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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31st, 2022 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in Holy Baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's Supper and the encouragement of God's Word.

HOLY COMMUNION ***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP***

***GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND *ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. *Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins. **Amen**

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Sekai no tomo to te o tsunagi

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Se - ka - i no to - mo to te o tsu - na - gi,
 1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;
 2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands,
 3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chang - es nev - er cease.
 4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death-less love;



Jyu - ji - ka no mo - to ni ta - tsu wa - re - ra,
 look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.
 yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
 Where, oh where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?
 help us as we work and pray, send us from a - bove



Ka - mi no mi - ku - ni o me a te to shi,
 As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
 E'en in dark-ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:
 Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
 truth and cour-age, faith and pow'r, need - ed in our strife:



Shu Ye - su no mi - chi o su - su - mi yu - kan.
 Je - sus, sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
 Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
 Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
 Je - sus, mas - ter, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. 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**



WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayed responsively by leader and congregation.

Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
**you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**
My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
**the wickedness of those who trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
**for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**
in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

**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.**

Their graves shall be their homes forever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.

**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING

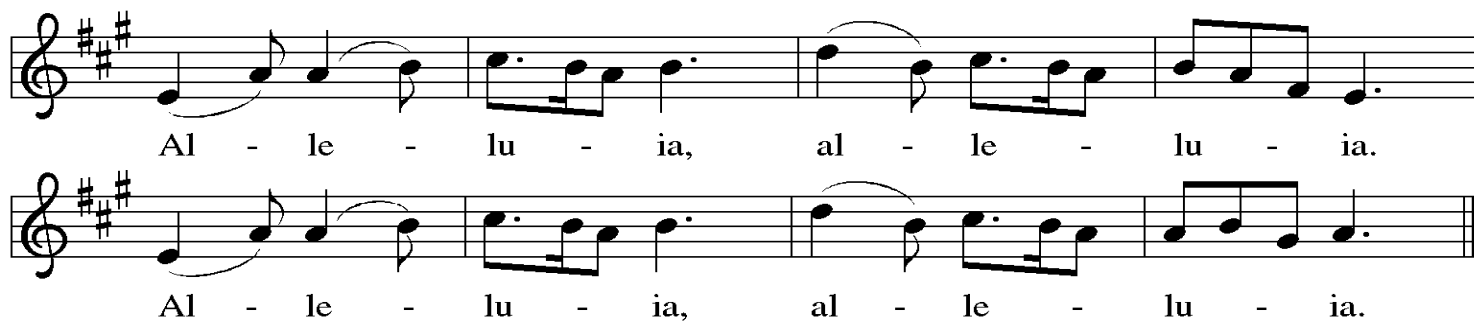
Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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*GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke...
Glory to you, O Lord.

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson

ANTHEM

He's Got the Whole World / This is My Father's World

***CREED**

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

Protect churches living under persecution, and erase the lines of country, race, and class that separate us from their struggle. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to treasure and nurture the world around us, and reawaken our sense of wonder at the miracle and brevity of life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Advance wisdom and diplomacy among nations, that we may recognize our interdependence and work together for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give hope to those weighed down by fear and worry: the unemployed, the depressed or suicidal, those who are ill, in pain, or in any way overwhelmed, especially... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Transform us by your gifts of Baptism, Supper, and Gospel that we will find riches in giving and sharing all that we have and enjoy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Additional prayers may be added here in speech and silence.

Set our minds on things above and at the last, join us with our faithful departed brothers and sisters, especially... and bring us to eternal life in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

