respect earth's bounty. Trusting in God, our loving creator, let us pray.

People: Have mercy, O God.

Assist: Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life—low

and high, rich and poor—and sway every heart toward your merciful will. Trusting

in God, our Sovereign, let us pray.

People: Have mercy, O God.

Assist: Your people in this congregation praise you and pray for your almighty help.

Comfort those who struggle with anxiety, depression, illness, grief, or stress. Provide for those in need, especially we pray for *Kathryn Padgett; Bob Turnmire;*

JoAnn Pulse; Linda Bostwick; Connie Wallace; Skip Kasdorf; John McDonald; Baylor Deselem; the Richards family; Harold/Kathy Guyon; Beth/Jeromy/Nathen/

Jesse Dorsing; Diane; Benny Pope; Brenda; Dan Wolinski; Sandra Hastings; those on our prayer cards; and those we name before you now, either silently or

aloud.... Trusting in God, our purpose and goal, let us pray.

People: Have mercy, O God.

Assist: Your communities near and far lack basic resources. Supply work, food, and health

care for all who are in need. Bring relief to those who are overworked. Trusting in

God, our help, let us pray.

People: Have mercy, O God.

Assist: Your saints who have died now rest in your merciful care. Comfort us in faith and

love as we continue our labor on earth. Trusting in God, who gives life to the

dead, let us pray.

People: Have mercy, O God.

Assist: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by

the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PEACE IS SHARED

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."

We are seated

OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN

For those who wish to give electronically, you may use the secure Givelify app. If you give electronically or by bank draft, there are anonymous "offering cards" in the pew rack, which you may prayerfully place in the plate as a reminder that every offering by any means is an act of worship.





MUSIC FOR REFLECTION "Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven"

Disciples of Harmony by Pepper Choplin

We stand as able

OFFERTORY HYMN



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assist: Let us pray.

People: Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the

talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives

may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great

love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened

his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Spirit of love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom,

with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

People: 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.

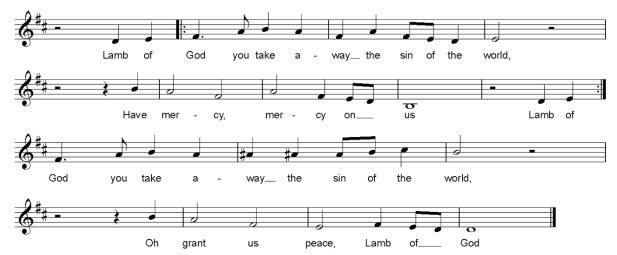
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

People: Thanks be to God.

We are seated

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

This meal is the Lord's Supper of grace and is open to ALL Christians of any background or denomination. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in **Christ's true presence** in, with, and under the elements. We invite you to have your name tag visible so that the ministers may include **your name** as they offer you the elements. Communion at Living Springs is by **intinction** (bread is dipped into the wine or grape juice). In response to the words, "Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you," each worshipper may respond with, "**Amen.**" If you require a **gluten free wafer**, please let your worship assistant know so they can accommodate you. Each chalice contains two compartments: wine is located in the larger compartment, while **alcohol-free grape juice** is located in the smaller compartment for those who require it. After receiving the elements, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the rail for meditation and prayer (others may simply fill in the open spaces). **Children** who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a special blessing. Simply fold your hands to indicate you would like to receive the blessing.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"One Bread, One Body"

ELW #496



We stand after all have received communion

EUCHARISTIC BLESSING & PRAYER

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

People: Amen

Assist: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence,

nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing

spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving;

and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you

forever.

People: Amen.



SENDING HYMN

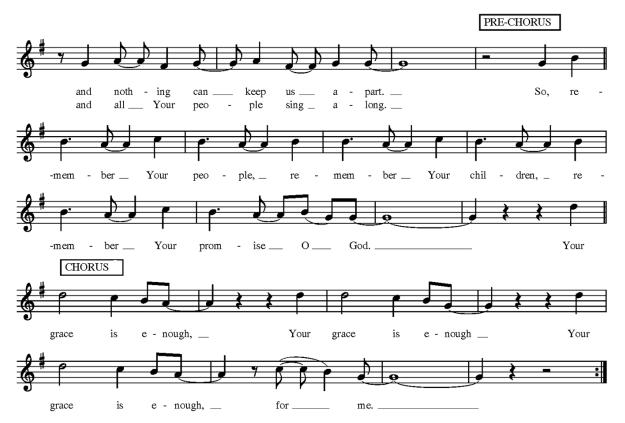
"Your Grace is Enough"

(While we sing, we turn and face the processional cross as it is carried out the center aisle.)

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's heart You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice, God You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along



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DISMISSAL

Assist: Go in peace. Christ is sending you to bear the Spirit's fruit.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

As we go out to serve the Lord, we encourage you to share the FaceTime Live Stream Casts from today's worship experience on your social media platforms using #GodsGraceForAll. You can find the live stream on our Living Springs FaceBook page: @livingspringscolumbia

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

The Meaning of Life

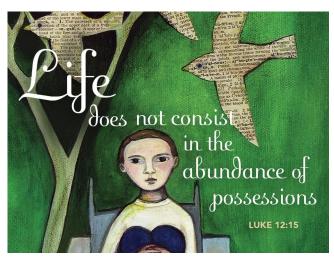
The book of Ecclesiastes in the Hebrew Bible is full of situations the author describes as "vanity" and "chasing after wind." The author is troubled by these situations, which seem unfair or absurd. He laments over a wise man who must leave all his possessions to a foolish heir (Eccles 2:21), and over a rich man who loses everything on a bad venture (Eccles 5:13-14). The author of Ecclesiastes believes that hard work and wisdom should be fairly rewarded, but notes that reality often turns out differently.

One might see today's parable from the Gospel of Luke fitting neatly alongside Ecclesiastes' cynicism. A rich man, blessed by an abundant harvest, tears down his barns to build bigger ones—but he dies before he can enjoy the fruit of his labor. This, too, is vanity and a chasing after wind!

But Jesus doesn't tell this parable as a commentary on the absurdity of human existence. Rather, he is teaching an important lesson about what we value.

All too often, we place trust first in ourselves, thinking we can achieve success and happiness all on our own. Or we believe we will be happy if only we get that latest gadget or that new car; we put our faith in blind luck, trusting that the harvest will be good, or that the stock market will continue to go up. And yet we find ourselves disappointed again and again.

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions," Jesus tells us. Wealth and material success will not give our lives meaning. Instead, we should be "rich toward God" (Luke 12:21). What does this mean? We are "rich toward God" as we build up our relationship with our Creator through prayer and studying scripture, through worship and acts of service. Such an endeavor is surely not vanity or a chasing after wind.



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Seasonal Emphasis

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS DAY!

We greet all who worship in the name of the Risen Savior!

May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone, through the grace shown to the world in Jesus.

We gather as a community of disciples. Our center is Jesus Christ, and we are here to know and share the blessing of his forgiving, healing hand. If you have any questions about our congregation, please call 736-0661, drop by our office (M - F 8:30-4:30) or visit our website at www.livingspringscolumbia.org.

WELCOME GUESTS! – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to fill out the green slip in your bulletin and/or sign the welcome book in the narthex. New members are always welcome into our congregation. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the office (736-0661) or Pastor Eric (917-2749).

BULLETIN GREEN SLIPS - may be completed and placed in the offering plate for prayer requests, God Stories, guest information, address/phone updates, and a record of communing. Please complete at least one slip during 2019 to ensure we have a record of communing.

SEASONAL NAME TAG – In order to show hospitality, we ask everyone to stop by the table under the portico and complete a name tag with our seasonal scripture verse. The tags allow everyone to use names as we share the Peace - and allow communion ministers to speak your name (*please make sure your name is visible when you come to the altar rail*).

RESTROOMS — are located in the Administration Building on both levels. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Main level restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations. For your child's safety, please accompany them when they leave the Sanctuary to use the restrooms.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS - are now available, please see an usher or greeter.

HEARING ASSISTANCE – The ushers have headsets which will amplify the sound for you. Please return to an usher or leave in the pew at the conclusion of the service.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & ALCOHOL-FREE GRAPE JUICE— are available during communion, for those who desire either.

G.I.F.T. ZONE - is a special area in our worship space for parents and young children who wish to worship together with more child-friendly furniture and special resources to utilize during worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS – are distributed during the children's sermon.

NURSERY — is available for infants-3 years old during the 10:45 Worship Service; located downstairs in the preschool in the Education Building. Greeters/Ushers will be happy to assist you.

CHILD SAFETY — is very important to us, so we ask at least 1 adult to accompany your child if he/she leaves the Sanctuary during worship. Please do not allow children to play on the playground without parental supervision. During the week, church doors are kept locked to maintain security for our Preschool. Please ring the intercom by the office doors to check in.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME – is held each week following the 8:15 service and prior to the 10:45 service, inside the education building.

OUR PRAYER MINISTRY – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, simply fill out the bulletin green slip and place in the offering plate (or call/email the office). Please indicate if your request is for public or private prayer.