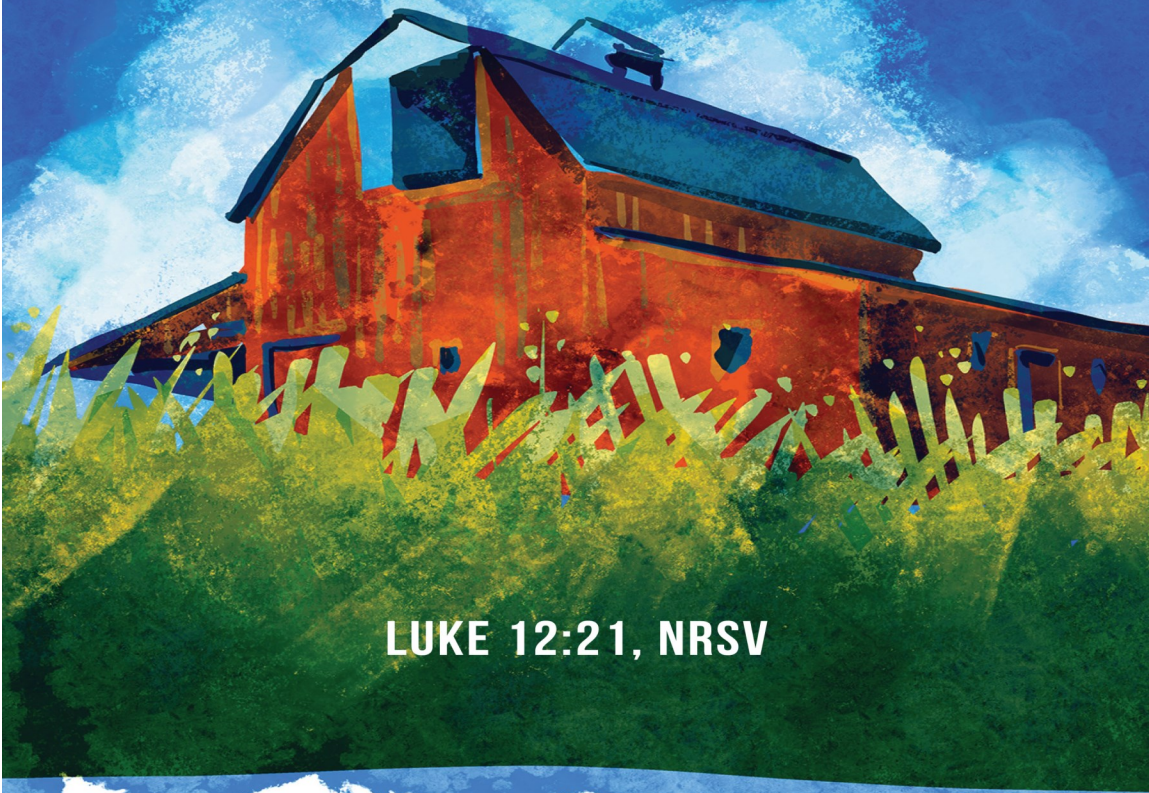


THE PARABLE OF  
THE RICH FOOL

*"So it is with those  
who store up treasures  
for themselves but are  
not rich toward God."*



**LUKE 12:21, NRSV**

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Eighth weekend after Pentecost  
Sunday July 31st, 2022



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures us forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Most merciful God,