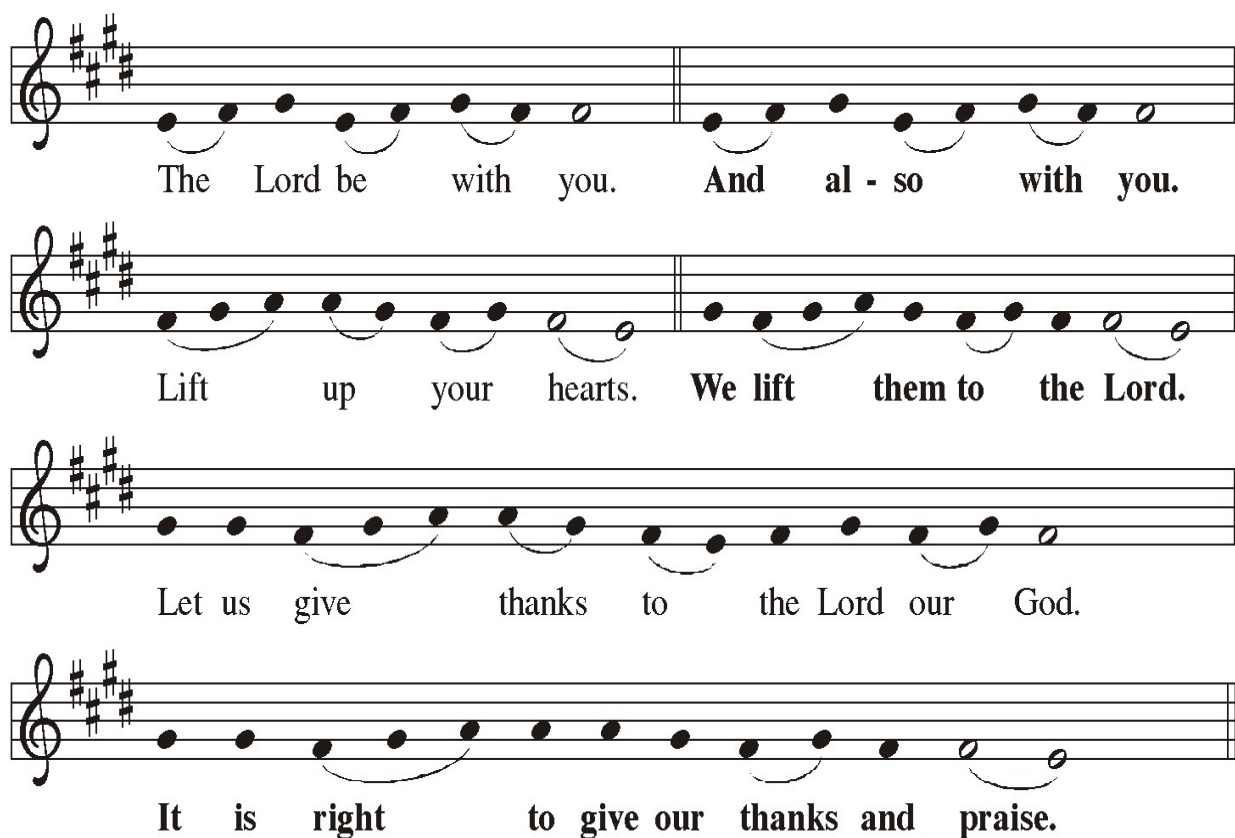
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen**



***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Now come to the banquet.

DISTRIBUTION

***BLESSING**

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

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

We are delighted to recognize graduates of Sts. Peter and Paul today. It is our privilege to affirm these members and friends of our congregation who have completed one phase of their lives and move with great expectations to another.

The graduates may stand as their names are read.

Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, be mindful of your grounding in faith, and of your vocation to serve God in all your life's work and accomplishments.

Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones that these young persons have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter. Bless also the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters who may be leaving home soon to begin new and varied ventures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;
help the suffering; honor all people;
love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*BENEDICTION

The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen**

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.**
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**
- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

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*DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PREACHING MINISTER

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John Broussard

LIVE STREAM

Paul Watkiss

USHER

Rafael Martinez

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTANS

Fred Kuzel and John and Janet Broussard

PRAYER LIST

Members of the Congregation: Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Beverly Podzamsky, George Pagurko, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel

Friends and Relatives of the Congregation: Kelly Alvey, Wally Bisping, Ellen Bailey, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Marjorie Hudnall, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Daryle Lauritsen, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Celia Martinez, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Patricia Pfeiffer, Pat Pileggi, Dolores Pollitz, Alice Puglise, Gail Purcell, John Racek, Bill Redis, Sue Renville, Tim Richard, Sandy Rossella, Elaine Sorich, Peter Spilotro, Harvey Swenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson, Mark Van Scharrel, Lorraine and Mike Yavorski, and Taz Zajac.



