

Season of Pentecost I, 2022

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

e-Worship



Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Organ solo/Naoko Okada

GATHERING SONG # 533

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,
C **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.**

P 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.**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray,

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.**

WORD

FIRST READING: 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:1-12

- ¹Hear this, | all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,
- ²**you of high de- | gree and low,
rich and | poor together.**
- ³My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.
- ⁴**I will incline my ear | to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.**
- ⁵Why should I be afraid in | evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
- ⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,
and boast of | their great riches?**
- ⁷One can never re- | deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;
- ⁸**for the ransom of a life | is so great
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**
- ⁹in order to live forev- | er and ever
and never | see the grave.
- ¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.**
- ¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation
to | generation,
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.
- ¹²**Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;
they are like the | beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING: 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!

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Raise Me Up

Steve Smeach/solo

SERMON

Dear disciples of Jesus: Grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus. Amen.

What is the meaning of accumulating goods without enjoying life?

Today’s gospel invites us to pay attention to the parable of Jesus and not to be like the fool who acquires a great fortune but never uses it (on himself or anyone else), shares nothing, consults only himself, and dies alone, surrounded only by an abundance of goods that he will not enjoy.

The rich man of the parable is very blessed with an abundant production. He has lots of surpluses. What does he do with the abundance? He thought that the best plan was to keep all the abundance stored for later. His idea is described with this

statement: *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.*

It sounds like a good plan until he must face the tragic destiny that was coming. He has a problem that his abundance of goods cannot solve; his problem is death. The rich man will die without enjoying anything that he has stored.

The rich man gave for granted that he would live enough to enjoy his abundance. His plan after storing his goods and treasures was very clear: *I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.*'

The rich man was extremely selfish, he accumulates for himself and plans his own enjoyment and good life without considering that he does not have control over the power of death. He made a plan assuming that he would live enough to enjoy all his possessions, but he didn't count that that same night he would die.

The gospel says that God said to the rich man: *'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'*

Then, what is the meaning of abundance if death will suddenly put an end to our existence?

But *If you were a rich person, If you were a wealthy person? What would you do?* Would you put your wealth in banks and plan how long you would be enjoying all that wealth like the rich man in the parable of Jesus?

All plans must consider Jesus words in the parable: *don't be a fool!* Don't assume that you will live enough to enjoy all your wealth. You need to learn how to be

happy today, how to enjoy every day and how to use your wealth to the glory of God and the expansion of God's kingdom.

The word for self in Greek is *psyche* which refers to a person's life. The rich man believed that he was in control of his life and congratulates himself for so many good things stored up. But he was a fool because he entrusted his future to his possessions and not to God. He was a materialistic atheist in practice and made a big mistake. He believed that his life, *psyche*, was one of his possessions, and he forgot that his life was not his possession but only a gift from God. God is the author of life and God can demand his life to be returned anytime.

See the parallel again:

The rich man says: *Soul (psyche)*, you have ample goods laid up for many years
Jesus says: This very night *your soul (psyche)* is being demanded of you.

The word for demanded (*apaitousin*) is used to call in a debt. The life that the rich man considered his property was in reality a loan from God and God demands that what is God's property should be returned to God.

If our life must return to God, if we don't own our soul but this is God's property, then we need to reevaluate our priorities in life. We need to find what is meaningful and make decisions about how we can live a life full of meaning and joy, and at the same time be good stewards of God's blessings.

The picture that NASA took of the deep space with the new telescope some weeks ago, showed the universe as it was billions of years ago. Probably our planet didn't exist when the universe looked as it appears in the picture. What is our human civilization in terms of years compared with the billions of years of the early picture of the universe?

We are practically nothing, our life will never reach that duration. The universe existed before us and will follow us. Our human life is short, but we have the promise of eternal life, and it is this promise of eternal life what makes us transcend the limitations of our brief existence on planet Earth.

It is the promise of eternal life what makes us transcend the limit of our time and space and the fragility of our life confronting death. We need to remember that our security comes from the promise of eternal life and not from the accumulation of earthly treasures, because what is dust remains dust. But our soul, our life, our *psyche* will remain, and will go back to God and God will receive it as he promised.

Jesus is reminding his disciples of the importance of seeing life as more than just this earthly journey and paying attention to the need of *not storing up treasures for themselves but to learn how to be rich toward God*.