**ALL: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**ALL: Amen.**

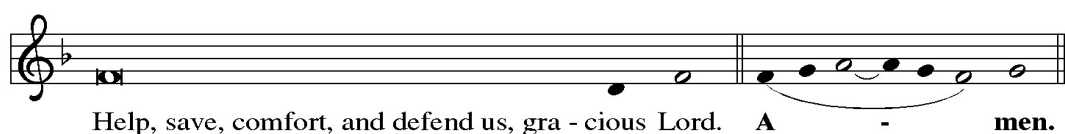
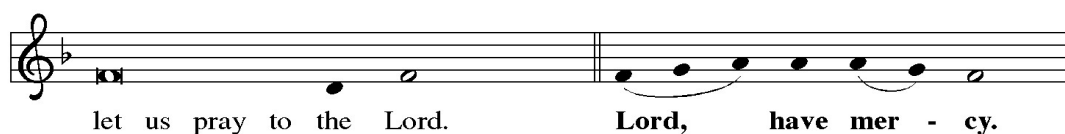
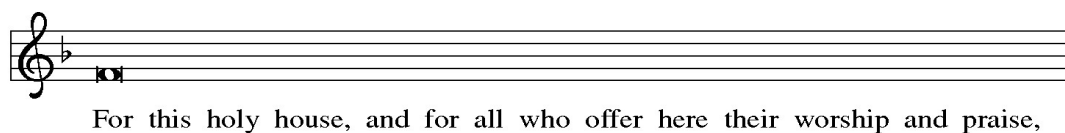
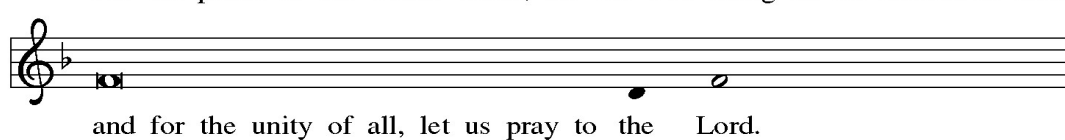
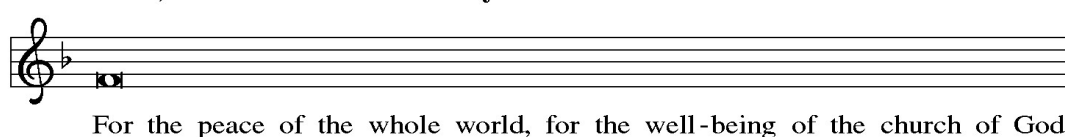
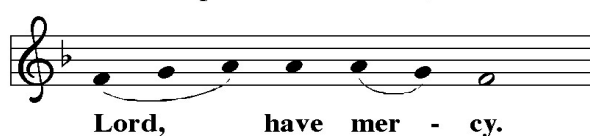
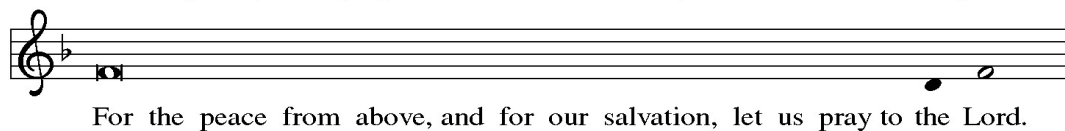
**GATHERING SONG** You Servants of God

Hymn 825

### **GREETING AND KYRIE**

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

**ALL: And also with you.**



## This Is the Feast

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: 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. **ALL: Amen**

### FIRST READING

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

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

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, 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 human beings 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 those who come after me —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. 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.

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

## 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. Set your minds on things that are above, not on 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: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 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, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

## Luke 12:13-21

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."

*The Gospel of the Lord... C: Praise to you, O Christ.*

## **SERMON**

Pastor O'Brien

**HYMN** Guide Me Ever, Sweet Redeemer

Hymn 618

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**ALL: 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Leader: Merciful God,

**ALL: receive our prayer**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: God of abundance:

**All: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to the labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

Leader: 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

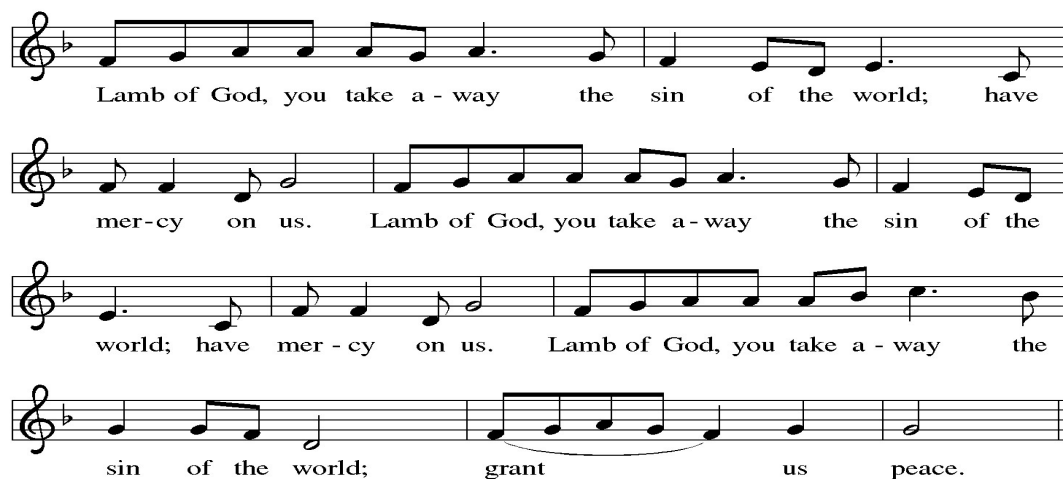
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## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen



