



AS WE GATHER

All three Readings today bemoan the problems of worldly people. Vainly do they strive for material goods, for, as “the Preacher” notes, you can’t take it with you. Indeed, at any time, as Jesus reminds a man wanting his fair share of an inheritance, your soul can be required. Then to whom shall your things belong? But while Paul in the Epistle reminds his readers about what their lives were like once upon a time, he also reminds them that in Holy Baptism they have been raised with Christ and promises that they (we!) will appear with Him in glory. Today is a day to look up to the things that are above, remember our Baptism, and “serve the Lord with gladness!” (Psalm 100:2).

INVOCATION

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



Matthew 28:19b; 18:20
Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 100

P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
C **Serve the Lord with gladness!**
P Come into his presence with singing!
C **Know that the Lord, he is God!**
P It is he who made us, and we are his;
C **we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
P Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
C **and his courts with praise!**
P Give thanks to him; bless his name!
C **For the Lord is good;**
P his steadfast love endures forever,
C **and his faithfulness to all generations.**

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -

hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13; [John 20:19–23]

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and be renewed in spirit, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ:

A moment of silence to reflect on God's Word and to examine our hearts before Him.

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

KYRIE

Mark 10:47 LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C

Thanks be to God.

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

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.

Colossians 3:1–11

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.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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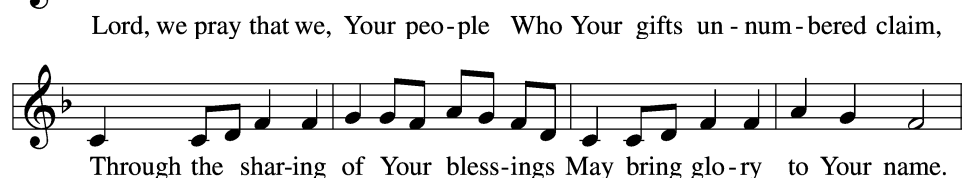
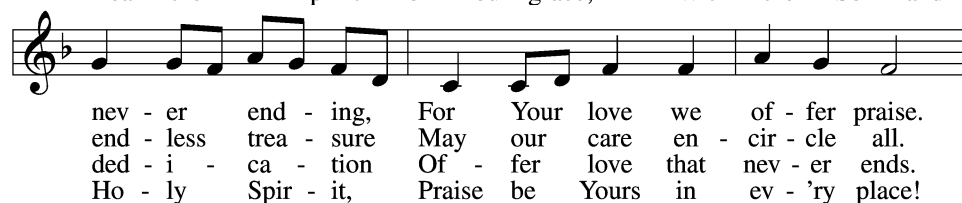
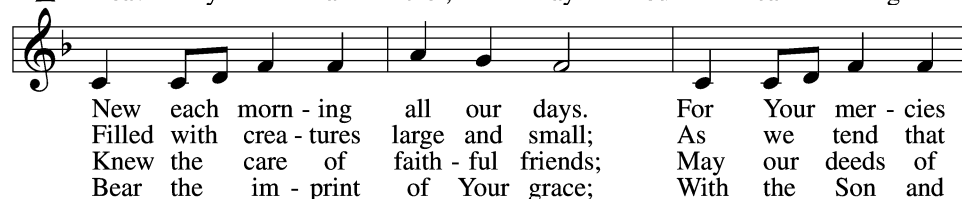
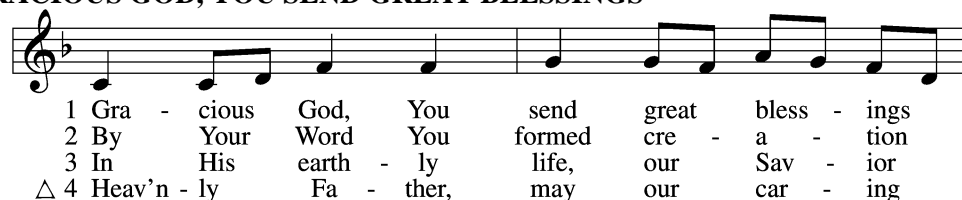
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

GRACIOUS GOD, YOU SEND GREAT BLESSINGS

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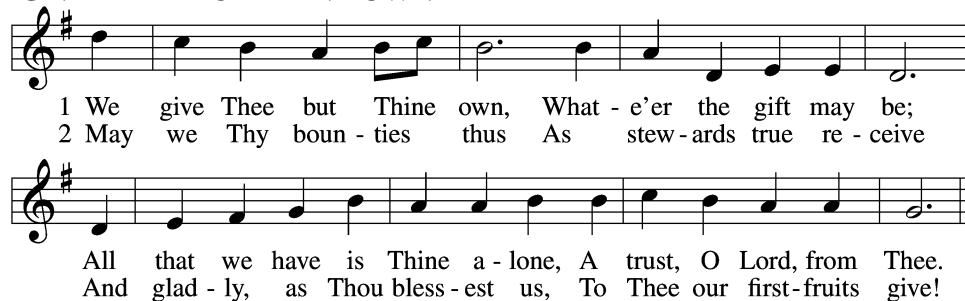
One thing NEW I learned:

What can I apply to my life?

OFFERING

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

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1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

All is vanity, O Lord, without the grace and succor of Your Word and Spirit. Guard our hearts against pride and arrogance and a life rich in things but poor in spirit. Grant to us wise hearts, that we may love rightly all that You have made and use them all for Your purpose and glory.

Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Guard Your Church, O Lord, the people of Your own possession, and give to her honorable and noble men for the Office of the Holy Ministry and gracious and devoted men and women commissioned for the teaching arts and works of charity within Your Church. Make us rich in the treasure of Your grace that will never disappoint us, that we may give generously toward those in need.

Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Grant that in our lives together we might show the love of Christ to one another. Give all husbands and wives fidelity to their vows and promises. Help all parents teach their children to know and love the Lord. Guide all single adults, that they might find fulfillment in their service to others.

Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** O Lord, kingdoms rise and fall, and leaders are raised up and brought low by Your will. Grant our nation and its leaders humility before You, that we might recognize the vanity of all our plans and so be ready to rejoice and give thanks for Your every good gift in the days that You give us under the sun.

Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Be near to the suffering, the dying and the grieving *especially*....

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,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** 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,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Answer all doubt and fear, O Lord, with confidence in Your Word and Sacraments, that by these Means of Grace we may be kept in holiness and guarded from temptation and despair until the day when You bring all things to their perfect fulfillment and we are delivered to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- C** **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.**

BENEDICAMUS

Psalms 103:1 LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 212

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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