Today it is our joy and privilege to welcome Dr. Andrew L. Wilson and the Rev. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson, together with their son “Zeke,” who serve as one of two ELCA missionary families sponsored by the congregation at Sts. Peter and Paul. The Wilsons work alongside the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tokyo. Andrew serves as Professor of Church History at Japan Lutheran College and Seminary, and Sarah is associate pastor at Tokyo Lutheran Church. We are glad and grateful to share the ministry of the Wilsons in Japan! Please join us at a potluck luncheon to welcome our guests and other friends following the service today.

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family and loved ones of **+Elizabeth “Betty” Mocek+** who passed from this life on July 26th. A Liturgy of the Resurrection and Service of Thanksgiving was held here this past Friday. We share the grief of Betty’s loved ones but find solace and hope in the promise of the resurrection given to us through our baptism into Christ our Lord.



Congratulations, Graduates!

Lord God of our ancestors, we thank you for what you have done and will continue to do with our daughters and sons. Walk with them in life, and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. You see all; you know where the water is deep. Keep them from danger. Order their steps and guide their feet while they run the race of faith.

Benjamin Joseph Myers graduated from Lyons Township High School on May 25th. In the autumn he plans to attend Marquette University, Milwaukee, where he will be majoring in History. Ben is the son of Tom and Lavinia Myers and the grandson of the late Dorothy Myers.

Graduating from Park Junior High School on June 6th was **Sebastian George Myers**, also the son of Tom and Lavinia Myers and the grandson of the late Dorothy Myers. Sebastian will be attending Lyons Township High School in the fall.

Nicole Smith, daughter of Ben and Jennifer Smith, and granddaughter of John and Shirley Kostelny, graduated on May 27th from Kennedy Junior High School in Naperville where she received the Golden Eagle Award, presented to the top twelve students in the class, and the President’s Education Award in recognition of outstanding academic excellence. Nicole was also selected to represent the Illinois Soccer Team and compete at the Regional Level for Illinois Youth Soccer (Olympic Development Program). This fall Nicole will attend Naperville Central High School.

Also graduating this spring from Riverside Brookfield High School were **Matt Decosola**, son of Matt and Janice Decosola, and **Emma Kovack**, daughter of Edward and Kristen Kovack.

Together, the Barone and Lauritsen families
request the honor of your presence
at the wedding of their children

GIANNA

L I S A B A R O N E

and

SAMUEL

I R V I N G L A U R I T S E N

Saturday, August 13th, two thousand twenty-two

Three o'clock in the afternoon

Saints Peter and Paul Lutheran Church

Riverside, IL

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

Thursday, July 28th, 2022

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of Biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, *Messiah*, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Friday, July 29th, 2022

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

Friday, July 29th, 2022

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering

July 24th, 2022

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2022:</i>	\$2,527.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$.00

DYING TO BE RICH

“All is vanity and a chasing after wind,” says Ecclesiastes, yet we chase wealth like it will last forever, forgetting that we ourselves will one day die and that everything we have stored up here will be useless to us. Into the tragedy of our human drive to be rich in possessions, even at the cost of being poor in everything else, Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool. It is first told to brothers squabbling over an inheritance, and now it is told to us, some of us squabbling with our relatives or neighbors over wealth and possessions. The rich fool, despite his great wealth, is poor in every other way, eating alone, and even dying alone. In Jesus’ depiction of this fool our own sinful hearts are exposed. We too vainly chase after even more, sacrificing right relationship with God and neighbor in the process. Death comes to the rich fool when he least expects it, as it must come to all of us. How, then, are we to be “rich toward God”? Paul reminds the Colossian Christians of their own unexpected deaths in the waters of baptism: “you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” In baptism we are joined to Christ’s death, and we are to be dead to all foolish chasing after more possessions. We have died, not alone, but with Christ. Our lives now are hidden with Christ in God, and in Christ we share a fortune of true riches that also are good for our neighbors. Death will come, but our treasure is already secure. By faith we have acquired abounding riches above, and by faith we are freed from storing up treasures for ourselves here on earth (From *Sundays and Seasons*).

