



**Sunday, July 31, 2022**

**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church**

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## Eight Sunday after Pentecost

### 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.*

**Prelude**

**Be With Us**

**A. Adams-Westin**

### Welcome and Announcements

### Greeting

*(Matt. 5:3)*

P: Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All: **Alleluia.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

All: **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too**

**often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

**P:** Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**All: Amen.**

### **Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**All: 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.**

**Opening Hymn**

**“Great is the Lord”**  
(all verses found on page 10)

**W&P # 53**

**Readings**

**Assisting Minister**

**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.*

<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.

<sup>2:18</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.

**Psalm: Psalm 49:1-12** (read responsively by whole verse)

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)*

AM: <sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

All: <sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

AM: <sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

All: <sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

AM: <sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

All: <sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**

AM: <sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

All: <sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

AM: <sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

All: <sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

AM: <sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

All: <sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

**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 and 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.*

<sup>1</sup>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!

AM: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: **Thanks Be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

*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 [Jesus,] "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."

P: The gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Per Halaas, Intern**

**Hymn of the Day**

**"For The Fruit Of All Creation"**  
(All Verses, found on page 11)

**ELW# 679**

**Apostle's Creed**

All: **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 Holy Spirit, born of the 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 heave, 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Assisting Minister**

**AM:** *Each prayer will end with:* Merciful God,

**All:** **receive our prayer.**

**Offering**

**Offering Music**

**“Let There Be Praise”**

**W&P #87**

**Offering Prayer**

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion**

**P:** In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

**Words of Institution**

**P:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**All: 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.**

**Distribution of Communion**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**P:** Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

**“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”**  
(Verses 1 & 2 found on page 12)

**ELW# 697**

## **Blessing**

**P:** The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**All: Amen.**

## **Postlude**

**“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”**

**Spiritual**

## **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Leading Worship Today**

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger

**Intern:** Per Halaas

**Music:** Amy and Adams

**Assisting Ministers:** Valerie and Orv Osmundson

**Ushers:** David Almquist, Tom Brackey

**Livestream Producer:** Silvester Vivic

**Hospitality:** Valerie and Orv Osmundson

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Thank you to Amy and Adams for their wonderful of music this morning! We are so glad that you are here!**

### **August Birthdays:**

Pam Wiehe	August 1	Rhonda Gautschi	August 15
Jan Kowitz	August 8	Dennis Rasmusson	August 18
Joy Tkachuck	August 8	Mary Cincotta	August 18
Anna Clarke	August 11	Janine Almquist	August 24
Bubby Schaber	August 14		

### **August Anniversaries:**

Paul and Mary Kowitz	August 5	50 years
Palmer and Virginia Iverson	August 7	46 years
Sally and Steve Keller	August 9	53 years
Charles and Carol Baldwin	August 12	50 years
Pam and Mike Wiehe	August 16	36 years
Karl Ebert and Carol Krauze	August 16	26 years
Joann and Robert Groth	August 26	55 years

### **Upcoming Events:**

**August 2 – East Side Collaborative – National Night Out** – see newsletter

**August 7 – Partnership Temple Talk** – Pastor Richard Pittman, House of Praise

**August 7 – Chuck Linderkamp** – special music for our worship service

**August 14 – Partnership Temple Talk** – Mission Investment Fund

**August 21 – East Side Collaborative – Worship in the Park**

Lake Phalen Pavilion – 10:00 a.m. – Amy and Adams music leaders, Picnic Lunch. More information to follow

**August 27 – Partnership Temple Talk** – Pam Wiehe, Alley Shoppe

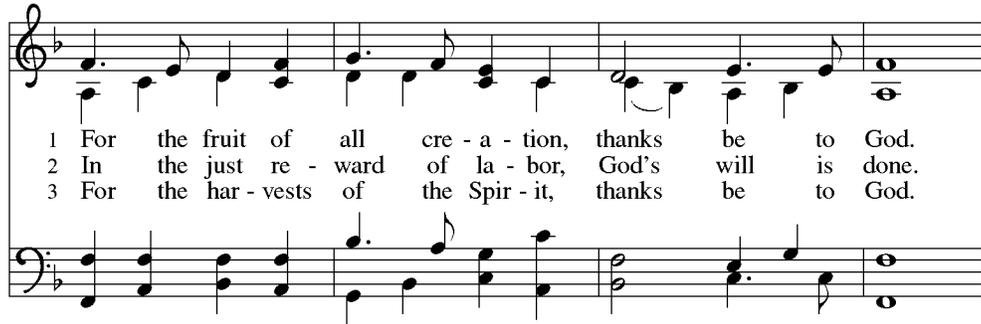
**September 4 – Partnership Temple Talk** – Jessica Jones, Open Door Learning Center

