

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness p. 116-118**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

*** Gathering Hymn #855**

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

*** Greeting p. 138** *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 p. 138** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

*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. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

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

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

*** Glory to God p. 139**

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray) 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.**

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14 and 2:18-23

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.

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

Responsive Reading - Psalm 49:1-12

L: ⁴⁹ Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

C: ² both low and high, rich and poor together!

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

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

L: ⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,

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

L: ⁷ Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,

C: ⁸ for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice,

L: ⁹ that he should live on forever and never see the pit.

C: ¹⁰ For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others.

L: ¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names.

ALL: ¹² Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

3 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.

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

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 142

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:13-21 (The Message translation)**

(The Message) Someone out of the crowd said, “Teacher, order my brother to give me *(my)* fair share of the family inheritance.” *(Jesus)* replied, “Mister, what makes you think it’s any of my business to be a judge or mediator for you?” Speaking to the people, he went on, “Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot.” Then he told them this story: “The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: ‘What can I do? My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’ Then he said, ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself, Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!’ Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?’ That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Hymn #781

“Children Of The Heavenly Father”

The Sermon

“Sink and Swim”

Pastor Norman Femrite

(sermon text – Luke 12:13-21)

* **Apostle’s Creed** p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #101 *(TOSB)*

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

Offering

* **Offering Response #186**

Prayers

* **The Lord’s Prayer** p. 145 **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.**

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn #793**

“Be Thou My Vision”

* **Dismissal** *P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.* **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Announcements:

**NOTICE TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS:
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, August 7th – 10:30am**

PURPOSE: To vote on a Council recommendation to approve a bid from Northern Illinois Seamless Roofing of \$18,310.00.

This will repair & replace two flat roofs over the main building, preventing ice dams and allowing better drainage and long term leak proofing. It will also repair an area on the North side of the bell tower which has been leaking. You may have noticed the damage to the sanctuary ceiling. This will be a very brief meeting. Please stay for the vote.

Prayers for: John Purvis, Ana (*Jackie Pilcher's granddaughter*), Ruth Eklof, Dick Mills, Brad Pearson (*nephew of Dale Fiste – stroke*), Ray Larson (*brother of Deb Lindberg*), Sandi Smith, Nick Smith, Melissa (*daughter of Nick & Sandy Smith*), Dianne Van Drew (*broken hip*), Larry Nelson (*broken hip*), Melissa Castro (*foot problems*), Chris Balensiefen (*cerebral spinal fluid leak*).

Cancer patients: Matt Scruggs, Janette Dunn, Loren Cook, Steve Heward (*Hank & Evelyn Sale's son-in-law*), Steve "Pin" Johnson.

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Mon. 8/1	10:00am Endowment Meeting
Tues. 8/2	1:00pm Library 2:30pm Worship, Youth and Outreach and Fellowship Meeting 7:00pm Committee Night <i>(Service & Mission will not meet)</i>
Wed. 8/3	6:30am Men's Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Group
Sat. 8/6	7:00am Gideons
Sun. 8/7	9:30am – Worship 10:45am - Coffee Fellowship

**LCW POTLUCK
SALAD & DESSERT LUNCHEON
Tuesday, August 16th**

10:00am

Sharon Meisenheimer - speaker

Lunch to follow.

**All women of the church &
friends are invited.**

****Sharon & her late husband were missionaries for over 30 years in Ecuador. She has written a book, "Brought This Far" about their experiences. This book is in our own church library.**

A sign-up sheet is now in back. Please indicate the dish you intend to bring and the number of guests you may be bringing with you.

Altar Flowers

Given in memory of Doris & Marge Belkholm
By Dianne Van Drew, Joanne Sheldon, Melissa Verucchi, Nyla & Ethan Thompson

Our sympathy to Jackie Pilcher for the loss of her father, Chester Markiewicz.

Congratulations to Linda Bacon on her new grandson, Spider David DeLand.

**Family Fishing at Scruggs Pond
August 21, 4:00-7:30pm**

All youth and their parents are invited to an afternoon of swimming, fishing, and food. Please sign up in the back of church.