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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the God of peace fill our hearts with peace and lead us to live at peace with all people.

*Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.*

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Lord of all nations, grant me grace to love all people, every race, and in each person help me view my kindred, loved, redeemed by you. With your own love may I be filled and by your Holy Spirit willed, that all I touch, whatever I do, may be divinely touched by you. Amen.

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**SERVICE THEME** Focused Living Properly Values Earthly Wealth

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** *Setting One* | 154

**OPENING HYMN** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* | 820

**PRAYER 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14, 2:18-26

*King Solomon, possibly the wealthiest man who ever lived, learned by experience the limited value of earthly possessions.*

The words of Ecclesiastes, David's son, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>“Nothing but vapor,” Ecclesiastes said. “Totally vapor. Everything is just vapor that vanishes.”

<sup>12</sup>I, Ecclesiastes, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my heart to seek out and explore with wisdom everything done under the sky. (What a burdensome task God has given the children of Adam to keep them busy!) <sup>14</sup>I have seen all the actions done under the sun, and, look, it is all nothing but vapor. It is all chasing the wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I also hated all the results of my hard work, for which I worked so hard under the sun, since I must leave it all to the man who comes after me. <sup>19</sup>And who knows—will he be wise, or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the results of my hard work, for which I worked so hard and so wisely, under the sun. This too is vapor that vanishes.

<sup>20</sup>So I changed my course, and my heart began to despair over all my hard work at which I worked so hard under the sun. <sup>21</sup>Sure, there may be a man who has worked hard—wisely, aptly, and skillfully. But he must hand over whatever he accumulated by all his hard work to a man who has not worked hard for it. This too is vapor. It's so unfair! <sup>22</sup>For what does a man gain through all his hard work, through all the turmoil in his heart as he works so hard under the sun?

<sup>23</sup>Bah! Pain fills his days. His occupation is frustration. Even at night his heart does not rest. This too is vapor.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a man than to eat and to drink and to find joy in his work. This too, I saw, is from God's hand. <sup>25</sup>For who can eat or enjoy himself apart from him? <sup>26</sup>Yes, God gives wisdom, knowledge, and happiness to the man whom he considers good, but to the person who goes on sinning God gives the task of gathering

and collecting, but only so that he can give it all to a person whom God considers good. This too is vapor, nothing but chasing wind.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

*Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord | 90*

*Pastor will sing the verses & the congregation joins in refrains & Gloria Patri.*

**SECOND LESSON**

Colossians 3:1-11

*If life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions, then of what does life consist? Paul tells us – the fact that in baptism we died and were raised with Christ.*

Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>So put to death whatever is worldly in you: sexual immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>You too once walked in these things, when you were living in them.

<sup>8</sup>But now, you too are to rid yourselves of all of these: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other since you have put off the old self with its practices, <sup>10</sup>and put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but rather Christ is all and is in all.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**GOSPEL (Sermon Text)**

Luke 12:13-21

*Greed's folly is felt in life and will be exposed in death. Through a parable, Jesus gives us a strong warning against greed.*

Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me to be a judge

or an arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, "Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because a man's life is not measured by how many possessions he has."

<sup>16</sup>He told them a parable: "The land of a certain rich man produced very well. <sup>17</sup>He was thinking to himself, 'What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>He said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will tell my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry.'"

<sup>20</sup>"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared?'

<sup>21</sup>"That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings | 752*

**"Guard Your Soul!"**

*Pastor Zuberbier*

1. Greed breeds selfishness.
2. Grace breeds generosity.

**APOSTLES' CREED & PRAYER**

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**PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING**

**HYMN**

*What Is the World to Me | 717*

**LORD'S PRAYER & BLESSING**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

*Take the World, but Give Me Jesus | 699*

**ORGANIST:** Erin Achey

**GREETERS:** 8:00 ~ Jo & Ken Wendorff

10:00 ~ Jim Pflum