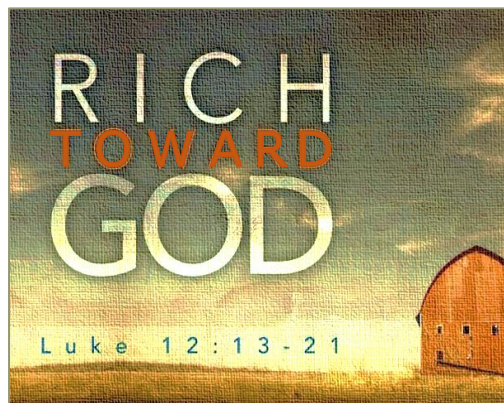


August 3, 2025

After Pentecost, Lect. 18, Yr. C



Summer is a transient time and we won't all be together in these coming weeks, but we will remain united in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, who moves more freely than we can imagine! This Summer in worship, we will share a Journey together with Jesus and his disciples. Each week, we will join in a shared activity for reflection. Contemplative music will play following the sermon to give space to reflect and participate. Blessed be the Journey, and may Christ be with us always!

Ring of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our
own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and
peace, but we turn away from the abundant
life you offer. You surround us with patience,
kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary
in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive
us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our
bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are
God's children through faith.

In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power
of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.

HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth No. 879
with Guitar

**1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of
the skies, for the love which from our birth over
and around us lies: Christ our God, to thee we
raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**2 For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of
the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun
and moon and stars of light: Christ our God, to
thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking
sense to sound and sight: Christ our God, to thee
we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister,
parent, child, friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Christ our God,
to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**5 For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth
and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift divine, to
our world so freely giv'n: Christ our God, to thee
we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY We pray together

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide,
and the goal of our lives.

**C: 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.**

Please be seated

1ST READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Search out wisdom, for all is vanity

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

¹²I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in
Jerusalem. ¹³I applied 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
humans 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 my
successor, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be
wise or foolish? >

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 and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because 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. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For 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.

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

PSALM 49:1-12 We read responsively

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

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

³ My 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.**

⁵ Why 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?**

⁷ One 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**

⁹ in 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.**

¹¹ Their 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

Clothed in Christ, your life is hidden with him in God

¹ So if 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 the things that are above, not on the 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil

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

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

◆ GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

C: Glory to you, O Lord

"Be on guard against greed; be rich toward God."

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And 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." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then 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. 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, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So 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.**

Please be seated

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

ACTIVITY for REFLECTION

What might you be called to hold more loosely in your life?

★ Take this time to journal or contribute to our shared art piece by writing a brief phrase on a piece of fabric and tying it to the chicken wire display in the front of the sanctuary.

HYMN OF THE DAY

No. 655

Son of God Eternal Savior

1 **Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh,**

whose birth among us hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease. By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race: by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one, grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

◆ 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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

C: Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN *tune-Now the Green Blade*

Build a Longer Table

ACS 1062

1 **Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all. Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**

2 **Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail. For any place where justice is denied, Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.**

3 **Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense. When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.**

4 **When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God. So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

C: Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG

We Know That Christ is Raised

No. 449

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!

2 We share by water in his saving death. Reborn,
we share with him an Easter life, as living
members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!

Ringin' of Bell

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

Su 8-3	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee 4-6 PM FAMILY POOL PARTY
Tu 8-5	NOON-1 <i>Open Prayer Time</i>
Th 8-7	4-7 PM FARMER'S MARKET 7 PM AA
Sa 8-9	12 PM <i>Ralph Hagberg Memorial Service</i>
Su 8-10	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee



SUN AUG 3
FAMILY POOL PARTY
4 - 6 PM

Kenyon Pool/Depot Park. Food Served at 5 pm:
hotdogs, chips, watermelon, beverage.
Swimming until 6 pm.



WED AUG 13 - 8 PM
ROSE FEST OUTDOOR MOVIE

Volunteers Needed – to prep/sell (popcorn,
drinks, & cotton candy) & cleanup. Hours: 7-9 pm.
Sign up in church basement or Email Susan
Hoversten seshoversten@gmail.com



ROSE FEST "ROLLS & COFFEE"
ORGAN FUNDRAISER

Helpers Needed to Prep & Sell:
(shift times) Prep: Thurs 8/14 Nite 7-9 pm.
Sell: Sat 8/16 6 am 'til gone.

Sign Up at church or Email Susan Hoversten
seshoversten@gmail.com



SUN SEPT 7 - RALLY SUNDAY
RISE & SHINE OUTDOOR BREAKFAST

** FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED:
Pancake Mix, Sausage Links, Syrup, Fresh Fruit.



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