

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

²Vanity 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.

¹⁸I 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.

Second Reading *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

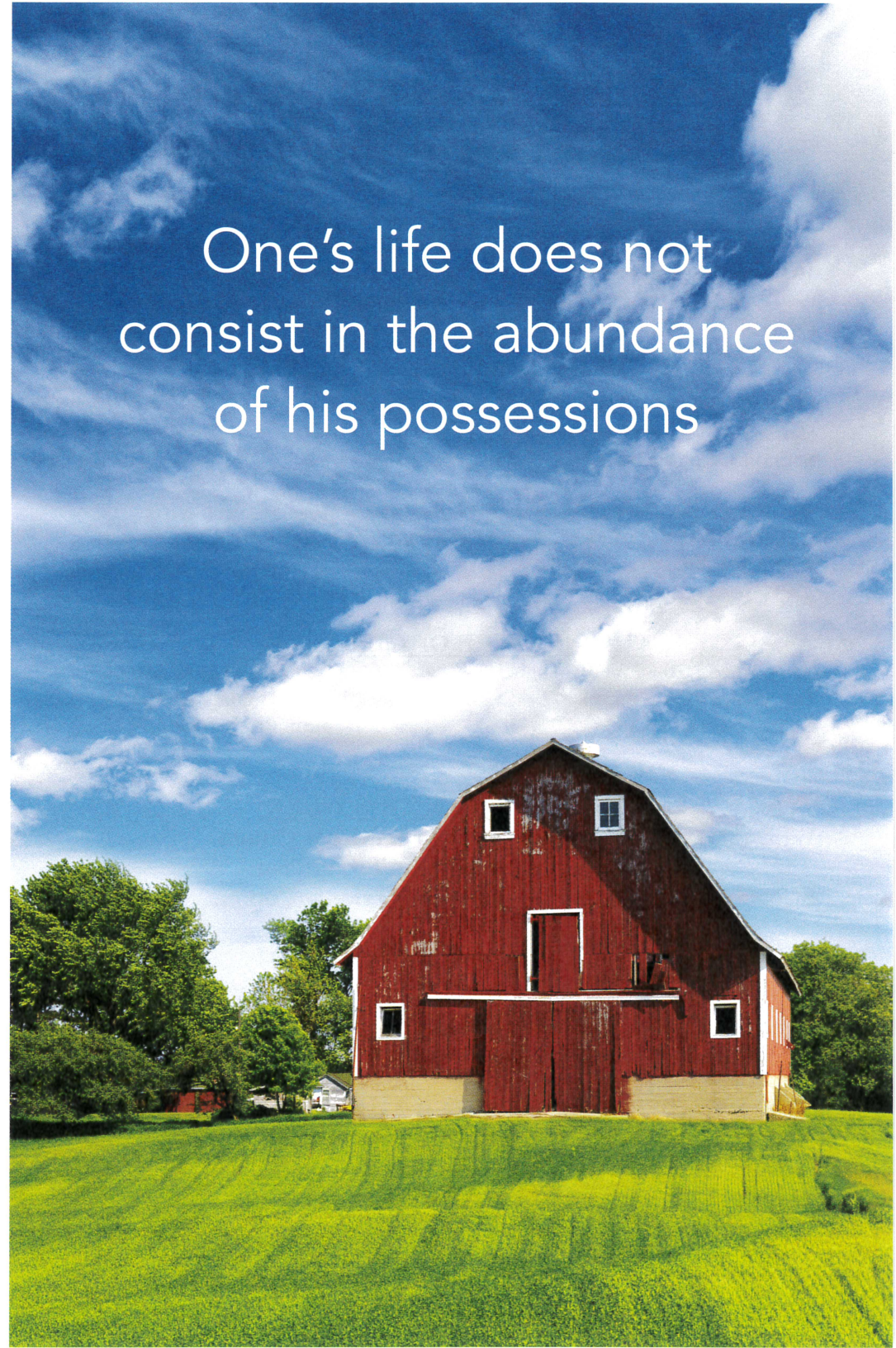
Luke 12:13–21

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.”

About the Cover: Taking stock of possessions, whether in plenty or in want, easily becomes its own worrisome burden that is soon brought to futility at the end of this life. Jesus reminds us that being rich toward God is eternally important. In Christ, we see that it is not about what we have but who has us. God has made us His own through Christ, who emptied Himself for us on the cross, baptized us into Himself, and has thus made us rich beyond compare.



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8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27 & 31, 2022

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184
Hymns: 611, 782, 618, 619, 842
Sermon: Colossians 3:1-11

Holy Communion: *Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 7/20 (Wed): 41	Offering: \$1,205.00
Attendance 7/24 (Sun): 47	Offering: \$1,405.18
Budget Needs: \$3,594	Scrip Profit 7/24: \$39.75

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (8/3) 7:00 p.m. – Worship Service w/Comm.
7:45 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism
SUN (8/7) 9:00 a.m. – Worship Service w/Comm.

PASTOR'S PHONE – The parsonage no longer has a landline. If you need to contact Pastor Brandmahl after office hours you can reach him on his cell phone: 785-307-1381.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS – There is a new email address for the secretary. It is sblcoffice105@gmail.com.

SCRIP UPDATE – BP Gas is available. They come in \$50's and \$100's.

PARSONAGE ITEMS – In the Sunday School room across from the bathrooms, there are several light fixtures and ceiling fans that were removed from the parsonage. They are free for the taking. Anything left after August 1st will be thrown away.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – *The Garms Family* will be here on Sunday August 21st for our 9 a.m. service. A door offering will be received to support their music ministry. Invite your friends and family!

ATTENTION LADIES – The LWML South Wisconsin District Fall Retreat will be September 23 & 24 at the Radisson Hotel in Fon du Lac. Speaker is Karol Selle. See bulletin board for more information and registration forms.

PRODUCE TABLE – If you have any extra garden produce during the summer months that you would like to share with members of the congregation, drop it off on the table in the coat room. Items can be left on or taken from the table anytime during the week.

VACATIONING? *Try Electronic Offering with Joyful Response.* In thanksgiving for all we've been given, we joyfully give back to our Lord in offering. If you are planning any vacations, don't forget your offering. LCEF's *Joyful Response* will help you give automatically directly from your checking or savings account whether you are at home or away.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Mark 8:2 – “I have compassion on the crowd. . .” Still today the Lord has compassion upon those who follow Him. He knows our needs, and He provides for us. Indeed, He does all this for us long before we think to pray for what we need, before we even know that we need it. Knowing the Lord's provision frees us from worry about our bodily needs. The Lord really does provide for us out of His unending compassion.