



One of our biggest distractions as a follower of Jesus is our earthly possessions. It shouldn't surprise us then, that Jesus frequently discusses our earthly possessions. As followers of Christ, don't reject earthly wealth or despise it. We're grateful for every gift that comes from the hand of God. However, as Christians, our focus can't be on what wealth *"offers,"* but what Jesus Christ *"provides and supplies."*

Opening Hymn _____ *My Worth Is Not in What I Own* 753

Today's Soloist: Tierney Vircks

Soloist _____ v.1,2 / 1st Refrain

All _____ v.3,4,5 / 2nd, 3rd Refrains

The Service – Setting 1

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession of Sins

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord,

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

According to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for private confession and reflection.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Glory Be to God _____ **p.157**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

First Reading / Today's Message – 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.*

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

² "Nothing but vapor," Ecclesiastes said. "Totally vapor. Everything is just vapor that vanishes."

¹² I, Ecclesiastes, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ 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!) ¹⁴ I have seen all the actions done under the sun, and, look, it is all nothing but vapor. It is all chasing the wind.

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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! ²² 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?

²³ Pain fills all his days. His occupation is frustration. Even at night his heart does not rest. This too is vapor.

²⁴ 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. ²⁵ For who can eat or enjoy himself apart from him? ²⁶ 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Colossians 3:1-11

*If life doesn't consist in what we have, then what is it?
Paul tells the Colossians and us.*

3 Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you 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 So put to death whatever is worldly in you: sexual immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. ⁷ You too once walked in these things, when you were living in them.

⁸ But now, you too are to rid yourselves of all of these: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to each other since you have put off the old self

with its practices, ¹⁰ and put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but rather Christ is all and is in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day _____ *The Shadow of the Almighty* 91

[Soloist: Tierney Vircks]

Gospel – Luke 12:13-21

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 12:

Glory be to you, O Lord!

*Greed is felt in life and will be exposed in death.
Through a parable, Jesus gives us a strong warning against greed.*

¹³ Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But Jesus said to him, “Man, who appointed me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?”

¹⁵ 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.”

¹⁶ He told them a parable: “The land of a certain rich man produced very well. ¹⁷ He was thinking to himself, ‘What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And I will tell my soul, “Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry.”’

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared?’

²¹ “That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day _____ *What Is the World to Me* 717

Today's Message

The Best Life Under the Sun

Pastor Heath Butler brought us today's message. We thank him! He teaches several religion courses and coaches the girls' varsity soccer team at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. We thank him for his message.

Hymn of Response _____ *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* 820

Offering & Friendship Register

Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For your Word and Spirit, that our hearts may be guarded against greed and jealousy, so that we may be wise to use the good gifts you've given us for your purposes, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For your Church, that you would bless the teaching and preaching of your Word, and the use of your Sacraments so that hearts may be nurtured or introduced to Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all husbands and wives, that they would live marriages that are faithful to their vows; for parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord; for single adults, that they may find fulfillment in their service to others; and for our lives together, that we might show the love of Christ one to another, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the suffering, the dying and the grieving, that they would be sustained by your promises and presence; and for compassionate and skillful doctors and nurses, that suffering may be alleviated and minds and bodies returned to health, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That we would one day be delivered by the hand of Christ into the paradise he has won for us; and in thanksgiving for the peace and rest you have given those you have led out of this world of sin, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Special Prayers

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence for ourselves and others.

Silent Prayers

Eternal Lord, you guide the world with your power and in Christ you love all people. Hear our prayers – whether spoken or silent – and answer them according to your will, wisdom and grace.

In our Savior Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn _____ *Take the World, but Give Me Jesus* 699

Welcome to God's Royal Family!



This weekend, we welcomed two new little lambs of the Good Shepherd into God's family through the power of God's Word connected with the water of Baptism.

Walter James Knudtson

Parents: Tyler and Whitney (Drzewiecki) Knudtson

Godparents: Lexie Knudtson and Chris Drzewiecki

Waylon Ernst Becker

Parents: Donald and Jessica (Hansen) Becker

Godparents: Paul and Jennifer Hansen

St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School in Cudahy, Wisconsin

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July 31, 2022

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

- **Welcome! ...** We are so glad you chose to join us for worship today. We pray that "Jesus Christ the Savior of the world" was clearly proclaimed in the message and music of worship and that you were blessed by it. If we can be of service to you, please don't hesitate to speak with our pastor. If you are a visitor, we would consider it an honor if joined us again.
- **Main Floor Restroom ...** Please reserve it for those with limited mobility. Women's and men's are on the lower level. Changing tables are available in each.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

It is a blessing to assist parents with the Christian Education of their children through St. Paul's School. We provide a quality Christian Education for children ages 4 years through 8th Grade. We are a Choice School. Call the School Office (744-9771) for more information, or leave a message any time.

