



8th Sunday after Pentecost
Godly Living Properly Values Earthly Wealth

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

July 31, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

WORSHIP THEME

Jesus wants focused followers. However, one of the things that can most easily get in the way of our focus is our earthly possessions. It is no surprise, therefore, that Jesus' words so frequently focus his followers on wealth. Jesus' followers don't reject earthly wealth or despise it. They can be grateful for every good gift that comes from the hand of God. However, Jesus' followers value earthly wealth correctly. They understand what earthly wealth can and cannot do. They don't give earthly wealth a role in their lives it will never be able to fill. This week we focus on the fact that the identity and security earthly wealth can never provide is found fully and freely in Christ.

Divine Service I

OPENING HYMN

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly | CW 748

CONFESSION OF SINS

The Reformation never sought to abolish Private Confession and Absolution; as the Augsburg Confession says, "Private Absolution ought to be retained in the Churches." However, in addition to Private Confession, General Confession before the Sacrament developed as a way to further prepare oneself for the reception of Christ's Body and Blood.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in**

eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY – Kyrie

“Kyrie eleison” means, “Lord, have mercy.” In the **Kyrie** we come before God with the prayer that was on the lips of Blind Bartimaeus. We approach our merciful Savior as citizens of heaven, seeking His mercy for our salvation, the peace of the whole world, the well-being of His church, our worship, and our everlasting defense (Mark 10:49).

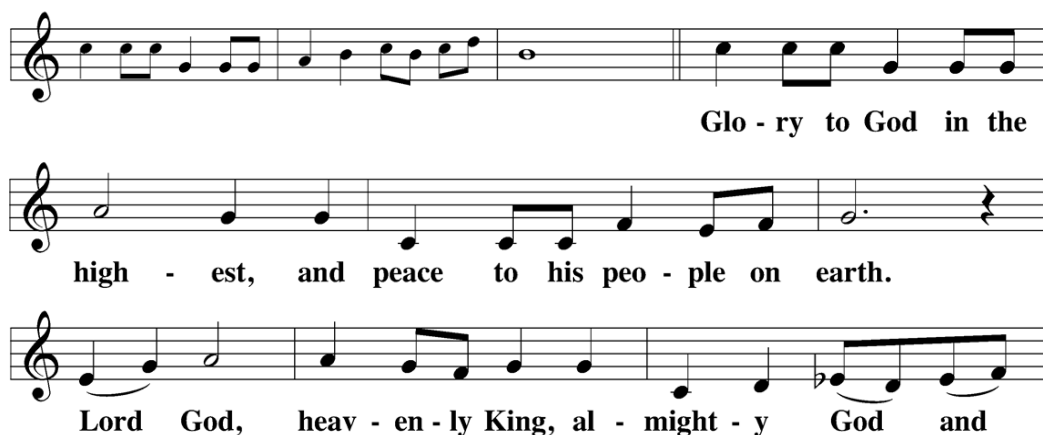


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD – Gloria in Excelsis





ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

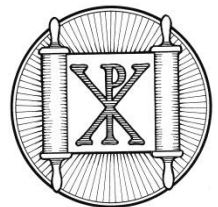
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high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

The Service of the Word

Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

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

King Solomon, possibly the wealthiest man who ever lived, learned by experience the limited value of earthly possessions.

The words of the Teacher,^[a] son of David, king in Jerusalem.

“Absolute futility,” says the Teacher.

“Absolute futility. Everything is futile.”

¹²I, the Teacher, have been^[a] king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my mind to examine and explore through wisdom all that is done under heaven. God has given people^[a] this miserable task to keep them occupied. ¹⁴I have seen all the things that are done under the sun and have found everything to be futile, a pursuit of the wind.

¹⁸I hated all my work that I labored at under the sun because I must leave it to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will take over all my work that I labored at skillfully under the sun. This too is futile. ²⁰So I began to give myself over^[a] to despair concerning all my work that I had labored at under the sun. ²¹When there is a person whose work was done with wisdom, knowledge, and skill, and he must give his portion to a person who has not worked for it, this too is futile and a great wrong. ²²For what does a person get with all his work and all his efforts that he labors at under the sun? ²³For all his days are filled with grief, and his occupation is sorrowful; even at night, his mind does not rest. This too is futile.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than to eat, drink, and enjoy^[a] his work. I have seen that even this is from God’s hand, ²⁵because who can eat and who can enjoy life^[a] apart from him?^[a] ²⁶For to the person who is pleasing in his sight, he gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy; but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and accumulating in order to give to the one who is pleasing in God’s sight. This too is futile and a pursuit of the wind.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 90

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-11

If life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions, then of what does life consist? Paul tells us—the fact that in baptism we died and were raised with Christ.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your^{1a} life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, God's wrath is coming upon the disobedient,^{1a} ⁷and you once walked in these things when you were living in them. ⁸But now, put away all the following: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self. You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your^{1a} Creator. ¹¹In Christ there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 6:20,21

Alleluia. Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Greed's folly is felt in life and will be exposed in death. Through a parable, Jesus gives us a strong warning against greed.

M: The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 12.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹³Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴“Friend,”^{1a} he said to him, “who appointed me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵He then told them, “Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because one's life is not in the abundance of his possessions.”

¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “A rich man's land was very productive. ¹⁷He thought to himself, ‘What should I do, since I don't have anywhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸I will do

this,' he said. 'I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones and store all my grain and my goods there. ¹⁹Then I'll say to myself, "You have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy; eat, drink, and enjoy yourself."'

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is demanded of you. And the things you have prepared—whose will they be?'

²¹"That's how it is with the one who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,

Nicene Creed

Dt. 6:4
2 Cor. 6:18
Is. 51:13
Col. 1:16
1 Cor 8:6
Jn. 3:16
Heb. 1:2,5
Jn. 1
Jn. 10:30
Jn. 1:3
1 Th. 5:9
Jn. 6:38
Lk. 1:35
Gal. 4:4
Mk. 15:15
1 Cor. 15:3-4a
1 Cor. 15:4b
Ac. 2:33-34
Heb. 1:13
Mt. 25:31
2 Tim. 4:1

The Nicene Creed is the great Confession of the Christian faith professed by all Christians. The Creed originated at the First Council of Nicaea (c. AD. 325) The Creed itself was crafted as a confession of Scripture in opposition to the Arian heresy, which denied that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God.

and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who in unity with the Father and the Son
 is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy Christian
 and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Lk. 1:33

Job 33:4

Jn. 15:26

Jn. 4:24

2 Pet. 1:25

Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20

Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38

1 Cor. 15:21-22

Rev. 22

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, Our Help in Ages Past | **CW 820**

SERMON

Luke 12:13-21

CREATE IN ME

Using the words of Psalm 51, we pray that God use the Word which we have just heard to "create a pure heart" in us. We pray that he "not cast us away," but instead show us salvation.

Cre - ate in me a
 pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
 in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



Be seated

OFFERING

Offerings gathered during the week are placed on the altar.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord God, from whom all blessings flow, we praise you for everything you provide to sustain our lives. Lead us every day to be thankful for your gifts and content with what you have given. Today we pray that you would guide us to manage your blessings wisely for the good of your kingdom.
- C: As we use your gifts to meet our needs, move us also to support the ministry of the gospel with our offerings.**
- M: Before your Son ascended to your throne, he called us to preach the good news to every creature. In grace you created the public ministry so that we may answer his call by sending others in our place. Impress on us the immense importance of the task you have given us to proclaim your Word to the world.
- C: In our words and in our offerings, move us to be faithful witnesses of your grace.**
- M: Work in our hearts so that our gifts do more than support a cause or meet a need. Move us to give out of love for you, our King and Redeemer.
- C: Lead us to bring our gifts first to honor you, the Giver of all things.**
- M: Teach us to give as an ongoing part of life since the work of the gospel continues every day. Forgive us for the sins of apathy and carelessness and for giving that reacts only to urgent pleas or crises.
- C: Help us see the wisdom of planning our offerings as a regular routine of our faith.**
- M: Teach us determine our offerings in view of your blessings to us. Move us to believe that to whom much is given, much is also expected.
- C: Give us courage to bring gifts that reflect your gifts to us.**
- M: Teach us to give our offerings as a cheerful response of our faith in you and your Son. Spare us all feelings of obligation or resentment as we give. Help us to see our

offerings as the vehicle that carries the gospel to the lost and lead us to rejoice with the angels of heaven over every sinner who repents.

C: Help us to balance our duty to give with the joy of giving.

Special prayers and intercessions

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: Precious Lord, all our blessings come from you. Lead us again and again to thank you and then move us to be wise and faithful stewards of your gifts. May our gifts and offerings bring souls here and far away to the gracious gift of Jesus and his love.

C: Lord, hear us and grant us this blessing. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – *Sanctus*

Sanctus means "holy". The body and blood of our Lord are present in this sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, *“Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, *“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei*

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Participation in the Sacrament is an expression of a common faith. Our guests today who are not members of a congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or a church in fellowship with the WELS) are invited to speak with the pastor to learn how you might receive the sacrament with us in the future.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON – *Nunc Dimittis*

As aged Simeon rejoiced at holding baby Jesus in His own arms, so we rejoice at having received Jesus with our own mouths.



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Stand

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING – Aaronic blessing

In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put His name on the people of God with these words. As we began the service with the Lord's name so we are sent out in His name with His blessing.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone | **CW 818**

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WELCOME TO CHRIST EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We preach a message of forgiveness, hope and peace
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Families and individuals of all ages will find opportunities
both to grow and to serve.

Our mission statement:

Look what Christ is doing!

He binds us together in
fellowship

He gathers us in for worship

He builds us up for service

He sends us out with the
gospel