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**Eighth Sunday after
Pentecost**

**Living Christian Lives
in a Secular Age**

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Creative Worship
Pentecost 8 - Series C



**THE CHURCH BELL CALLS US TO
WORSHIP**

**THE PROCESSIONAL (Acolyte, Elder
and Pastor)**

LIGHTING OF WORSHIP CANDLES

AS WE GATHER

The three Readings today all tell of the contrasts between people who have faith in Christ and those who do not. The important message is that we recognize God's gracious blessings and so reflect them as we live. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that "one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15) and warns about one who is "not rich toward God" (v. 21).

When in Ecclesiastes “the Preacher” sees vanity all around, he writes, “to the one who pleases Him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy” (Ecclesiastes 2:26). In the Epistle, Paul promises that we who, in our Baptism, “have been raised with Christ, . . . will appear with Him in glory” (Colossians 3:1 a, 4b). We have been given not only physical life but also eternal life.

PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL GREETING

PREPARATION

HYMN OF INVITATION *Come,
Thou Almighty King* [LSB 905]

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, who graciously calls us His sons and daughters.

C: Amen.

P: In the name of the ✠ Son, whose death and resurrection has given us eternal life.

C: Amen.

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit, who has given us the gift of faith to trust all the promises of God.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

WORD

HYMN OF PRAISE *Joyful, Joyful*
We Adore Thee [LSB 803]

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: But always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace;

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

P: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

(Life is more than possessions.)

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity... 12 I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 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 14 I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind ... 18 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, 19 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. 20 So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, 21 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. 22 What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? 23 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. 24 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, 25 for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? 26 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 100; antiphon: v. 3*

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the earth!

**C: Serve the LORD with
gladness! Come into his presence
with singing!**

L: Know that the LORD, he is God! **It is
he who made us, and we are his;**

**C: We are his people, and the
sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

**C: Give thanks to him; bless his
name!**

L: For the LORD is good; his steadfast
love endures forever,

**C: And his faithfulness to all
generations.**

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1–11

(In Baptism, our old selves were buried with Christ; therefore, our new self ought to reflect His presence in how we live.)

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ who is
 your life appears, then you also will
 appear with him in glory. 5 Put to
 death therefore what is earthly in
 you: sexual immorality,
 impurity, passion, evil desire, and
 covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On
 account of these the wrath of God is
 coming. 7 In these you too once
 walked, when you were living in
 them. 8 But now you must put them
 all away: anger, wrath,
 malice, slander, and obscene talk
 from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one
 another, seeing that you have put
 off the old self with its practices
 10 and have put on the new
 self, which is being renewed in
 knowledge after the image of its
 creator. 11 Here there is not Greek
 and Jew, circumcised and
 uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian,
 slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Colossians 3:23–24a*

P: Alleluia. Whatever you do, work
 heartily, as for the Lord and not for
 men,

**C: knowing that from the Lord you
 will receive the inheritance as your
 reward. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13–

21

(Life means more than earthly
 treasures.)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully,¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* [LSB 743]

SERMON *Life In a FIRST WORLD Country* [Luke 12:13-21]

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father
Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again
from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Spoken
after each petition*)

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Take My
Life and Let It Be* [LSB 783]

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

C: **And also with you, Pastor. Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who graciously calls you His sons and daughters; the ✠ Son, whose death and resurrection has given you eternal life; and the Holy Spirit, who has given you the gift of faith to trust all the promises of

God—surround you and be upon you, now and forever.

C: Amen. It shall be so!

HYMN *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* [LSB 922]

**GOD'S PEOPLE DISMISS
 THEMSELVES FROM THE
 SANCTUARY**

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