Sunday (July 31)

9:30 AM.....Worship

Tuesday (August 2)

6:15 AM.....Men's Breakfast Bible Study

9:00 AM.....Women's Bible Study

Wednesday (August 3)

6:00-10:00 PM..National Night Out - SF

Thursday (August 4)

4:30-7:30 PM..National Night Out - Cudahy

6:30 PM.....Worship / Communion

Sunday (August 7)

9:30 AM.....Worship / Communion

We Play Organ

Veronica Broekema

We Usher

Thursday (8/4)

J Hansen, R Stack

Sunday (8/7)

T Herbst, D Rickaby

K Nygaard, W Roepke

We Greet

Sunday (8/7)

Dave & Tammy Smukowski

Dan & Linda Tomczyk

We Gather

Thursday..... 33

Sunday..... 74

Total..... 107

We Bring Gifts

Envelopes.....\$3,291.00

Hymnal..... \$25.00

Jesus Cares..... \$20.00

E-Offerings.....\$2,060.52

Total.....\$5,396.52

Women's Morning Bible Study Starts August 2 at 9:00 AM

The Women's Bible Study is back at it. They meet on the First and Third Tuesdays of the month at Dorothy Schlueter's home, 6215 Walnut Ln. #41 (off of College Ave in Cudahy). Any questions, give her a call: 414.840.4018.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

The Men continue to meet for breakfast and Bible Study at 6:15 AM at Andrea's Restaurant on S. Packard Ave in Cudahy on the First and Third Tuesdays of the month. We're studying the book of Judges and the men and women whom God picked to lead Israel before they demanded having a king like everyone else.

Summer Outreach for Our Church and School

We are reaching out in our communities so people know who we are and where we are. Would you be willing to smile and hand-out information with anyone who stops by our "St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School" pop-up canopy? There's a sign-up sheet in the entryway for these dates:



St. Francis National Night Out (Vretenar Park)
Wednesday, August 3, from 6:00-10:00 PM

Cudahy National Night Out (Cudahy Family Library)
Thursday, August 4, from 4:30-7:30 PM

Special Communion Service & Meal
Thursday, July 14 at 11:00 am

Remain seated for this 40 min. service of Scripture, hymns and sermon. Communion is brought to the pew. A delicious meal is served afterward in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Picnic / Celebrating 30 Years!
Sunday, September 11

Our Christian Education Celebration this year will not only start off our Sunday School for kids, and Bible Class schedule for adults, we'll also enjoy a "Church Picnic" and a celebration for our school building which is officially 30 years old this year.

Sunday School / Bible Class **8:30 am**
Celebration Worship **9:30 am**
Church Picnic **10:30 am**

A Great Big VBS Thank You

Thanks to everyone who grabbed a donation sheet off the bulletin board and purchases the item(s) listed. Your support of this past week's VBS is appreciated. Here's a list of those who made this past week special by serving:

- Tammy Nygaard (Director)
- Kelly Nygaard (KidVid Cinema Leader)
- Kathy Fruedenwald (Registration/KidVid Cinema)
- Tammy Smukowski (Bible Story Leader)
- Rachel Sebald (Bible Story Leader)
- Kelly Ubl (Bible Story Leader)
- Robyn Bennett (Photo / Video)
- Janise Janikowski (Imagination Station)
- Kurt Nygaard (Games)
- Jim Nygaard (Games)
- Pastor Marshall (Devotions)
- Team Henn (Set-up)
- Team Nygaard (Set-up)
- Michaelene Hintz (Snacks)
- Dominica Wenner (Snacks)
- Kim Nygaard (Snacks)
- Judy Henn (Snacks)

Crew Leaders

- Sienna Brown.....Bella Brown
- Riley Fairbanks.....Emma Villa
- Garret Williams.....Kate Papala
- Nathan Weindorfer.....Adde Henn
- Etienne RobitailleBrooklyn Dressler
- Mikayla Rapant.....Christina Retherford
- Amir Zaal.....Tegan DeWitt
- Analiyah Campos

Join Us for Fellowship

fellowship

Stay after worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month! Enjoy treats, coffee / refreshments and chat with others. We'd be honored if our guests and visitors stopped in!

Contact the church office if interested in taking a turn to host.

Week 2 Host:

LuAnn Gaertner & Sandy Marshall

Week 4 Host:

Tammy Smukowski & Sandy Santorol

Joseph's Coat of Many Colors



Kids (and adults), did you color Joseph's coat of many colors in last week's worship folder? It's not too late. There are extra pictures on the entryway desk.

Pick one up, color it and return it so we can display it on the Bulletin Board in the entryway as a colorful reminder of the main Bible person in this year's VBS.

Purchase a New Hymnal

Purchase a hymnal for \$25 for yourself, or for the church *in honor of*, or *in memory of* someone. (A label will be attached to the inside front cover of a hymnal with info.)



Envelopes are available in the church entryway.

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