

Prelude

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior lesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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

Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

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



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

Lord.



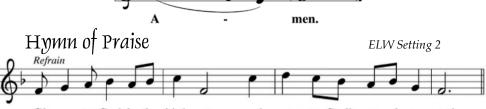
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.





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and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

prayer of the day

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Lord, keep us from striving after things which have no real meaning or value. Do not let us become consumed or overburdened with tending to money, possessions or status. Keep us secure in our faith, trusting that You will provide all that we truly need. In Your name we pray. Amen.

<u> Lirst Lesson</u>

ecclesiastes 1 & 2

Everything is Vanity Apart from God

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied 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. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. 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 - 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. So, I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because 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.

What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For, 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. There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God - for apart from God who can eat, or who can have enjoyment?

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

psalm 49





Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? R

Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it.

For the ransom of life is costly, And can never suffice that one should live on forever and never see the grave. R

When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.

Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.

Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish. R

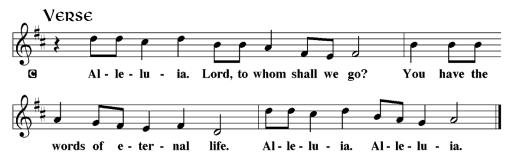
Live in the New Life you have been given!

Paul writes . . . If, therefore, you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are about seek the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting to the right of God, taking the point of view from above, not from earth, for you have died, and your life is being concealed with Christ in God! When Christ who is your life may be revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory!

You must, then, put to death the things within you that are "earthly": fornication, uncleanness, anxiety, evil longings, and covetousness (the thinking that if only you had what others have your life would be better - which is idolatry)! Through these comes the wrath of God. You walked-about in these ways when you were living as "earthly people." But now you must not let your mouth speak such things: harsh expressions from internal churnings, rages that cause you to pant and sweat, words that are intended to cause harm, blasphemy (saying things about God that are not true), and dishonorable words. Do not be deceitful with one another. Seeing that you have stripped off the old self with those old practices and having clothed yourselves with the new, be renewed by the knowledge which comes from the One who created you: that there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! Clothe yourself as God's "Chosen Ones," holy and loved, with the tender mercies of compassion, pity, kindness, with a humble evaluative point of view of yourself, being gentle and long-suffering, bearing with one another and, being gracious even if you may have a reason to accuse another of wrong-doing to you, just as the Lord has been gracious to you, so you must be gracious to one another. Then to all these things add allencompassing love, which is a bond of completeness. And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, to which you were called in one body. And be thankful! Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly; teaching with Wisdom and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, with grace, singing in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks

to God the Father through him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel luke 12

Meanwhile, the myriads of the crowds gathered so that they trampled on one another. Jesus began to speak first to his disciples . . . But someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

But Jesus said to him, "Mortal, who has brought me down as "Judge" and "Divider" over you?

But Jesus said to the crowd, "Look! Be on your guard against all covetousness – this thinking that your life would be better if you just had what others had - because your life is not derived from the abundance of what you are possessing!"

Then Jesus told the crowd a parable:

"A certain rich man's land bore well. And in the rich man's inner dialogue he said to himself, 'What can I do? For, I have nowhere that I might gather these fruits of mine?'

And he said, 'This is what I will do! I will take down my storehouses and build huge ones, and there I will gather all the grain and the good things that are mine, and I will say to my inner-being, 'Inner-being, you have many good things being preserved for many years ahead! Relax! Eat! Drink! Be made to bear merriment!'

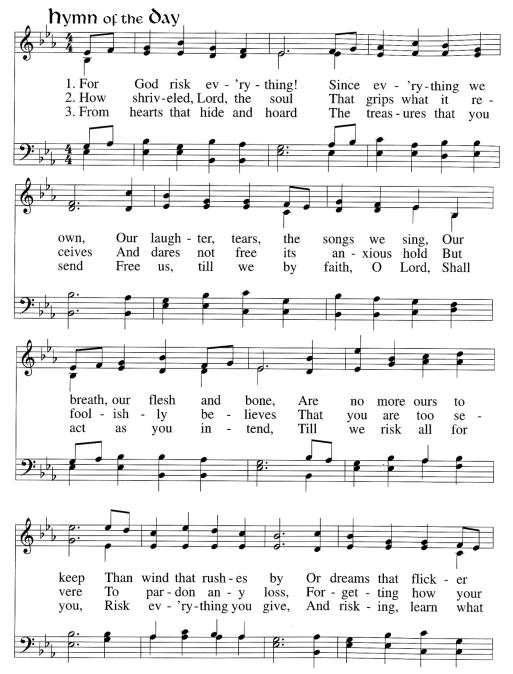
But God said to him, 'Foolish! This very night your inner-being is demanded back from you. So, now, what you have prepared,

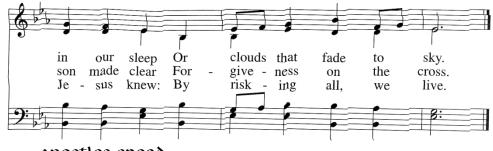
whose will they be?'

Thus it is with their stockpiling and not enriching themselves in God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon





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, 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 & passing of the peace



A: Let us Pray

comes in

the name of the Lord.

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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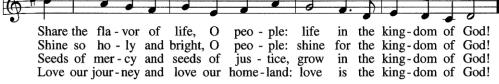
the lord's prayer

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

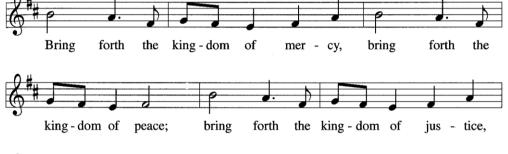








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postlude & dismissal



Sunday, August 3 Name Tag Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the memorial garden 11:00 a.m. Worship Summer fellowship in the narthex after

each service

Wednesday, August 6

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting

Sunday, August 10

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the memorial garden

11:00 a.m. Worship

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