

Life
does not consist in the
abundance of possessions

LUKE 12:15



Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE: *Prelude on “Slane”* – Healey Willan

*Throughout this bulletin, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

Please be seated or kneel if able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **you free us to love others,**

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God’s children through faith.

In the cross of **✝** Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN #793: *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

APOSTOLIC 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.**

GLORIA (*Glory Be to God in Heaven*)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation responds: **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 (*printed on back cover*)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

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

PSALM 49:1-12 *The psalm is spoken responsively.*

¹ Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

² **you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

⁷ One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

⁹ in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

¹⁰ **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.**

¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11 (*printed on back cover*)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

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

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21 (*printed on back cover*)

Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

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

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Vicar Philip J. Supeck

Silence is maintained for reflection after the sermon.

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY #589: All Depends on Our Possessing

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APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Please kneel or be seated.

PRAYERS

*Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen.***

Please remain seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able.

PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Fughetta on "Alles ist an Gottes segnen"* – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

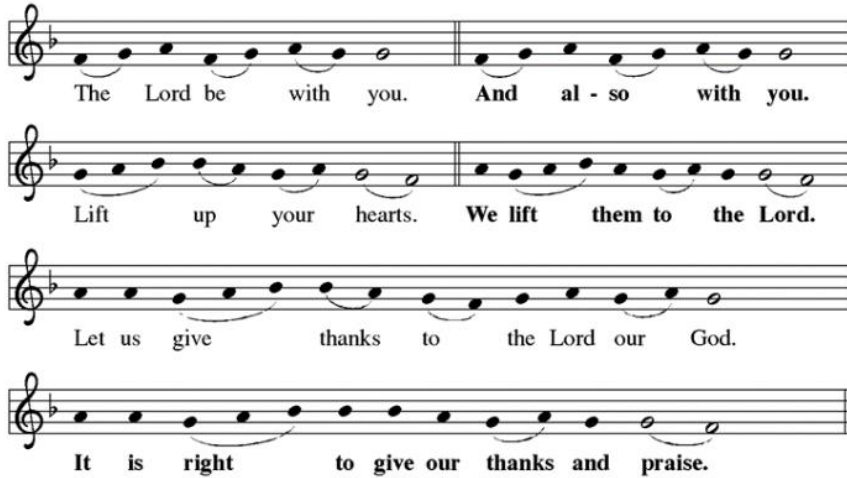
As the offering is presented, the congregation stands to sing the offertory hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN #695: *As Saints of Old* FOREST GREEN
(stanzas 2 & 3)

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.

SANCTUS (*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*)

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The congregation responds: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.

FRACTION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Blessed are all invited to His feast.

AGNUS DEI (*O Lamb of God*)

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COMMUNION

*The congregation is seated. The ushers will dismiss the assembly for communion. All are welcome to receive communion. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the rail should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.***

Please stand if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift of faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING



☞ 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.



HYMN #647: *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken* Alternate Tune: AUSTRIA

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Sonata in the First Tone* – José Lidon

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 08/03/25

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God.

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Vicar	Philip J. Supeck
Organist	Roger Kurtz
Asst. Minister/Lector	Brenda Fetter
Altar Guild	Emma Miller
Acolyte	Joyce Burkholder
Ushers	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson, Charles Sweigart Jr.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Chrystine and Andy Anderson, Sharron Bauer, Leslie Carson, Cheyenne Colon, Beth Craley, Jean Ehrhart, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Andrea Reynolds, Jeanine and Jeff Schreiber, the Schreiber and Wissler families, Joe Stoyanovich and Toby Sweigart.

Anyone requesting prayers for themselves or for others to contact Vicar Philip Supeck via his cell phone or by email.

MUSIC NOTES:

Healey Willan (1880-1968), the composer of the prelude, was born in England and emigrated to Canada to become head of the music theory department at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. He also served from 1921 until 1967 as Organist and Choirmaster at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, an Anglo-Catholic parish in Toronto.

