

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost-August 25, 2019

**THEME: A Christian's real meaning and purpose in this life is to reach eternal life.**

**HYMN 421:** *"All Depends on Our Possessing"*

**THE COMMON SERVICE** – Page 15

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26 (EHV)

*Chasing after things in order to give purpose to our lives will result in the Teacher's lament: "Everything is just vapor that vanishes." The key to being content is recognizing that all things come "from the Lord our God."*

1:2 "Nothing but vapor," Ecclesiastes said. "Totally vapor. Everything is just vapor that vanishes." 2:18 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. 19 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.

20 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. 21 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! 22 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?

23 Bah! Pain fills his days. His occupation is frustration. Even at night his heart does not rest. This too is vapor. 24 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. 25 For who can eat or enjoy himself apart from him? 26 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.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 34 (p.80) (sung in unison)

Rather than trusting in earthly things, the Lord invites us to "taste and see that the Lord is good."

**SECOND LESSON:** Colossians 3:1-11 (EHV)

*The eyes of faith are fixed on "things above." Looking to Christ, who is our life, we are moved to put to death the things of the "earthly nature."*

3:1 Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. You too once walked in these things, when you were living in them. 5 So put to death whatever is worldly in you: sexual immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. 6 It is because of these

things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. 7 You too once walked in these things, when you were living in them. 8 But now, you too are to rid yourselves of all of these: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to each other since you have put off the old self with its practices, 10 and put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but rather Christ is all and is in all.

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** Alleluia. Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia. (John 14:23 EHV)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 12:13-21 (EHV) (sermon text) (Please Stand)

*Christ's parable of the foolish rich man points out that our security for time and eternity rests only in him.*

12:13 Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 But Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?"

15 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."

16 He told them a parable: "The land of a certain rich man produced very well. 17 He was thinking to himself, 'What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?' 18 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. 19 And I will tell my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry.'"

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

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

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**HYMN 477:** *"What Is the World to Me"*

**SERMON THEME: The Foolish Man = Foolish Plans**

- 1. His plans focus on storing up earthly treasure**
- 2. His hopes center on a life of ease and pleasure**
- 3. His thoughts ignore the riches God provides**

**CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART** – Page 20

**OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2:** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (Please Stand)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER-** Page 20

**ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION** – Page 21

**PRE-COMMUNION HYMN 309:** *"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*

**SONG OF SIMEON** – Page 24 (Please Stand)

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 355:** *"Take the World, but Give Me Jesus"*

**SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Serving Us Today ~ August 25, 2019**

**Organist:** Marge Schroeder

**Altar Guild:** Rachel Freerking, Kay Kohfeldt & Edie Nieman

**Ushers:** Timothy Krause, Mark Juedes, Mike Juedes & Pam Juedes

**Communion Assistant:** Doug Zellmer



**During Our Worship Service** this morning we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Non-members are asked to speak with the Pastor before the service prior to communing.

**The Flowers Adorning our Altar** have been sponsored by Rick and Marjean Schroeder-Oaks in honor of their marriage held yesterday in our church. Congratulations!

**Pastor Seelman Will Be On Vacation** Monday evening through September 2 to attend Sam's graduation from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. Please contact Pastor David Pagel (920-426-9069) if a spiritual need arises.

**Just Around the Corner**....Yes, summer is whizzing by and many activities will be starting-up again in September! Starting soon are...Dartball, Tuesday Bible class (September 10) and Sunday (September 15), Choir Rehearsal (September 11), Sunday school (September 15), Ladies' Guild (September 24) and GriefShare sessions (September 4). Please take note of our September calendar in the next issue of the Lamplighter and mark your calendar!

**Special Congregational Voter's Meeting September 8:** There will be a brief meeting after Worship Service to review and update our current Tuition Assistance Policy. A copy of our current policy and proposed changes are located near our guest registry for your review.

**Mark Your Calendars!** Choir start-up will commence Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Anyone interested in singing is welcome. It's fun!

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Julaine Hanneman and Gloria Pagel.

**God's Blessings And Guidance To Our Children And Teachers** returning to school for the 2019-2020 school year. May God be with them in their studies and watch over them in all their activities of learning and play and grant each of them a successful school year!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,379.00	Office Hours	Tues, Wed., Thurs 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Budgeted Received 08-18-19	\$2,364.00		
Budgeted Need to date	\$111,507.00	<b>Today</b>	September Lamplighter Articles Due
Budgeted Received to date	\$100,894.48	<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Worship Attendance 08-18-19	68		



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