

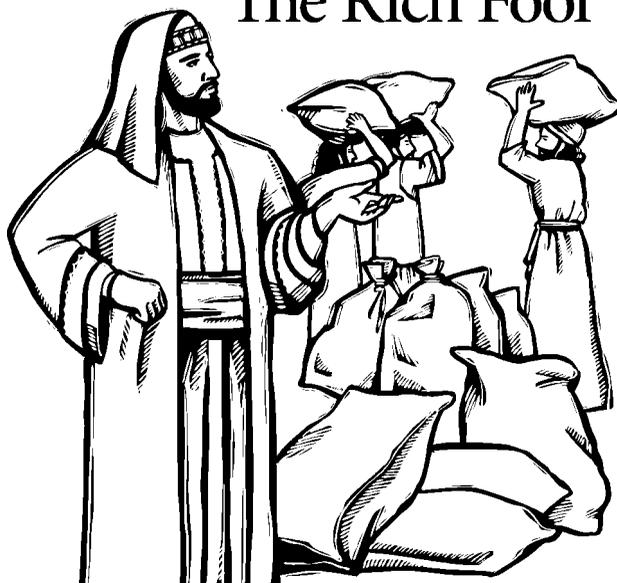
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 2016

Worship Focus

**THE BELIEVER FOLLOWS CHRIST... Followers of Christ
know that earthly wealth is meaningless.**

The Rich Fool



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OPENING HYMN

421 - All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing
5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.
soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.
way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, alt.

INVOCATION AND PRAYER



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: General) Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy — Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

PRAAYER AND PRAISE



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



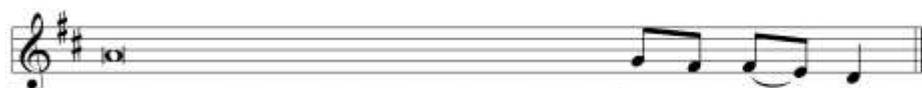
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

I will
PRAISE
YOU



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:18-26

Solomon, had more riches than we can comprehend, but experience had taught him that they are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. If one seeks to find meaning in life, search no further than the wisdom and knowledge of God.

ECCLESIASTES 1:2 “Meaningless! Meaningless!”

says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless.”

^{2:18} I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹ For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²² What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? ²³ All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless.

²⁴ A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? ²⁶ To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

PSALM

Psalms 63

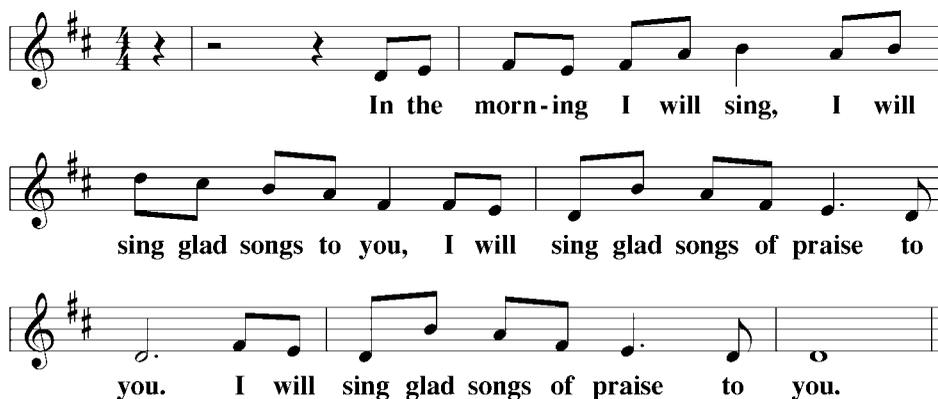
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All sing Refrain and Gloria. Cantor sings the verses.

Refrain



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

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1. *O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.*

Refrain

2. *For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.*

Refrain

3. *On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night,
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.*

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:1-11

Paul tells us to set our minds on things above, not on earthly things... like the man who built bigger barns or the teacher who chased the wind.

COLOSSIANS 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now 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, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

Jesus teaches us how foolish it is to think that life consists of what we have.

