

July 31, 2022
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost/Lectionary 18
St. James Trinity Lutheran Church

Please have bread and wine or juice available at home today for Home Communion.

Introduction

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.

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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.)

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.**



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and
 2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y
 3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -
 4 Well you know what best to grant me; all the long - ing
 5 If on earth my days should length - en, God, my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.
 new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.
 hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.
 soul still strength - en; all my trust in you I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are
 God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly
 To your lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der all my be - ing
 I shall doubt your wis - dom nev - er; as you will, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
 I sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a - lone I build.
 be it ev - er; I com - mit to you my way.
 way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in your grace.

Text: Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, adapt.

Greeting

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.**

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen

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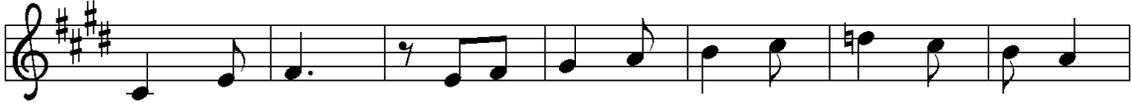
Hymn of Praise: Now the Feast and Celebration

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Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

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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.

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

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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C 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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Nate Aaseng



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
 can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
 Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
 saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be-side thee.
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Apostle's Creed

C 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

P Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer, responding to each petition with "receive our prayer".

(A brief silence.)

P 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 receive our prayer.

P 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. Merciful God... **C receive our prayer.**

P 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 receive our prayer.

P 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...READ NAMES*). Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God...

C receive our prayer.

Prayers: Shelly (Daughter of Gary & Opal); Bruce; Eliza, Juan & Baby Opal; as well as those we name aloud or in our hearts.

P 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. Merciful God... **C receive our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P 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... **C receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **C Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

(Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, however you are comfortable, and may say: "Peace be with you.")

Offering

Home: You can either mail or drop your offering at the Church. Through Vanco Faith, we also offer online giving, a mobile app and text giving. Please visit our website for instructions.

(For Text Giving: Text the Contribution Amount to 833.409.0619)

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

**C God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Words of Institution

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.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

In-Person: All are invited to join us for Holy Communion. Communion will take place continuously in front. Please remain seated and you will be ushered. Take the individual plastic cup out of tray (grape juice in center). You may return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like Holy Communion in your pew, there are individual kits available as well. Please notify an usher or raise your hand as the Pastor communes those in the pews. All who believe Jesus is present in the bread and wine are welcome. Children may come forward for a blessing.

Home: Please have bread and wine or juice available at home for Holy Communion. We will all receive the bread and wine or juice together when directed.

"The body of Christ given for you."..... "The blood of Christ shed for you."

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

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray.

**C Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

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.

Sending Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

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Today's Worship Servers:

Lector: Dorothy Kaeding

Ushers: Doug Sorensen (Head)

Comm. Assts: Steve & Betty Bischoff

Next Sunday's Worship Servers:

Lector: Sheena Kaatz

Ushers: Dan Aiken/Travis Kaeding (Co-Heads)

Comm. Assts: Mike Vagts & Kay Wathke

Announcements

- **PRAYGROUND** – Our PrayGround is available in the back of the Sanctuary for small children and a parent at any time during the service. Coloring books and other quiet activities are available.
- **THANK YOU** – We would like to thank Pastor Nate Aaseng for filling in during Pastor Rick's sabbatical.
- **MISSION OUTREACH SUNDAY: AUGUST** – We have designated the second Sunday of the month as Mission Outreach Sunday. In August, we will be supporting those suffering through the Somalian Famine through LWR. We will collect a special offering on August 14th during worship. There are designated offering envelopes available next to the bulletins. You can also mail a check to the church or donate online through our website. Just go to Mission Outreach and click Donate.
- **MEN'S ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER & SWEET CORN DINNER AT ELCB** – August 14th from 11am to 2pm. Eat-in or take-out. There are also raffle tickets available to purchase. The drawings will be held at 2pm. Prices are: ¼ Chicken-\$11 and ½ Chicken-\$15
- **WELCOME BACK POTLUCK @ ELCB** – English Lutheran Church of Bateman has invited members from SJT to a potluck **next Sunday, August 7th at 11:30 am**, to welcome back Pastor Rick and Nancy. Drinks (coffee, lemonade, milk & water) will be provided. Please come and join the celebration and bring a dish to pass!
- **THANK YOU FROM PASTOR NATE** – to the members of St. James Trinity for welcoming me into your midst and for your hospitality the past two months. If anyone is interested, I do have a book that was recently published entitled *I Wonder: Mind-Freeing Encounters With God*. I will have copies available for \$15 today after worship.

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