

ST. ANDREW'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

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PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*

GREETING

KYRIE

NOW THE FEAST

SALUTATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

L A reading from Ecclesiastes.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied 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. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}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 ¹⁹—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. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because 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. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12 (Spoken responsively)

¹Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

²**you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**

³My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

⁷One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

⁹in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

¹⁰**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.**

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

L A reading from Colossians.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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THE GOSPEL VERSE

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GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

A O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress especially (_____, and) those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints especially (_____, and) those we now name silently in our hearts. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for the congregation of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Bethlehem and the Rev. Brandon Heavner. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Healing God, direct us as we find our way through COVID-19. Remind us that the vaccine is a gift from you. Help us to be loving and accepting of all as we seek a graceful way through the pandemic. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Peaceful God, we pray for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Help those in charge value human life and find peaceful ways in solving their conflicts. Protect and comfort those who are suffering because of this war. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Wade in the Water

David Heine and Mark Jonkman

OFFERING

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

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THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful God,

C **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE PROPER PREFACE

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST

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LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Please prepare for the reception of Communion

LAMB OF GOD

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at your seats or optionally at the base of the steps this day. Please wait for the Pastor to give instruction.

When all have received Communion:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

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HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Immediate Prayers*: David Abel, Tom Brady, Marjorie Drake, Gerry Fisher, Diane Frantz, Joyce Genicola, Barbara Lindner, Shawn Mabus, Michael Mabus, Doris Neumeyer, Linda Pennoyer, Gayle Ryan, Ron Sigafos, Doug VonNessen, Gretchen Wong, Jacque Wuchter, Hattie Wuchter.

* As of July 28, 2022

Homebound/Nursing Home: Margaret Bennett, Irene Bradbury, Shirley Brugger, Dorothy Fournier, Joan Gordon, Lorraine Merli, Shirley Messenlehner, Ethel Shive, Ruth Snyder, Pauline Thoma, Doris Wanamaker, and Naomi Wrede.

Long Term Prayers: Charles Brandt, Warren Bray, John Clay, Lisa Detweiler, Lori Gilbert, Joan Gordon, David Jackson, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Jim Slater, Brianna Thompson, and Chris Thompson.

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