



So if you have been
raised with Christ,
seek the things
that are above ...

Colossians 3:1

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

7 p.m. Wednesday Worship Service

July 27, 2022

9 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

July 31, 2022

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Welcome! To live for earthly things “is vanity and a striving after wind.” Work that is driven by such vanity is an unhappy business (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for “all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow” (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your “covetousness, which is idolatry,” (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For “one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15). But “Christ who is your life,” (Col. 3:4) in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be “rich toward God” in Him (Luke 12:21).

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. We teach that we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We also hold that those who commune with us are making a public confession of the Christian faith as it is taught by our congregation and church body. If you are visiting, please speak with the pastor before coming to the Lord’s Table.

+ **Order of Worship** +

Hymn

“What is the World to Me?”

730

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit *(Psalm 49:7-8, 13-14a, 15; Antiphon, vv. 1-2)*

P: Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

C: **Both low and high, rich and poor together!**

P: Truly no man can ransom another or give to God the price of his life,

C: **For the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice.**

P: This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
Yet after them, people approve of their boasts.

C: **Like sheep, they are appointed for Sheol;
death shall be their shepherd.**

P: But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me.

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

C: **Both low and high, rich and poor together!**

Kyrie *(Sung; for tune, please see page 152 in your hymnal.)*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray
to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church
of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

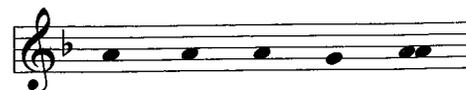
P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Salutation and Collect



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Praise the Almighty”

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Old Testament Reading

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

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Preacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And 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. I have seen everything that is done
under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

I 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, and 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. So I
turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my
labors under the sun because 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. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which
he toils beneath the sun? For 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.

There 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, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?

For 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

C: **How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation. Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

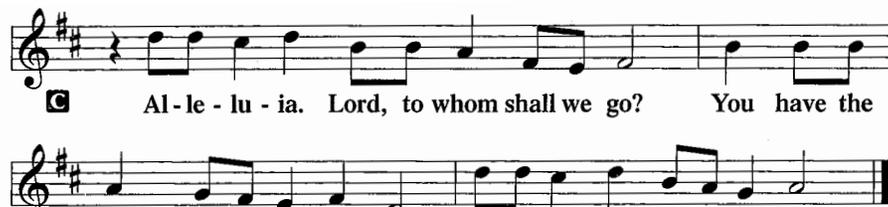
If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

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



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn

“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(Brief silence)

P: All is vanity, O Lord, without the grace and power of Your Word and Spirit. Guard our hearts against pride and arrogance and a life rich in things but poor in spirit. Grant to us wise hearts, that we may love rightly all that You have made and use them all for Your purpose and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Guard Your Church, O Lord, the people of Your own possession, and give to her honorable and noble men for the Office of the Holy Ministry and gracious and devoted men and women commissioned for the teaching arts and works of charity within Your Church. Make us rich in the treasure of Your grace that will never disappoint us, that we may give generously toward those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Be near to the suffering, dying and grieving, especially _____. Give them compassionate and skillful doctors and nurses, that their suffering may be alleviated and their minds and bodies returned to health. Sustain them in the truth that their lives are now hidden with Christ in God, and that when He appears, they will also appear with Him in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Grant that in our lives together we might show the love of Christ to one another. Give all husbands and wives fidelity to their vows and promises. Help all parents teach their children to know and love the Lord. Guide all single adults, that they might find fulfillment in their service to others. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, kingdoms rise and fall, and leaders are raised up and brought low by Your will. Grant the nations and its leaders humility before You, that we recognize the vanity of all our plans and instead rejoice and give thanks for Your every good gift in the days that You give us under the sun. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, You have seated Your Christ at Your right hand and surrounded Him with those He has led out of the great tribulation. We thank You for the peace and rest You have given them in Him, and we pray that You would one day deliver us by His hand into the paradise He has won for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: *(Other specific petitions)* Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, grant confidence in Your Word and Sacrament, that by these Means of Grace, we may be kept in holiness and guarded from temptation and despair until the day when You bring all things to their perfect fulfillment and we are delivered to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

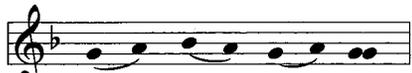
C: Amen.

Offertory

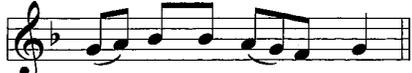
“O God, My Faithful God” 696 vv. 1-2, 5-6

Preface to the Lord’s Supper

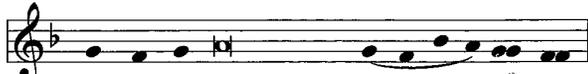




P Lift up your hearts.



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.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly, good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection, opened the way to everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



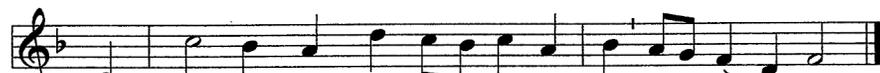
C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom- is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of Christ's body and blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship; with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

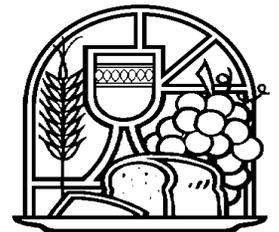
C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."



In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

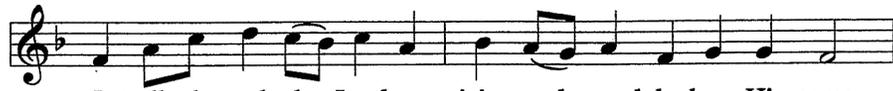
C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

(please sing)



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Distribution Hymns

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

618

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

743

Post-Communion Canticle



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Post-Communion Collect

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith through our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.