"We Preach Christ Crucified..."

- 1 Corinthians 1:23



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"LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY HOW MUCH YOU OWN."

LUKE 12:15, NLT



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As We Gather

Jesus wants focused followers. However, one of the things that can most easily get in the way of our focus is our earthly possessions. It is no surprise, therefore, that Jesus' words so frequently focus his followers on wealth. Jesus' followers don't reject earthly wealth or despise it. They can be grateful for every good gift that comes from the hand of God. However, Jesus' followers value earthly wealth correctly. They understand what earthly wealth can and cannot do. They don't give earthly wealth a role in their lives it will never be able to fill. This week we focus on the fact that the identity and security earthly wealth can never provide is found fully and freely in Christ.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-13 of the bulletin.]

♣ Preparation for Worship ♣

Hymn

TLH 425 – All Depends On Our Possessing

Invocation

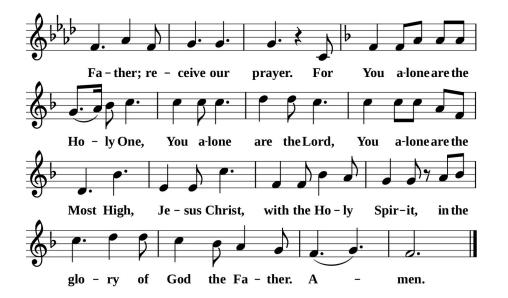
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness
- Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.
- P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Your are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- Amen.

★ The Service of the Word **★**





Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

- **P** Let us pray...
 - ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14; 2:18-26

¹ The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ² Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹² I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴ I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and

knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 90:1-4. 12, 17

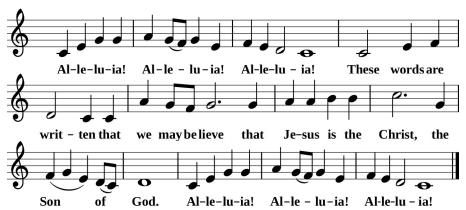
- **P** Lord, you have been our dwelling place
- **C** in all generations.
- P Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
- **C** from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- P You return man to dust and say,
- "Return, O children of man!"
- **P** For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
- or as a watch in the night.
- **P** So teach us to number our days
- **C** that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- **P** Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
- and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!



¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have 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 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.





Confession of Faith

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

TLH 430 (1-4, 8) – What Is the World to Me

Sermon Text Luke 12:13-21

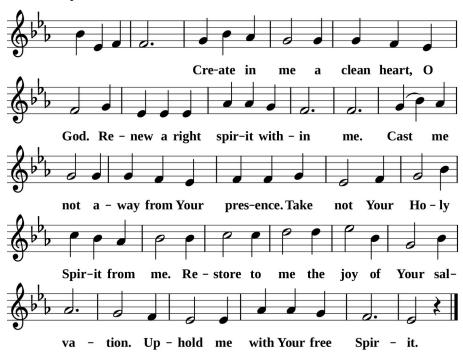
¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."



There's More to Life than Meets the Eye

- I. A Warning Against Greed and Materialism
- II. An Encouragement to be Rich Toward God

Offertory



Hymn

CW 754 – Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

Offering Hymn

TLH 441 (1-2) – We Give Thee But Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

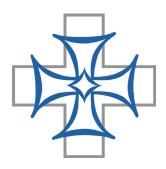
General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C Amen.