## THE DISTRIBUTION

### ***Welcome!***

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. We are using pre-sealed communion elements. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, you may come forward and receive communion from the table. You may consume the elements when you return to your pew or wait until you get outside if that is a more comfortable place for you to eat and drink. Young children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Leader:** Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**ALL:** Amen.

### **BLESSING**

Leader: The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**ALL: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** O Savior, Precious Savior

Hymn 820

### **DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

## **Weekly Announcements**



### ***This Week at St. John***

**Mon:** Bible Study 10 AM

**Tues:** Blankets 9 AM

**Wed:** McDonald's 7 AM

**Sat:** Worship 5 PM

**Sun:** Worship 9 AM

### ***Serving This Week***

**Lector** Diana Pfaff

**Usher**

**Acolyte** Caleb Hays

### ***In Our Prayers***

Audry S.-medical concerns

Marilyn Sandroock- medical concerns

Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns

Dan Jeffers- medical concerns

Betty Roecker- medical concerns

Gary Carstensen- medical concerns

David Witty- medical concerns

Brenda Powell- medical concerns

Michelle Maix- medical concerns

Arline Sabin- medical concerns



### ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of god, and in memory of Robert Bench and given by Mr. and Mrs Denny Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bench, and Mr. and Mrs. Brad LaRue.

### USHERS AND LECTORS

Our plan is to resume our usher and lector rotations starting in August. Please watch the newsletter or Monday email to see when you are scheduled to serve.

If you are willing to be added to the list, please let Pastor O'Brien know or contact the church office.

### LUTHER HOME GOLF OUTING

The Luther Home of Mercy Golf Outing is Friday, August 26 at Maumee Bay. Foursomes are invited to join Luther Home for continental breakfast, golf and a delicious lunch overlooking the Lake; all in support of their programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Not a golfer? They are also looking for help with: Cart Sponsors (\$50 each): Your name will be featured on a cart and in the Outing Program. Hole Sponsors: (\$100 each) Your name will be featured on a sign at one of the 18 holes and in the Outing Program. More information and registration can be found at their website, [lutherhome.org](http://lutherhome.org) or by contacting Megan O'Brien: [mobrien@lutherhome.org](mailto:mobrien@lutherhome.org) 419-972-4436.

### OUR BLESSING BOX

Mini Pantry has been used quite a bit recently. To help restock we need **Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, and Toilet Tissue.** When you are shopping this week, consider purchasing a few extra items and bringing them to the church.

#### Seven Faith Practices

I will strive to...

1. PRAY daily
2. WORSHIP weekly
3. READ and study the Bible
4. SERVE at and beyond St. John
5. INVITE others into a loving relationship with Jesus
6. GIVE of my time, talents, and resources
7. ENCOURAGE spiritual growth in others



## **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Benevolence Golf Outing 09/24/2022**

***Proceeds to benefit St. John Good Samaritan Fund***  
(Good Samaritan Fund assists with emergency requests from individuals and families of the community.)

**All Golfers Welcome and Needed!**

### **Foursome Team Scramble Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Chippewa Golf Course  
23550 St. Rt. 579, Curtice, Ohio, 43412  
8am—Registration  
9am- Shot Gun Start

A white golf ball sits on a vibrant green lawn. The background is a clear blue sky with wispy white clouds.

**\$65 per player**  
**18 holes with cart**  
**Includes meal**  
**PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES**

**For Information: Tom Cashen 419-205-1942 or Church Office 419-836-5514**

**Please see reverse side for registration.**