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933), the composer of the organ voluntary offered while the collection is taken, was a German composer best known for his works written for organ and harmonium. In 1916, he succeeded Max Reger as Professor of Composition at the Leipzig Conservatory and remained in the position until his death.

José Lidon (1748-1827), the composer of the postlude, was a Spanish organist, composer, and conductor. Lidon spent most of his professional life at the Madrid Royal Chapel, serving as organist from 1768 until his appointment as music director in 1805. He held the latter position until his death in 1827. The sonata played as today's postlude was written to showcase the famous horizontal trumpets that were common on Spanish organs of the 17th and 18th centuries.

Reminder Dates

Fellowship at 9:00 am and Worship Service at 10:30 am on Sunday, August 3.
Family Fellowship Nights 6:00 pm at BULC's Picnic Grove on Wednesday, August 6.
Worship & Music Committee Meeting 11:30 am on Thursday, August 7.
Joint Worship Service scheduled with BULC at JELC for August 10, 2025, has been **cancelled**. Worship Service will be at **10:30 am** that Sunday.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACATION

Zachary Fetter will be on vacation from Sunday, July 27, 2025 to Sunday, August 3, 2025. He will be traveling to Phoenix, Arizona to be a voting member for the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. All announcements for the July 27th and August 3rd bulletins should get to him by Monday, July 21, 2025. If there are any emergencies while he is out of the office, please contact Vicar Philip Supeck.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

This is a message of opportunity and your ability to support. As we have in the past, when our finances fall behind, your church council feels it prudent to report to you all where we stand. We will post our expenses and income in every week's bulletin and every month's newsletter to let you know how you might help Gods work to continue here in this place.

Our year to date expenses:
\$65,365.19

our income:
\$62,527.05
- (\$2,838.89)

Thank you! If you have any questions direct them to our Vicar or Beth Smith, our treasurer.

AT THE TABLE - FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS

BULC will be hosting *At the Table*, a series of Family Fellowship nights on Wednesdays July 9 through August 6, 2025. A meal will be served at 6:00 PM followed by a time of small group activities including story time, games, and crafts. Save the date and Invite your family and friends, young and old, to join us as we try something new *At the Table*!

VICAR'S AVAILABILITY

Through Sunday, August 24, 2025

Sundays - Worship at BULC 8:30 AM/JELC 10:30 AM

Mondays - Off

Tuesdays/Thursdays - JELC - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Wednesdays/Fridays - BULC - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturdays - Off

Camp Kirchenwald

Sunday Afternoon August 10, 2025, through Friday, August 15, 2025

Vacation

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Sunday Afternoon August 24, 2025, through Monday, September 1, 2025

Beginning Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Sundays - Worship at BULC 8:30 AM/JELC 10:30 AM

Mondays/Wednesdays - BULC - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Tuesdays/Thursdays - JELC - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Fridays/Saturdays - Off

Please call Vicar Philip at 717.725.3429 to schedule an appointment.

COMMUNITY MEAL #3

Our third and final Community Meal will take place on Monday August 25th from 5:30-6:30pm. Please join us in the social hall to welcome our friends and neighbors for fellowship and great food! If you would like to help with the meal, look for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

AUGUST FOOD BANK SUGGESTIONS:

- canned fruit
- applesauce
- helpers (tuna, chicken, or hamburger)
- adult toothbrushes



Items can be placed in the box near the elevator on the first floor - thank you!

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

September 7, 2025

This special Sunday is a call for us to serve our community. Following worship and lunch at BULC, we will visit the Neffsville Nursing Home, delivering personal care items and visiting with the residents. We will collect the following items during August:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Tissues

Please plan to join us on September 7th.

FALL REMINDER

Rothsville Community Day 9/20/25

Family Fun for Everyone

Activities, Food & Entertainment

Volunteers needed for Jerusalem's responsibility of Children Activities.

Mark your calendars so you can help with this event.

CHURCH OFFICE REQUEST

Please call the church office at 717-626-8972 or Vicar Philip Supeck's phone number 717-725-3429 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you).
 - You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident.
 - You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home.
 - There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage, or divorce).
 - You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school.
- Important for keeping data base current.

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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