



RAISED WITH CHRIST,
SEEK WHAT IS ABOVE,
WHERE CHRIST IS.

Colossians 3:1-4

Sunday, July 31, 2022 – Lectionary 18, Yr C

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision - Touch the Sky*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

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.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C: **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.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *We Praise You, O God*

PUBLIC DOMAIN

vss. 1,2,3

ELW #870

- 1 **We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

- 2 **We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**
- 3 **With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

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.

Be Seated

PSALM 49:1-12

- L: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
C: you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
 L: My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
C: I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
 L: Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
C the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?
 L: One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
C: for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,
 L: in order to live forever and ever, and never see the grave.
C: 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.
 L: Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
C: Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

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! **WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: LUKE 12:13-21

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.”

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Be Seated

SERMON *Pastor Christopher Miller*

Stand

HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

vss.1,2,3

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PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2 **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**
- 3 **Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Stand

SHARING THE PEACE / GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING OF GIFTS - OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of abundance:

C: **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. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD’S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION - *Communion Assistants come forward*

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN *Day by Day*

all vss.

ELW #790

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- 1 **Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me, draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.**
- 2 **Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow, till in glory I behold your face.**
- 3 **Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.**

TABLE BLESSING — PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — BENEDICTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

C: **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. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Stand

HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God*

vss. 1 & 2

ELW #840

PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
- 2 **Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

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DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

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CALENDAR

Sun/July 31	9 AM	WORSHIP - In Person & Live-Streamed
	7 PM	AA
Wed/Aug 3	11 AM	Library Readers <i>under the trees</i>
	6 PM	WED OUTDOOR WORSHIP w/Communion - <i>bring your own chair</i>
Thur/Aug 4	7 PM	AA
	7 PM	Stewardship
Sun/Aug 7	9 AM	WORSHIP w/Communion – In Person & Live-Streamed – Mission Sunday <i>with Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, Missionaries to Japan</i>
	2–4 PM	Mini Bible School Camp for Pre-K to 6th Grade
	7 PM	AA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINI BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP - Sunday, August 7th 2 to 4 pm - Pre-K to 6th Grade. Sign up ahead of time by emailing smhildebrant7@gmail.com

AUGUST MISSIONARY VISITS: August 7– Benckes/Japan; August 21–Stephen Deal/Central America.

PRAYER FORUM – Thursday, Aug 11, 7 PM - Al Aakre Internship Project - FIRST Fellowship Hall