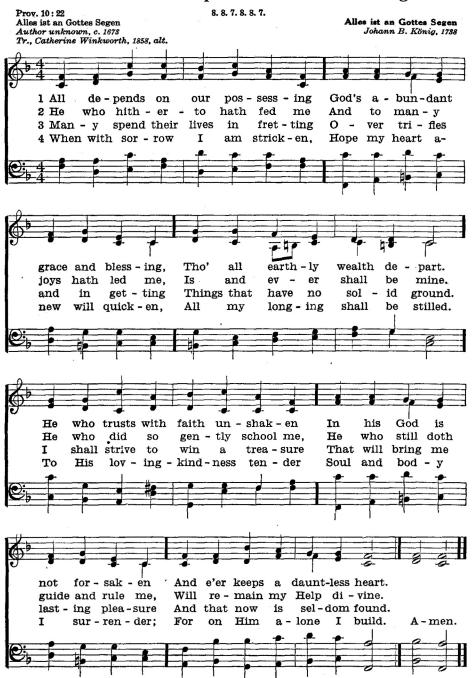
Closing Hymn

TLH 400 – Take My Life and Let It Be

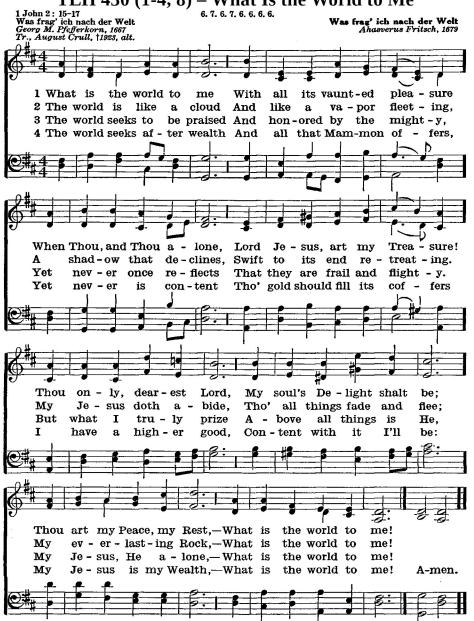


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TLH 425 – All Depends On Our Possessing



TLH 430 (1-4, 8) – What Is the World to Me



8 What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my Treasure,
My Life, my Health, my Wealth,
My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,
My Joy, my Crown, my All,
My Bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

CW 754 - Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness



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- 5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast, for joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul, for walls and wars that hide your mercies vast and blur our vision of the kingdom goal:
- 6 Open our eyes to see your love's intent, to know with mind and heart its depth and height; let thankful days in loving labor spent reflect the truly Christlike life and light.

TLH 400 – Take My Life and Let It Be



- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all, for Thee.

+ Announcements +

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15 *Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran					
July 31	9:00 am	Worship Service			
	10:00 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting			
August 3	6:30 pm	Mission Committee			
August 7	9:00 am	Worship Service			
August 9	6:00 pm	Council			
August 10	9:00 am	Lakeview Place Worship Service			
	10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship Services			
	1:30 pm	St. Peter's Place Worship Service			
August 12	6:30 pm	Fellowship Game Night w/ Bonfire			
August 14	9:00 am	Worship Service			

Quarterly Voters' Meeting — Our Quarterly Voters' Meeting is today following the worship service. In addition to the regular reports, the voters will consider the current policies for rental of the teacherage and duplex.

Paper Products/Supplies: We are making an effort to keep all of the supplies you may need on the main level of the church. Paper products are no longer kept in the basement. You should be able to find everything you need somewhere in the kitchen. For example, paper towels are now kept in the cupboards on either side of the sink. If you need help finding anything, please reach out to Barb H.

Fellowship Gathering Game Nights: Be sure to add Friday, August 12 @ 6:30pm to your calendar and join us at church for an Outdoor Game Night complete with a Bonfire and S'mores! It is the Mission Committee's hope to try to make inreach an important part of our planning. In doing so, we are bringing back our Game Nights. Add the following dates to your calendars, bring your favorite games and snacks, and enjoy an evening with friends!

- Friday, August 12 (Outdoor Games and Bonfire)
- Friday, September 9
- Friday, October 14
- Friday, November 11
- Friday, December 9
- Friday, January 6 (Bowling at Ledgeview Lanes)
- Friday, February 10
- Friday, March 3
- Friday, April 14
- Friday, May 12
- Friday, June 9
- Friday, July 14

Property Needs: There are several needs currently for our church property. We may need to hire out the work on the trees. In that case, any references would be helpful. If you can help, please contact Tyler Kern at 920-266-9366 or tyler@kernhome.org

- 1. Shades need to be installed in the 146 teacherage.
- 2. Painting (possibly) needs to be done at the 146 teacherage
- 3. Branches need to be trimmed away from the roof at the parsonage
- 4. Dead tree needs to be taken down in yard of 146 teacherage
- 5. Dead tree needs to be removed by backstop

Escape Room: The youth group will be putting on two different escape rooms at Luther Memorial Friday, August 26th from 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Teams can sign up for a time slot by contacting April Kern at (920) 257-9308 or at aprilkendall3@yahoo.com.