LUKE 12:13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?”
¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’”

²¹ “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

HYMN OF THE DAY

484 - Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to
 2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the
 3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the



God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor-ough,
 gift of Christ, his Son, What great good - ness he has
 sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope a - bides now



hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.
 shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!
 on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.



All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our
 Let us to him prompt-ly, free - ly, Yield our
 Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to



time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -
 bod - ies and our souls, Thank - ful that his love pro -
 com - fort and re - store Till in heav'n we rest re -



vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.
 tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.
 joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802-72, alt.

Tune: NETTLETON (87 87 D) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813, alt.

SERMON

Luke 12:13-21

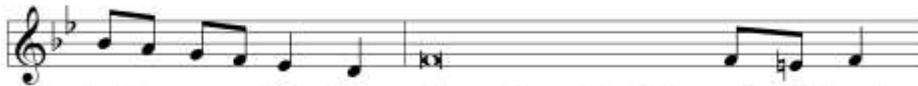
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PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for all people according to their need.

Brief silence

O Lord, in a world ruled by greed and governed by the empty accumulation of wealth, guard us against every form of covetousness. Help us to see that our lives do not consist in the abundance of possessions, but in Christ, our one heavenly treasure, who makes us rich toward You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, set our minds on the things that are above where Christ is seated at Your right hand, that all earthly passions may be put to death within us, that the new self that we have put on in our Baptism may ever be renewed after Your image. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, the work of our hands is all vanity under the sun, but whatever is undertaken in Your name will stand forever. Keep our pastors standing in Christ alone, that they may not give their hearts up to despair over their toil under the sun, but know that all that Your Word does through them will abide forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, be near to the suffering, the dying and the grieving [*especially Your servants _____*]. Sustain them in the truth that their lives are even now hidden with Christ in God, and that when He appears, they will also appear with Him in glory. Give them compassionate and skillful doctors and nurses, that their suffering may be alleviated and their minds and bodies returned to health. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have seated Your Christ at Your right hand and surrounded Him with all those that He has led out of the great tribulation; we thank You for the peace and rest You have given them in Him, and we pray that You would one day deliver us by His hand into the paradise He has won for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, dear Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**



SERMON HYMN

477 - What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mon - ey
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my



plea - sure When you, and you a - lone, Lord
 might - y, Yet nev - er once re - flects That
 of - fers, Yet nev - er is con - tent Though
 trea - sure, My life, my health, my wealth, My



Je - sus, are my trea - sure! You on - ly, dear - est
 they are frail and flight - y. But what I tru - ly
 gold should fill its cof - fers. I have a high - er
 friend, my love, my plea - sure, My joy, my crown, my



Lord, My soul's de - light shall be; You are my
 prize A - bove all things is he, My Je - sus,
 good; Con - tent with it I'll be; My Je - sus
 all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly. Once more then



peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 he a - lone. What is the world to me!
 is my wealth— What is the world to me!
 I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - - men.



CLOSING HYMN

349 – Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est
 2 In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo -
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de -
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my
 5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of



plea - sure, Tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long
 lest me Can - not reach me here. Though the earth
 cry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt
 plea - sure; Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp -
 glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love



in an - guish Shall my spir - it lan - guish,
 be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing,
 not harm me Nor thy threats a - larm me
 ty glo - ry! Naught to me thy sto - ry
 the Fa - ther, Though the storms may ga - ther,



Yearn - ing, Lord, for thee? Thou art mine, O
 Je - sus calms my fear. Light - nings flash And
 While I sing of peace, God's great pow'r Guards
 Told with tempt - ing voice, Pain or loss Or
 Still have peace with - in. Yea, whate - 'er I

Hymn continues on back page.

Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer naught to
 thun - ders crash; Yet, tho' sin and hell as -
 ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its depths a -
 shame or cross Shall not from my Sav - ior
 here must bear, Thou art still my pur - est

 hide thee, Naught I ask be - side thee.
 sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 dore him, Si - lent bow be - fore him.
 move me Since he deigns to love me.
 plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1-2, 4-5, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 3.
 Tune: JESU, MEINE FREUDE (665 665 34 86) Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