And our Christian journey is exactly that. It is to learn how to be rich towards God, how to transcend the temptations and limitations of this earthly experience, how to grow spiritually to the point of discovering the real meaning of life according to God: to love God with all our strength, heart and mind and our neighbors like us.

This is the way of being rich toward God, and this is the way that transcends the ambiguities of this world.

This is the way we embrace the kingdom of God, and we can be sure that our life is in God's hands and in God's power. This is the way death is defeated, and this is the way the resurrection is real every day for everyone.

Be rich toward God, be rich in the kingdom of God and grow in God's grace, love, faith, hope and life.

Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY #705
God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,

- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Apostles' Creed

- A Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith:
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

- A Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.
A brief silence.
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 Healer of Our Every Ill, hear our prayers.**
- A 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.
- 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 Healer of Our Every Ill, hear our prayers.**

- A 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 (*especially*). Renew us at your table of mercy.
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 (*specific ministries may be named*).
Merciful God,
- C **Healer of Our Every Ill, hear our prayers.**
- A O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints (*especially*). Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you.
Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
- C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C **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**

SENDING

BLESSING

- P 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.**
- A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING SONG # 858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

POSTLUDE *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Organ solo/Naoko Okada

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HYMNS
August 9th to October 23rd, 2022

Sunday	Gathering Song	Hymn of the Day	Communion Song	Sending
<i>Pentecost 9 Aug. 7th</i>	771	764	483	638
<i>Pentecost 10 Aug. 14th</i>	812	611	483	805
<i>Pentecost 11 Aug. 21st</i>	533	521	483	796
<i>Pentecost 12 Aug. 28th</i>	654	523	483	824
<i>Pentecost 13 Sep. 4th</i>	660	808	608	880
<i>Pentecost 14 Sep. 11th</i>	834	779	608	676
<i>Pentecost 15 Sep. 18th</i>	583	668	608	717
<i>Pentecost 16 Sep. 25th</i>	532	719: 1-4	608	720
<i>Pentecost 17 Oct. 2nd</i>	759	787	498	543
<i>Pentecost 18 Oct. 9th</i>	864	456	498	659
<i>Pentecost 19 Oct. 16th</i>	514	729	498	807
<i>Pentecost 20 Oct. 23rd</i>	673	592	498	820



LCOS HAPPENINGS
July 31, 2022



Serving LCOS

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Jose Luis La Torre Cuadros
Deacon:	Steve Smeach
Minister of Music:	Naoko Okada
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Pastoral Care: Steve Smeach & Diana Meehan (July 31 – August 6, 2022)

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in the shoe box in the narthex.*

AV Team Schedule

Sunday		
July 31	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Judith Stocker
Aug. 7	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Judith Stocker
Aug. 14	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Pastor Dave Kruger
Aug. 21	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rick Padin
Aug. 28	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Judith Stocker
Sep. 5	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Pastor Dave Kruger
Sep. 11	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rick Padin
Sep. 18	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Judith Stocker
Sep. 25	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Pastor Dave Kruger



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LCOS by the Numbers

Financial Giving and Gifts

This Year at LCOS:

Our Spending Plan for the 2022 calendar year calls for total expenditures of \$348,858 to support the mission and ministries of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour.

This Month at LCOS:

Our Monthly Need for July 2022 is: **\$29,071.00**
Giving received to support LCOS Ministries through 7/24/22 **\$11,276.00**

Mortgage Reduction Fund

The members of LCOS agreed in 2009 that each of us would do what we can, above our regular giving, to stay current with our church mortgage AND reduce the principal when possible. Please consider your ability to put monies aside to help meet our payments. Simply mark "Mortgage" and your name on an envelope, then place your gift in the offering plate. All monies received will be applied to the mortgage. Thank you!

Fund Balance at May 31, 2022 **\$1,614.00**

Kaye Prox Food Bank

The food bank serves about 90 families weekly. Donations of food are always welcome. Especially needed are the following:

- canned chicken or tuna
- canned soup (chunky style)
- canned fruit (15 oz. cans)
- pasta, tomato sauce; rice, dried beans

For more info, please check our Facebook page. Thank you for supporting the food bank!

July Birthdays

July 1 – Joan Baun
July 4 – Julian Julius
July 7 – Janet Thambiraj
July 16 – Jane Stewart



July 17 – John Hangartner
July 24 – Callie Cross
July 26 – Barbara Beauregard

