

August 2 - August 3, 2025
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.
I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom
all that is done under heaven;
it is an unhappy business
that God has given to humans to be busy with.
I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun,
and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun,
seeing that I must leave it to my successor,
and who knows whether that one will be wise or foolish?
Yet some one else will be master of all for which I toiled
and used my wisdom under the sun.
This also is vanity.
So I turned and gave my heart up to despair
concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun,
because sometimes one who has toiled
with wisdom and knowledge and skill
must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it.
This also is vanity and a great evil.
What do mortals get from all the toil and strain
with which they toil under the sun?
For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation;
even at night their minds do not rest.
This also is vanity.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth,
for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ who is your life is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly:
sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).
Do not lie to one another,
seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices
and have clothed yourselves with the new self,
which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.
In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew,
circumcised and uncircumcised,
barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free,
but Christ is all and in all!

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Luke

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,
“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.”
But he said to him,
“Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?”
And he said to them, “Take care!
Be on your guard against all kinds of greed,
for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”
Then he told them a parable:
“The land of a rich man produced abundantly.
And he thought to himself,
‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’
Then he said, ‘I will do this:
I will pull down my barns and build larger ones,
and there I will store all my grain and my goods.
And I will say to my soul,
Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years;
relax, eat, drink, be merry.’
But God said to him, ‘You fool!
This very night your life is being demanded of you.
And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’
So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves
but are not rich toward God.”

***Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God