

A photograph of a large warehouse interior. The perspective is looking down a long, straight aisle. On both sides of the aisle are tall, industrial shelving units (pallet racks) made of blue and red metal. These racks are filled with numerous wooden pallets, each carrying stacks of cardboard boxes and other goods. The boxes are of various sizes and colors, including brown, white, and blue. The floor is a smooth, light-colored concrete. The ceiling is high, with visible steel trusses and several bright, circular industrial lights. The lighting creates a strong sense of depth and scale. The overall atmosphere is one of a vast, organized space for storage and distribution.

Life

does not consist in the
abundance of possessions

LUKE 12:15

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 3, 2025
Holy Communion 9:15 AM
Hymns from With One Voice (blue book)

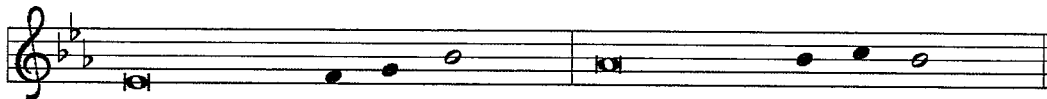
PRELUDE	<i>The Peace May Be Exchanged</i>	Dan Locklair
OFFERING Women's Choir	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>	Jeff Reeves
POSTLUDE	<i>The People Respond, Amen!</i>	Dan Locklair
ENTRANCE HYMN	#776 <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	
COMMUNION HYMN	#710 <i>One Bread, One Body</i>	
CLOSING HYMN	#782 <i>All My Hope on God in Founded</i>	

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Almighty God, judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own. Give us such wisdom by your Spirit that our possessions may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PSALM **PSALM 49:1-11** *Sung unaccompanied alternately Pulpit side/Font side*



- ¹ Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell | in the world,*
you of high degree and low, rich and | poor together.
- ² **My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,***
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.
- ³ I will incline my ear | to a proverb*
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.
- ⁴ **Why should I be afraid in | evil days,***
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
- ⁵ the wickedness of those who put their trust | in their goods,*
and boast of | their great riches?
- ⁶ **We can never ran- | som ourselves,***
or deliver to God the price | of our life;
- ⁷ for the ransom of our life | is so great,*
that we should never have e- | nough to pay it,
- ⁸ **in order to live forev- | er and ever,***
and never | see the grave.
- ⁹ For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish*
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.
- ¹⁰ **Their graves shall be their homes forever,**
their dwelling places from generation to | generation,*
though they call the lands after | their own names.
- ¹¹ Even though honored, they cannot | live forever,*
they are like the | beasts that perish.

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon—Thurs 8:00 am—3:30 pm Fri 8:00-11:30 am

Sunday, August 3

8:45 AM Women's Choir rehearsal
9:15 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream
10:30 AM Summer Fellowship
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

Tuesday, August 5

9:30 AM Pantry

Wednesday, August 6

9:30 PM Preschool Playdate
6:00 PM Eucharistic Ministry Training

Sunday, August 10

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream
Jazz Ensemble
10:30 AM Summer Fellowship
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm



The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God by Jill Striebig

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Bread Bakers	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild
8/3	9:15 AM	James Palmer	Larry Becker	Emily Reep	Abby Jacobs	Mike & Becky Bingham, Sharon Diaczum, Sandy Dickensheets	Team 2E: Ron Riese, Kathy Monk, Ken Hinkle, Alex Bastian	Sandy Dicken-sheets, Janet Fitch

We welcome Christine Kates as our guest organist this morning. And we thank Juliana Jones for assembling and directing the Women's Choir.

The Umbrella Stand at the Springettsbury Ave. entrance is overflowing! Please take a moment to see if you have left an umbrella to retrieve before they are donated. Thank you.

We are counting down to September 7 when we assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please bring some items with you next week and help us reach our goal. Currently we have enough to complete 2 dozen kits.

Please help with Sunday Fellowship by making a breakfast/brunch baked item or a vegetable or tray of fruit. There is a sign-up sheet on the stand by the office door in the Good Shepherd Room.

Calling all Knitters and Crocheters: The St. Paul's Women's Group will be meeting for a time of fellowship and scarf making at the Panera in West York at 5:30 on Tuesday August 19. If you are interested in attending either of this gathering, please reach out to Alexis Heistand.

If you have sponsored altar flowers please remember to give the church secretary the sentiment you want printed in the bulletin by the Tuesday before the flower date.

With One Voice Hymnal for summer—The blue worship book *With One Voice* has been placed in the pew along with a service folder containing the liturgy, texts and music to be used for much of the summer. The hymn numbers and readings for the week are printed in the weekly bulletin cover.

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

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

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied 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 human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because 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. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For 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.

Psalms 49:1-12

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

So if 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And 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.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then 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. 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, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40.

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