Fondue Fest: Luther Memorial will, once again, participate in Fondue Fest this year on Saturday, September 10th. We're going to try a little something different this year. Rather than have just our regular booth and activities, we need as many people as possible to wear a Luther Memorial t-shirt designed to catch people's attention, walk around Fondue Fest, and hopefully strike up some conversation. Please speak with Kate Sauers for more information on the t-shirt design.

Kinship: The Kinship Committee is in need of individual sponsors for both orphans and seminarians in our overseas sister congregations. Fields of opportunity are continually expanding, as are the needs for support from those who are moved do to do. Please consider helping. Financial support ranges from \$25/month to \$50/month. For more information please see, call, email, or text Dan Roehl— danroehl@hotmail.com / 507-381-2042.

Porcupine Mountains Youth Camp-Out: This year's camp will happen August 6-10 (Sat-Wed). This is for students entering grades 8-12. The total camp fee is around \$85. Go to tinyurl.com/porkies2022 to get more info and to register. Or, check out the printout posted on the bulletin board.

National Women's Retreat (Virtual): You're Invited! A women's event is planned for two hours on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time), via Zoom. The event theme is: "Press Pause: God's Daily Encouragement in the Moments of Life." The two hours will include speakers from CLC congregations around the country in a panel session focused on personal devotions for all types of schedules. Breakout groups included for discussion and sharing. https://tinvurl.com/Gethsemane-Lutheran. This is a free event. You can participate from home via Zoom or at church with Gethsemane participants. Not good with Zoom? Not to worry, help is available! Contact Tina Eichstadt (teichstadt@gmail.com, 651-398-2386) with questions. See you (virtually) there!

CLC Women's Retreat West: Mark your calendars! Coming up – a weekend of Bible study, interviews, personal narratives, and a special presentation by Missionary Todd Ohlmann at the 17th (almost) annual Women's Retreat West to be held September 16-19 at Chadron State Part, Chadron, NE. For more information and to register, visit https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/

Man Up! Retreat: The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat is on for this fall will be held September 22-25, 2022, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment by August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Sign up today!

CLC Call News: Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has received the calls to serve as vacancy pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, and Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA.. + Pastor Samuel Naumann of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, TX, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.



FRUITS OF FAITH – July 17		Attendance: 88		
<u>Luther Memorial Church</u> Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		Church of the Lutheran Confession Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		
\$1,767.00	LM General Budget (07/17)	\$200.00	CLC General Budget (07/17)	
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need	
-\$1,156.08	-Under / +Over	-\$184.62	-Under / +Over	
\$81,421.88	Year to Date Offerings	\$590.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings	
\$84,769.32	Year to Date Need	\$1,153.86	Fiscal Year to Date Need	
-\$3,347.44	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$563.86	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)	
Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses) Non-Budgetary (Unplanned		getary (Unplanned Expenses)		
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$10.00	LM Student Aid Fund	\$40.00	ILC Building Fund	
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund	
	LM M & I	\$45.00	Mission Development (MDF)	
\$5.00	LM Local Missions/ Outreach		Project Kinship/Orphanage	
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival	
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous	
Memorial: \$100.00 to the General Fund in Memory of Marian Seibel				
Memorial: \$10.00 to the Mission Development Fund in Memory of Marian Seibel				

FRUITS OF FAITH – July 24 Attendance: 58

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<u>Luther Memorial Church</u> Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		Church of the Lutheran Confession Budgetary (Regular Expenses)			
\$3,359.00	LM General Budget (07/24)	\$630.00	CLC General Budget (07/24)		
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need		
+\$435.92	-Under / +Over	+\$245.38	-Under / +Over		
\$84,780.88	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,220.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings		
\$87,692.40	Year to Date Need	\$1,538.48	Fiscal Year to Date Need		
-\$2,911.52	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$318.48	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)		
Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)			
\$100.00	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund		
\$100.00	LM Student Aid Fund	\$25.00	ILC Building Fund		
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund		
\$120.00	LM M & I	\$50.00	Mission Development (MDF)		
\$100.00	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$150.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage		
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival		
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous		
Memorial: \$220.00 to the General Fund in Memory of Marian Seibel					

Memorial: \$20.00 to the Maintenance & Improvement Fund in Memory of Marian Seibel





