



About the Cover

It is foolish to reduce our lives to procuring possessions just to let them go when we die. These things do not compare to the eternal treasures Christ won for us. We can let go of our need to store up earthly treasures because we know what the Lord promises in the life to come (Romans 8:32).

Riches from God

I have never lost my earthly possessions in a fire, flood, or similar tragedy. At one point, however, my husband and I did willingly divest ourselves of many of our possessions as we downsized to a small apartment. I thought I would miss my “stuff” and my big yard. Instead, I felt free. Nothing we have—possessions, position, or power—can equal the riches God has in store for us. Compared to God’s riches, our “stuff” is as worthless rubbish. Our earthly possessions lose value. Position and power can change quickly, but God’s riches are eternal. God offers us an abundant life. Christ’s redemption brings us forgiveness of sins. We have been given faith at our Baptism, a faith that grows through hearing God’s Word and partaking of the Sacrament of His body and blood. He strengthens us when we are weak, gives us wisdom when we need it, heals our hurts, and replaces our sorrow with joy. We are blessed because we have received the righteousness of Christ through faith, a priceless, eternal gift.

Father, thank You for showering us with the precious gift of righteousness through Your Son—the gift that is worth more than anything else. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

PORTALS
of PRAYER

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*Life does not consist
in the abundance of
... possessions*



LUKE 12:15



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Pentecost 8



Welcome;

The Video will serve as the Opening Hymn;
The kids feed the Mission Pig;

Or hymn; #818 In Thee Is Gladness

Invocation P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

O Lord, open my lips,

And my mouth will declare your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

Make haste to Help me, O Lord.

In the morning I lift up my hands in praise to You;

Throughout the day, I trust in Your presence.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness;

Therefore you are feared.

Holy and Gracious God;

**I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know,
the thoughts, words, and deeds of which I am ashamed; but some is
known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask for forgiveness.
Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

P. By faith in Jesus and His atoning sacrifice for your sin, you are forgiven.

Go in peace,

C. Amen.



Hymn; #912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

The Introit and Collect; On the insert in the bulletin;

Parish Joys and Concerns; Prayer requests; each petition ending with;

P. Lord in your mercy; **C. Hear our prayer.**

The Reading of the Scripture Lessons; After each reading;

P. This is the word of the Lord; **C. Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: #783 Take My Life and Let It Be

The Message;

The Creed; The Nicene Creed; inside back cover of the hymnal.

The Offering;

Offertory Hymn; #789 Praise and Thanksgiving (Please stand)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and has given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and arch angels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying;

C. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise, for ever and ever; Amen.





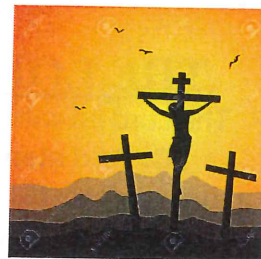
Our Father who art in heaven;
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed . . .

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you. - O Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world; have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen. (please be seated)



THE DISTRIBUTION:

THE POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C. And his steadfast love lasts forever.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that, of your mercy, you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever. Amen.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To Him be glory forever.

Amen.

P. Let us bless the Lord:

C. Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you PEACE.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: #643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Women's Study Group -

is meeting on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

in the PAC. (*Parish Activity Center—West side*)

Come and join us for a Max Lucado book.



Reminder—Today is the **Back to School Pool Party**

Swim from 4-6 and stay for pizza after if you have RSVP'd. Families are asked to bring a side.

Phillipsburg; First Lutheran, Ice Cream Social; - August 10—@ 5:00 p.m.

First and D Streets; Ice Cream, Desserts, Free will Offering



Grief Share Program; - starts tomorrow; 6:00 p.m. in the Parish

Hall. There is not cost and no pre-registration; just show up.



Today ends the collection of school supplies; however, I'm sure we can add to the collection at any time.



**I pledge allegiance
to the Christian Flag
and to The Savior for
whose Kingdom it stands.
One Savior,
crucified, risen,
and coming again
with life and liberty to all who believe.**

Happy Anniversary this week to;

Ben & Madeline Markley Aug. 6, 2015

Kurtis & Ann Forell Aug. 8, 1981



Happy Birthday This Week!

Wilda Conaway Aug. 5

Krystal Rothe Aug. 7

Joe Levin Aug. 8

Mandy Imm Aug. 9

Lindsey Levin Aug. 9

Carmen Rice Aug. 9



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

INTROIT Ps. 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: Ps. 49:1–2

Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | gether!
Truly no man can ransom an- | other,*
or give to God the price | of his life,
for the ransom of their life is | costly*
and can nev- | er suffice.

This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;*
yet after them people approve | of their boasts.
Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;*
death shall be their | shepherd.

But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,*
for he will re- | ceive me.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | gether!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL Rom. 10:15b, 18b; Is. 52:7b, alt.

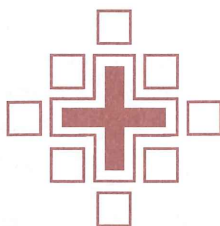
How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,*
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.
Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,*
and their words to the ends | of the world.

DAILY READINGS

August 3: 1 Sam. 17:48–18:9; Acts 27:9–26; **4:** 1 Sam. 18:10–30; Acts 27:27–44; **5:** 1 Sam. 19:1–24; Acts 28:1–15; **6:** 1 Sam. 20:1–23; Acts 28:16–31; **7:** 1 Sam. 20:24–42; 1 Cor. 1:1–25; **8:** 1 Sam. 24:1–22; 1 Cor. 1:26–2:16; **9:** 1 Sam. 25:1–22; 1 Cor. 3:1–23.

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Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

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

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

^{2:18}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, ¹⁹and 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. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because 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. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For 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.

²⁴There 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, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For 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.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1–11

¹If then 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 appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13–21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And 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.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And 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. 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, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”