

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Richer Harvest
August 3 & 4, 2013

AS WE GATHER

"Vanity and a striving after wind." That is what the Preacher calls everything done by people on earth (*Ecclesiastes 1:14*). One day, death will come to us all. Then what will we have to show for our lives---our earthly wealth and possessions? These will pass into the care of others. St. Paul reminds us that, "we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (*1 Timothy 6:7*). The rich fool in the Gospel set his heart on the bountiful harvest of his crops, but failed to recognize the richer harvest of eternal life in God's kingdom. Rather than following this foolish example, St. Paul urges us to, "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (*Colossians 3:2*). For the "things that are above" are the forgiveness, salvation, and life eternal that are freely given to all who trust in the Lord Jesus.

WELCOME

"They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *Stanzas 1-4*

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'n-ly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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(Rise) INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Pastor: Know that the LORD, He is God!

People: It is He who made us, and we are His;

Pastor: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good;

Pastor: His steadfast love endures forever,

People: and His faithfulness to all generations. *Psalm 100*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: we confess to you the sinfulness by which we are thoroughly corrupted. Our nature and being, which you created to be good, we have soiled and tarnished with sin. At times, we are too quickly lured by the enticements of this world. We harbor selfishness in our hearts, giving our love, affection, devotion, and worship to created things rather than to you, our most holy Creator. For these and all our sins, forgive us dear Father, for the sake of Your Son Christ Jesus, our Lord, who gave His body and shed His blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Pastor: God, in His mercy, hears your confession and for Christ's sake grants you full and complete pardon. Therefore, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *Stanza 5*

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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 Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen. (Be seated)

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+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Ecclesiastes 1:2; 12-14; 2:18-26 (*Vanity!*) The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I devoted myself to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under heaven. What a heavy burden God has laid on men! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless. A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

EPISTLE Colossians 3:1-11 (*Christ is all, and in all.*) Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21 (*The Parable of the Rich Fool*) Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years, Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

(Be seated)

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #534 "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

Lord, enthroned in heav'n-ly splendor, First begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people's head. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus, true and living bread! Jesus, true and living bread!

Though the lowliest form now veil You as of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them; We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, Your of-f'ring, finished Once for all when You were slain,
In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Cleansing souls from ev-'ry stain; Cleansing souls from ev-'ry stain.

Life imparting heav'n-ly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Ris'n, ascended, glorified! Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

SERMON "Bigger Barns or a Bigger God?"

Luke 12:13-21

(Rise)

NICENE CREED (*found on the back cover of hymnal*)

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Because everything good comes from the hand of the Lord and apart from Him none can find enjoyment in life, let us lift our prayers for all people to His throne of grace. Bless Phil Chavez as he seeks your will for his life. Lord, in this world filled with sorrow, emptiness and vanity, grant every member of your Church faith that joyfully anticipates the time when Christ, our life, returns, the very day when we will appear with Him in glory.

People: **Nourish us with the promises of your Word and with the body and blood of Your Son, so that we remain faithful even unto death.**

Pastor: Lord, our inborn sin clings to us. Cleanse us of our covetousness. Empty us of all envy. Prevent us from trusting in our wealth and guide us to use every possession to give praise to you and care for others.

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People: Teach us to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, so that we eat, drink, labor and enjoy the life you give us here without ever losing sight of the new life we have in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Lord, You give your people the privilege of proclaiming the redeeming death of your Son and His life-restoring resurrection. Use missionaries, pastors and each of us to make known your amazing mercy. Bless Brad Akey as he begins his studies as seminary.

People: Bring unbelievers to faith in Jesus and expand your gracious kingdom.

Pastor: You give us the gift of an ordered society, Lord. Direct in your ways those who govern our nation, our state and our communities. Provide the leaders, businesses and education that we need to prosper.

People: Protect our nation and watch over those who defend our country. Fill our land with citizens who are honest, noble and caring.

Pastor: Lord, come to the aid of everyone in need. Heal those who are sick. Relieve those who suffer. Strengthen those who are recovering. And comfort those who are dying. We commend to your care Helen, Louise, Lorina, Anna, Laura, Bill, Eleanor, Carol, Jean, Sarah, Joe, Warren and Ruth Baumgart. Bless and comfort family and friends of Arnold Schank, who entered your kingdom of eternal glory last Tuesday.

People: Grant that trusting in your care, they fear no evil but find peace in your promises and presence.

Pastor: Even when evil days come, Lord, remove all fear from us and all people. Assure us that because your Son has redeemed us from the grave, you hear our pleas and deliver us from evil in the way you know is best.

People: Bless the efforts of all our LCMS mercy ministries and of all the relief agencies of the Church. Supply the financial resources they need to do their work and bring your care to traumatized people.

Pastor: Lord, set our minds on the things above, not on the things of the earth. Fill us with joy in our baptismal life, confident that we have died and our life is hidden with Christ in You.

People: Put to death in us all sexual immorality, impurity, passion and evil desires. Clothe us in Christ and His new life, that the world will see by the way we live that we belong to you.

Pastor: Hear us our pleas, Lord, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Sung to Tune: LSB 851

Lamb of God, our risen Savior, All our sins You take away,
Lamb of God, by Your great favor, Lord, have mercy, bless us today.
Lamb of God, Your table setting Always let Your mercies come,
And Your Holy Spirit sending, Give us peace till we reach our home.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #629 "What Is This Bread"

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see- the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see- the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see- the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole- Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see- the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive His very body and His blood.
O taste and see- the Lord is good.

HYMN #622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning.

Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;
But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true, All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.

Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unailing.

Lord, I believe that You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper is this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thank you, Father, for feeding us with the rich food of your kingdom that is
your Son's body and blood. Use our eating and drinking in remembrance of
Him to fortify our believing; that we may not be distracted by what the world

has to offer, but may ever fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of
our faith who is seated on high at your right hand with power and all
authority; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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 in favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #794 "The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaen,
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'n-ly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'n-ly host Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

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