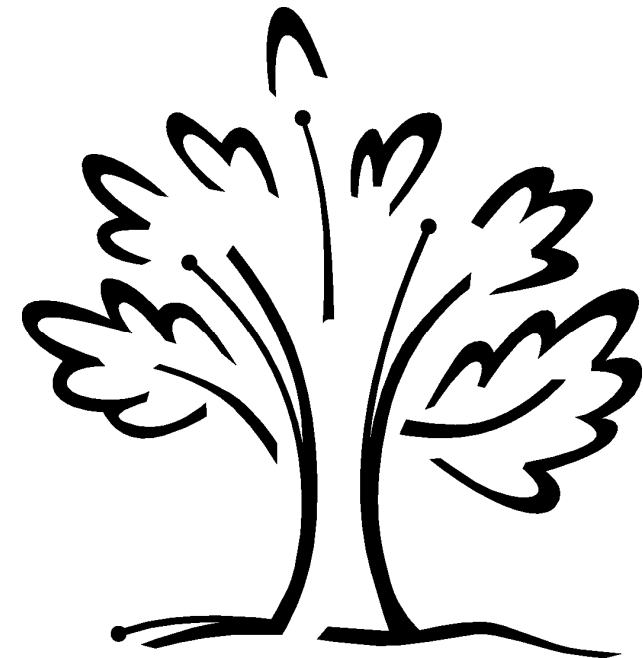




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"Liturgy of Word and Sacrament"

Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Arioso

J.S. Bach

Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Announcements

On Wednesday **August 11th** Surrey Urban Mission, 13388 104 Ave., Surrey, welcomes Pr. Fran Schmidt to Surrey. Pr. Fran is a missionary in Peru and will be sharing her experiences and stories with us. On Tuesday **August 10th**, Pr. Fran will come to day camp and teach songs, crafts, stories and make some Peruvian food with the children!

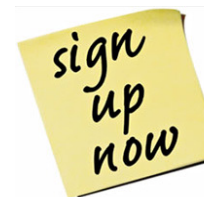
Please join us on Wednesday from 7 pm until 8:30 pm to meet her and to hear about 'faith in action.' Refreshments will be served.

On Thursday **August 12th** at 7:30 pm Pr. Schmidt will be giving her presentation at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Richmond, 6340 # 4 Road, 604-270-0085.

If you have any questions please contact the Mission at 604 581-5172.



Lutheran Refugee and Immigrant Ministry have a beautiful desk to give away. If you are interested please call 604-435-9750.



Please sign up on the worship leaders sign up sheet for September and October posted in the narthex bulletin board.

Please consider signing up to be a **Fellowship Host**. The roster for July 4 - Oct. 31, 2010 is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Choose the date that would be best for you. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Hospitality Committee (Julie Bauming, Karen Kerfoot, or Ingrid Bielenberg).

Welcome back to Pr. Hergy who is "filling in" for Pr. Peter Fischer while he is away for the weekend. Pr. Peter will return for the next two Sundays after which Pr. Hergy resumes his work. We will have a short (but heartfelt) expression of thanks to Pr. Peter on August 15. Please do your best to come and offer your gratitude and appreciation.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Prayer over the gifts)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

It is Christ himself who invites all the baptized members of God's family — and all our guests — to come to his table where he gives his body and blood, along with the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation under the forms of bread and wine. After receiving the bread into the open, upraised palm, all may drink from the first (common) cup or, if desired, have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup.

HYMN

#479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

Evening Prayer

Engelbert Humperdinck

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (All rise)

God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace.

Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN (congregational choice)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The Solid Rock

Don Hustad

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN (congregational choice)

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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.

Chapter 1

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.

Chapter 2

¹⁸I 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 labours 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.

Response after the reading:

Thanks be to God.

HYMN (*congregational choice*)

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 in order to 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.

So 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!

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN (*congregational choice*)

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:13–21

Response after announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "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."

Response to the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN (*congregational choice*)

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY #681 “We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Lead your church, O God, to speak wisdom that it may offer genuine meaning in a world of vanities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain, O God, all who labour and toil in field, factory, home, or office, that their work may have purpose. Give hope to the unemployed, that they can soon offer their talents in fulfilling work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire, O God, the leaders of all nations to seek justice for the inhabitants of the world. Give a spirit of generosity to those who are wealthy, enabling them to share the abundance of their riches with the poor. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Provide peace, O God, to those whose days are filled with pain: the poor, the hungry, the ill (*especially*), that they may not give up their hearts to despair. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Encourage this congregation, O God, to set our minds on things that are above, so we may be rich toward God and loving toward others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks, O God, for those who have left us a legacy of faith, wisdom, and knowledge (*especially*). Keep us steadfast in that faith until we join them in glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* *David Cherwien*

OFFERTORY PRAYER