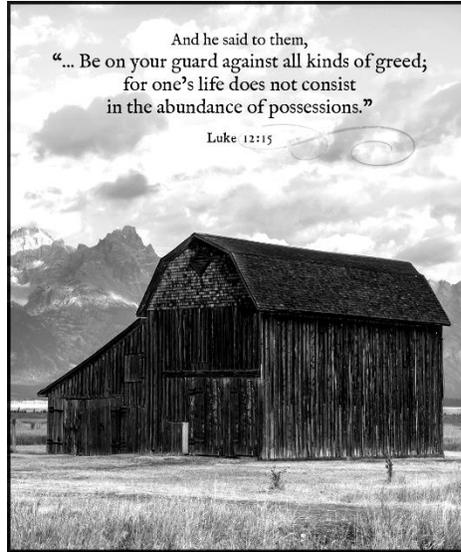


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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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Prelude *Prelude in C Major*

Bach

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

A wind from God blew over the face of the waters,
And the voice of God spoke from a burning bush.

Jesus breathed peace on the disciples,

And the Spirit of God, like little flames, rested on all who gathered.

So God's Spirit moves among us this day.

Let us worship God.

Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

Huddled in fear of what others will think, of what others will do, of what God will do.

Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

**Making fun of what we do not understand, tearing down what is sacred to another,
waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

Always God is with us:

**Nudging us like a gentle breeze, stirring us with flames of hope, speaking to us with
words engraved in our hearts.**

In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.

(silence)

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn LBW 358 Glories of Your Name Are Spoken

*Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.

Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

8:30 a.m. Cheryl Frasch
10 a.m. Rick Kolloff

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

8:30 a.m. Cheryl Frasch
10 a.m. Rick Kolloff

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

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!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

10:00 only: *Sunday School children are dismissed*

*Alleluia

Sung response "Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?"

*Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Scott Nellis

*Hymn 678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*The Apostles’ Creed

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

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, 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**

Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

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,
receive our prayer.

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,
receive our prayer.

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. Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering *Be Not Afraid* – M. Norby, solo

Courtney

We continue to give thanks for your faithful giving. If you are worshiping in person, the offering plate is in the Narthex. You may continue to give online or by mailing or bringing your offering to the church office.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Sung response “Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,”

*Prayer

Let us pray. God of all creation,
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE MEAL

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so with all the choir of angels, with the church on earth and the
hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sung response "Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,"

Words of Institution

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.

*The Lord's Prayer

We remember as we pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done,

On earth as in heaven.

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Communion

Sung response “Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;”

Communion Hymns 650, 685

*Table Blessing

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

Post Communion Canticle

Sung response “Thankful hearts and voices raise;”

*Prayer

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Ignite Faith Together

VISITORS – If you are visiting with us today, we warmly welcome you! And, we ask that you complete the visitor information form found inside your bulletin. You can drop it in the offering plate at the doors as you leave today.

*Blessing and Dismissal

As you enter a new week, may you experience God’s presence. May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips, over your hearts and your feelings and emotions and your compassion for all others, and over your hands and your feet as you put into action all that God commands you. During this week, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

Go in peace, empowered by the Holy Spirit to do good works.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn 705 God of Grace and God of Glory

Postlude *Postlude in C*

Wilson

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The flowers on the altar are given by Rick and Jackie Meister in memory of Jamie Barth.

The second altar arrangement is given by Brian and Holly Wooden with thanksgiving to God and in honor of Les Shepperd's 92nd birthday.

Sympathies are expressed to Jim and Joanna Huffer on the death of their son-in-law, Rusty Thomas, on July 22.

Prayers:

Betty Schuette, Kathy Jones, Diane Dammeyer, Dean and Carole Miller, Bob and Brigitte McKay, David Quist family, Kinzley Schmehl, Donna Crossman, Jeff Snyder, Lucille Buller, Russ Wheeler, Gloria Mortinger, John Moneysmith, Ralph Podas, Bob Duff, Ron and Peg Margello, Charlene Friedley, Marcia Bollinger, Donna Peltomaa, Rick Meister, Neal Scharrer, Richard Crawford, Lorraine Jurgensen, Marilyn Swisher, Tim Buikema (Don and Paula Baur's son-in-law), Olivia Maynard (Sandy Weides' granddaughter), Marion Dengg and Gloria Paolillo (Mona Deringer's sisters), Duane Pride (Doug Pride's brother), Eileen Hurless and Myra Hurless (Marcie Edgell's sister and niece), Dean Wheeler (Russ Wheeler's nephew), Carol Hauzie (Craig Hauzie's mother), Amanda Glassburn (Betty Schuette's granddaughter), Sam Walters (Sue Wolford's brother), Bruce and Mary Maurer (Nancy Hellickson's friends), Debbie Vanover (Sherry Buckley's sister), Gary Jones (Kay Labosky's brother), Chris Isaac (son of Paul and Susan Isaac, former members), Pasha Majdi (Steve and Jayne Rosandich's nephew-in-law), Tim Schwaderer (Andrea Ochall's brother), Alex Burrell (Marj Ellis' and Marchelle O'Grady's nephew), Patti Bramson (Rick Kolloff's sister), Cynamon Iden (Lauren Grangaard's cousin), Carol Keplinger (Charlene Friedley's daughter)

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