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Sermon One with Children

Gathering Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory ELW #705

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling on God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Source of all life, **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by your love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

A: 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. **C: Amen.**

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

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I 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 humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I 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 my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? 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 and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ 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. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ 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.

L: Word of God, word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1-12

¹ Hear this, all you peoples, give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
² **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**
⁷ One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**
⁹ in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.
¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-11

¹ So if 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 the things that are above, not on the 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death,

therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to Luke 12:13-21 **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And 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.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’” ¹⁸ Then 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. 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, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” ²¹ So 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 Two

Hymn of the Day All Depends on Our Possessing ELW #589

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 resur-**

rection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear *especially* Lyra, Jackie, Judy, Mary Lou, Brandon, Lisa, Landon, Terry, Ed, Kathy, Cherie, Gary, Barb, Lindsay, Betsy, Jim, Chris, Robert, Michelle, Karen, Monica, Gwendolyn, and the family of Daryl. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Noisy Offering—for Sunday School Mission Project for ELCA World Hunger

Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

P: 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, 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.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Prayer after Communion

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **C: Amen.**

Blessing

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed

bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song In Christ There Is No East or West ELW #650

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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Calendar/Announcements

Sunday, August 3, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Befriender's Committee Meeting

Monday, August 4, 2025

6:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

5:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday, August 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

We are glad you joined us! We hope that you will experience the good news in mind, body, and spirit s we pray, listen, sing and share the peace of Christ and the meal of Holy Communion. You are invited to worship in as many ways as you are comfortable and able. In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates congregation's responses. The presence, energy, and noise of children are most welcome here! The sound of children in worship is the sound of a new disciple being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and invite children to participate in worship.

There will be a Befriender's Committee Meeting after worship on Sunday August 3

We'll be worshipping at the Upper Church Sanctuary Sunday, August 17

With summer here, school food programs for those experiencing food insecurity are not available. Listed below are items of greatest need during the summer. There is a collection box in the Narthex at church. Items in the box will be delivered to the Food Pantry regularly. Specifically needed for the summer: Individual meals for kids (microwave mac and cheese, etc.) meals that are easy for kiddos to make on their own. Also, there is a great need for KID FRIENDLY cereal (kinds of cereal that kids would like.) Thank you in advance!