

***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***July 31, 2022***

**First Lesson\***

(Introduce the lesson by saying):

Our first lesson is from the book of Ecclesiastes, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> chapters.

2Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. 12 I, 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;

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it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings 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 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. 20 So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun,

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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.

**L: The Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

## ***Gospel\****

A Reading from The Holy Gospel  
according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup>  
chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

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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?’

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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.**

**Luke 12:13-21**

## *Psalmody*

*(Introduce the Psalm by saying):*

‘We will read from Psalm 49. We will read it responsively’.

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.**

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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,**

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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.**

Psalm 49:1-12

## ***Second Lesson***

*(Introduce the lesson by saying)*

Our second lesson is from Paul's letter to the Colossians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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5Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10and have clothed yourselves with the new self,

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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, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**L: The Word of the Lord.**  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Colossians 3:1-11**