**Opening Hymn**

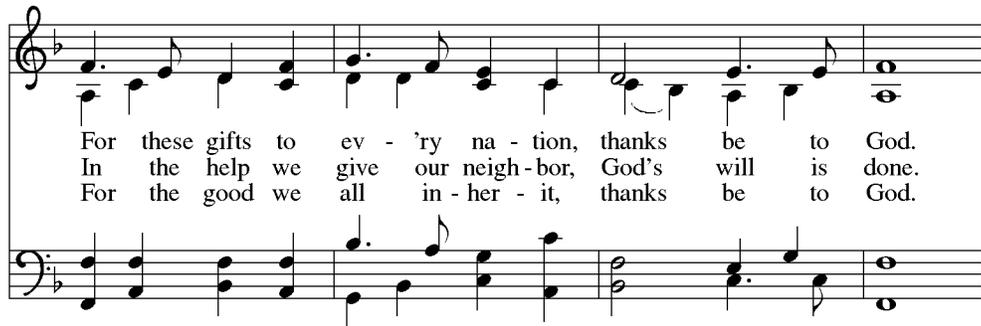
**All Verses**

**W&P# 53**

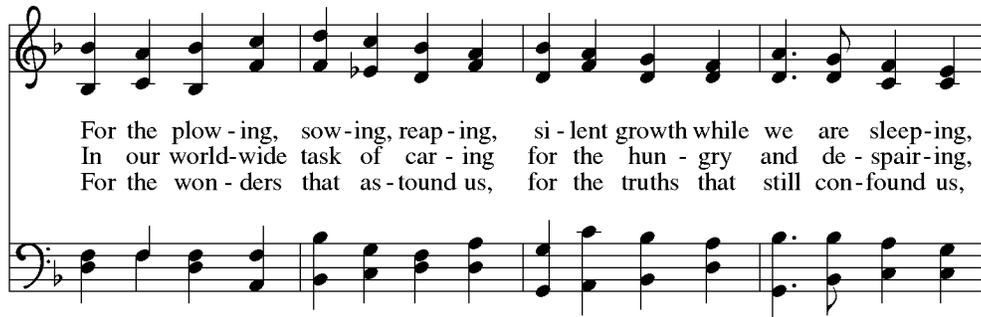
## For the Fruit of All Creation



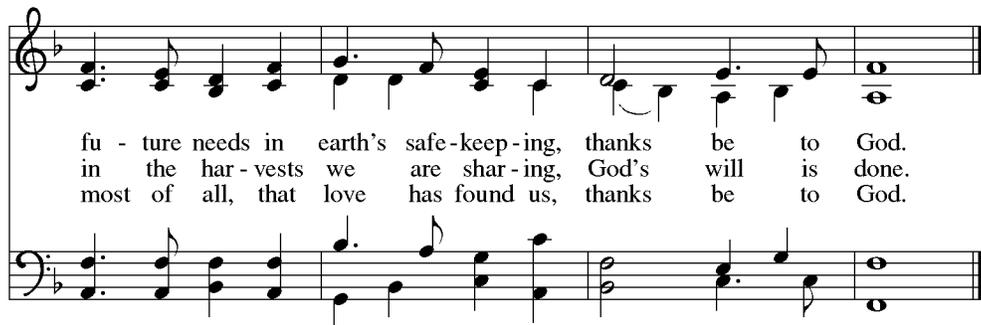
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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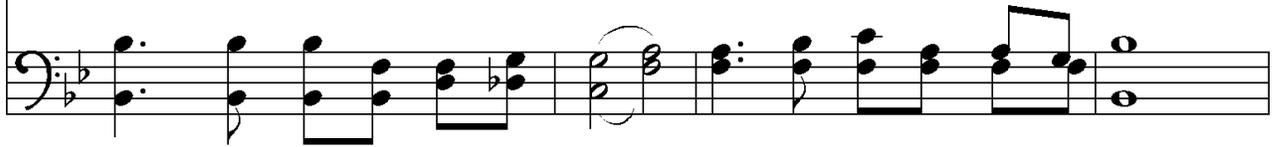
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# Just a Closer Walk with Thee



*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;  
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*



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 Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional