8th Sunday after Pentecost

07-31-2022

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Celebrate (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."

Opening Hymn: ELW 853 – When morning gilds the skies

Psalmody: Psalm 49:1-12

The Folly of Trust in Riches

To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

² both low and high, rich and poor together.

³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

⁷Truly, no ransom avails for one's life; [a] there is no price one can give to God for it.

8 For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice,

⁹ that one should live on forever and never see the Pit.

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

- ¹¹Their graves ^[b] are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.
- ¹² Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

Hymn of Praise: ELW 856 – How Great Thou Art

Prayer of the Day

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

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

2nd **Reading**: Colossians 3:1-11

The Gospel: <u>Luke 12:13-21</u>

Hymn: ELW 793 – Be thou my vision

The Message: (Sermon Audio Link)

Offering*: (On-Line giving Link):

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially Eugene Ash, Pam Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Mary Goehring, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Kate Kennedy, David Kieffer, Charles Larsen, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Elise Oliver, Peter Olsen, Debra Pastor, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jack Smith, the Spieglerfamily, Esther and Buck Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters
Live on knowing God's love,
The joy of living this life of love,
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: ELW 534 – Savior, again to your dear name

Announcements

- Outdoor Worship, Sunday, 14 August 2022
- Fall picnic, Sunday, 25 September 2022

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