

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 28 & 31, 2022

Focused Living Properly Values Earthly Wealth

Opening Hymn 820, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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Prayer of the Day: O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (*In Hymnal*) Psalm 1

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, / * for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (SUNG! – See Pg. 179 for melody.)*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 717, “What Is the World to Me”

SERMON..... “Be On Your Guard Against Greed” Luke 12:13-21

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Hymn 807, “All Depends on Our Possessing”

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Closing Hymn 931 vv. 1 & 2, “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:1-2,12-14; 2:18-26

King Solomon, possibly the wealthiest man who ever lived, learned by experience the limited value of earthly possessions.

The words of Ecclesiastes, David’s son, king in Jerusalem.

“Nothing but vapor,” Ecclesiastes said. “Totally vapor. Everything is just vapor that vanishes.” I, Ecclesiastes, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my heart to seek out and explore with wisdom everything done under the sky. (What a burdensome task God has given the children of Adam to keep them busy!) I have seen all the actions done under the sun, and, look, it is all nothing but vapor. It is all chasing the wind. I also hated all the results of my hard work, for which I worked so hard under the sun, since I must leave it all to the man who comes after me. And who knows—will he be wise, or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the results of my hard work, for which I worked so hard and so wisely, under the sun. This too is vapor that vanishes. So I changed my course, and my heart began to despair over all my hard work at which I worked so hard under

the sun. Sure, there may be a man who has worked hard—wisely, aptly, and skillfully. But he must hand over whatever he accumulated by all his hard work to a man who has not worked hard for it. This too is vapor. It’s so unfair! For what does a man gain through all his hard work, through all the turmoil in his heart as he works so hard under the sun? Bah! Pain fills his days. His occupation is frustration. Even at night his heart does not rest. This too is vapor. There is nothing better for a man than to eat and to drink and to find joy in his work. This too, I saw, is from God’s hand. For who can eat or enjoy himself apart from him? Yes, God gives wisdom, knowledge, and happiness to the man whom he considers good, but to the person who goes on sinning God gives the task of gathering and collecting, but only so that he can give it all to a person whom God considers good. This too is vapor, nothing but chasing wind.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

If life does not consist in the abundance of one’s possessions, then of what does life consist? Paul tells us—the fact that in baptism we died and were raised with Christ.

Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. So put to death whatever is worldly in you: sexual immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. You too once walked in these things, when you were living in them. But now, you too are to rid yourselves of all of these: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. Do not lie to each other since you have put off the old self with its practices, and put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but rather Christ is all and is in all.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Greedy’s folly is felt in life and will be exposed in death. Through a parable, Jesus gives us a strong warning against greed.

Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But Jesus said to him, “Man, who appointed me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because a man’s life is not measured by how many possessions he has.”

He told them a parable: “The land of a certain rich man produced very well. He was thinking to himself, ‘What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?’ He said, ‘This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and goods. And I will tell my soul, “Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry.”’ “But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared?’

“That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Ronald Knueppel/Randy Sellnow; next Sunday: Dean Ebert/Mike Pamperin

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY: This Sunday is Fellowship Sunday! We thank Elmer Meyer; Wayne Schultz; Scott Oshefsky; Lucas Antonioni; and Owen & Christine Breitreutz for hosting this fellowship hour. The hour is being hosted in celebration of these gentlemen's birthdays and the Breitreutz's 50th wedding anniversary, all of which fall on July 29. Thank you, happy birthday, and congratulations!

ORGANISTS!! The **August** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

SCHOOL REGISTRATION: A reminder that registration for the 2022 – 2023 school year is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 3**, from **4:00 PM – 6:30 PM**. Attendance at Registration Day is mandatory for all school families (excluding 4K). If you cannot make it at this time, please speak with Mr. Lorge or Debbi Foulkes to make other arrangements. **This should be done prior to August 3!** Thank you!

PARADE FLOAT: Construction of the float for the firemen's parade is or will soon be underway at the **Brian & Cheri Youngbeck residence (W2345 Rock Road, Iron Ridge)**. If you would like to help with the construction of the float, please watch for details from Mr. Lorge via text or contact **Cheri Youngbeck (920-296-1028)**.

Anyone interested in walking along or riding on the float in the parade is welcome! If you plan to participate, please meet in the **church parking lot at 10:30 AM on Sunday, August 14**.

DODGE COUNTY FAIR – WELS BOOTH: There will once again be a WELS booth at this year's Dodge County Fair. The fair is scheduled for **August 17-21, 2022**. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth. If this is something you may be interested in doing, please sign up for a three-hour time slot on the sheet located on the church bulletin board in the school hallway. The deadline to sign up is **Sunday, August 14!** There will be a meeting of the volunteers on **Sunday, August 14**, at **1:00 PM** at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Beaver Dam**. If you have any questions about this event, please direct them to **Joy Pamperin (920-344-8062)**.

SCRIP ORDERS: A reminder that scrip orders for August will be due on **Thursday, August 11!** This is the only order date for the month of August. Monthly scrip orders are taken in summer; however, we will return to the regular schedule once school begins again in fall.

FALL GOLF OUTING: This year's golf outing has been set for **Sunday, September 18**, beginning at **12:30 PM** at **HORICON HILLS GOLF COURSE**. We encourage you to invite family and friends to participate with us! The cost will be **\$50.00** for golfing with cart, meal, and door prizes. A sign-up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board for those who wish to participate. Questions about the outing may be directed to **Wayne Schultz (920-948-1978)** or **Christy Keller (920-210-5973)**.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 23; Sunday: 89

Offerings: \$2,602.90

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,889.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$30.00; Undesignated Memorial (Debt Retirement): \$51.00

Memorials: In Memory of Maria Graciela Tristan: \$51.00 *(Undesignated)*

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Worship Service (**Fellowship Sunday**)..... 9:00 AM

Wednesday: **SCHOOL REGISTRATION** 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Thursday: Communion Worship Service 7:00 PM

Sunday: Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM