



Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Sunday, August 1, 2010**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 18  
Service of Holy Communion**

## **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.*

## **GATHERING**

### **WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE:**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**  
**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**  
**In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**  
**Turn us again to you,  
and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us  
even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power  
through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts  
through faith.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**                      *O Day of Rest and Gladness*                      **(ELW 521)**

## **GREETING**

Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ:  
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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.

*After the prayer the assembly responds:*

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23**

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

### **Chapter 1**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>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 human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

### **Chapter 2**

<sup>18</sup>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 <sup>19</sup>— 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. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM ANTHEM:**

### **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1–11**

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>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!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Blessed are the | poor in spirit,\* for theirs is the king- | dom of heaven.  
(Matt. 5:3)

## GOSPEL: Luke 12:13–21

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>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?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*The gospel concludes:*  
The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *All Depends on Our Possessing*

**(ELW 589)**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lead your church, O God, to speak wisdom that it may offer genuine meaning in a world of vanities. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Sustain, O God, all who labor and toil in field, factory, home, or office, that their work may have purpose. Give hope to the unemployed, that they can soon offer their talents in fulfilling work. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Inspire, O God, the leaders of all nations to seek justice for the inhabitants of the world. Give a spirit of generosity to those who are wealthy, enabling them to share the abundance of their riches with the poor. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Provide peace, O God, to those whose days are filled with pain: the poor, the hungry, the ill (*especially*), that they may not give up their hearts to despair. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Encourage this congregation, O God, to set our minds on things that are above, so we may be rich toward God and loving toward others. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks, O God, for those who have left us a legacy of faith, wisdom, and knowledge (*especially*). Keep us steadfast in that faith until we join them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**  
**PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

*The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.*

### **ANTHEM SOLO:**

**OFFERTORY:     *Create in Me a Clean Heart***

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace,  
the eyes of all wait upon you,  
and you open your hand in blessing.  
Fill us with good things at your table,  
that we may come to the help of all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

**P** Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise. . . . .

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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,**





Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our creator,  
at this table you have satisfied us  
with the good things of your grace.  
Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth,  
that our lives may reflect your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

*On What Has Now Been Sown*

**(ELW 550)**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Dwaine Moon  
**Assisting Minister** ..... Samantha Ceritello  
**Minister of Music** ..... Gwynne Hopko  
**Lector** ..... Arlene Creswell  
**Acolyte** ..... Josh Smith  
**Greeters**                   **Front:** Dave & Melissa Vertefeuille  
                                     **Back:** Gary & Brenda Dubnansky  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Christine Mitchell, Nancy Siecienski  
**Altar Care** ..... Susan & Thomas Landry  
**Counters** ..... Althea Johnson, Marcia Theer, Scott Simpson  
**Ushers** ..... Donald Zurell, Dan Golden, Peggy Hoyt, Donald Milbrandt  
**Service Tape Preparation** ..... Audrey & Owen VanBrocklin  
**Bulletin Helper** ..... Janet Rindfleisch

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY**

**Assisting Minister** ..... Arlene Creswell  
**Lector** ..... Ronald St. Pierre  
**Acolyte** ..... Noelle Sonstrom  
**Greeters**                   **Front:** Matt & Lisa Leavenworth  
                                     **Back:** Thea Griffin, Margaret Delkescamp  
**Coffee Hour** .....  
**Altar Care** ..... Susan & Thomas Landry  
**Counters** ..... Althea Johnson, Marcia Theer, Scott Simpson  
**Ushers** ..... Donald Zurell, Dan Golden, Peggy Hoyt, Donald Milbrandt  
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