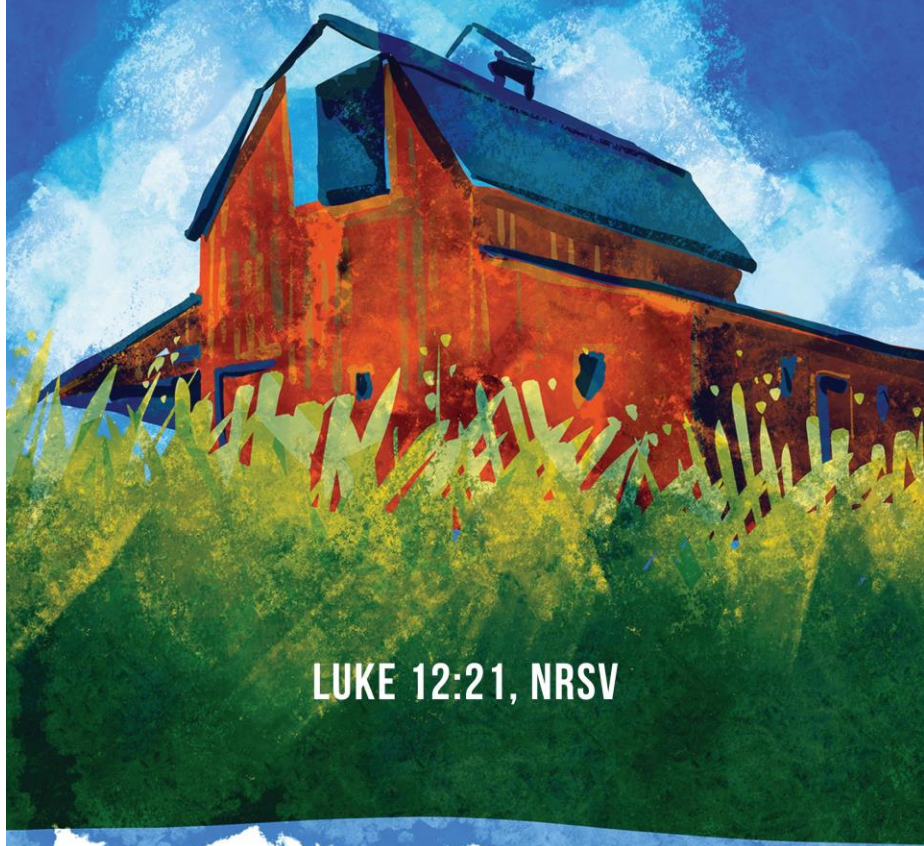


THE PARABLE OF
THE RICH FOOL

*“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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WELCOME TO THE STORY

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

A Story that Invites Us

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: As forgiven and loved children of God, as those who are filled with the Holy Spirit, let us share signs of peace with one another. The peace of Christ is with you.

All: The peace of Christ is with you always.

Please Stand

INVOCATION

P: The precious love of God, which is in Jesus Christ our hope, and the life of the Spirit is with us all.

All: Jesus will always love us.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

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

All: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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.

P: 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, our sins are forgiven.

All: We are free to love as God loves. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

All: **We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, of hope, of joy God speaks to us.**

L: It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

All: **We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.**

L: It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

All: **We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.**

OPENING HYMN – “Morning Has Broken” vs. 1,3

Favorite Hymn of Kathy Miedema



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



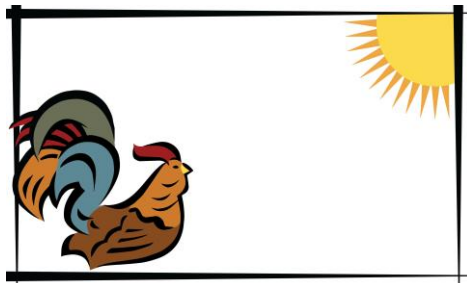
black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!



GREETING

P: The Spirit of God is here,

All: calling us to worship and praise.

P: The Spirit delights in our presence,

All: rejoicing alongside us.

P: The Spirit of Truth is still speaking,

All: granting wisdom for our lives today.

KYRIE ELEISON

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

L: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



for your glo - ry. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.

All: 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. Amen.

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Wait! Do you notice something about this moment?

All: The Spirit is near, as near as our next breath.

Reader: Breathe! Do you notice something about this breath?

All: The Spirit is here, in our very breath—

Reader: ready to speak, ready to move,

All: ready to transform our lives.

Reader: Today's reading is from Colossians, chapter three, beginning with the first verse.

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!

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O God.**

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.”

P: The Gospel, the good news of God.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

HYMN – “*Lord of Light*” vs. 1,4

Favorite Hymn of Keith Hillesland



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:



Refrain
Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Be Seated

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: All things work together for good for those who love God, and are called according to God's purposes.

All: Let us approach God's kingdom as a treasure hidden in a field, joyfully selling all we have to buy this field.

L: Let us see God's kingdom as a pearl of great value, gratefully trading our worldly possessions for this one great prize.

All: Let us give back to God, as those who are offered God's very kingdom.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE – “Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring” vs. 1,3



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Touch these gifts, O God,

All: with your manifold blessings.

L: Touch our very lives,

All: that we may be instruments of your hope.

L: May our gifts and our lives,

All: bring your healing, love, and compassion to a world in need. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress. Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayers.

L: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to Jesus, the Light of the World.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is a right, a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, for with you all things are possible. For you bring forth grain from the earth, and fruit from the vine.

All: You make the rain to fall in its season, and the sun to shine, giving light and warmth to all your creatures.

P: By your word, the trees give their fruit, the crops and grasses flourish,

All: and all your creatures grow in grace.

P: Holy are you, and holy is your child, Jesus Christ. When he saw the little children, he called them to him, laying his hands on them and blessing them. And so, with all creation we sing:

HOLY HOLY Holy



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



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: In Christ's grace, you renew and reclaim us as your holy people, children of mercy and truth. As children of your covenant of love, sealed by water and the Spirit, we come to you now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, renewing and reviving and rescuing the lives of his friends, his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins. On that night before his death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as

you drink it, in remembrance of me.” And so, in remembrance of these your life-giving acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as children of your covenant, renewed and redeemed by your grace, in union with Christ’s love for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

All: Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may become one with Christ, one with each other, and one in communion with you and with all the world.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

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.

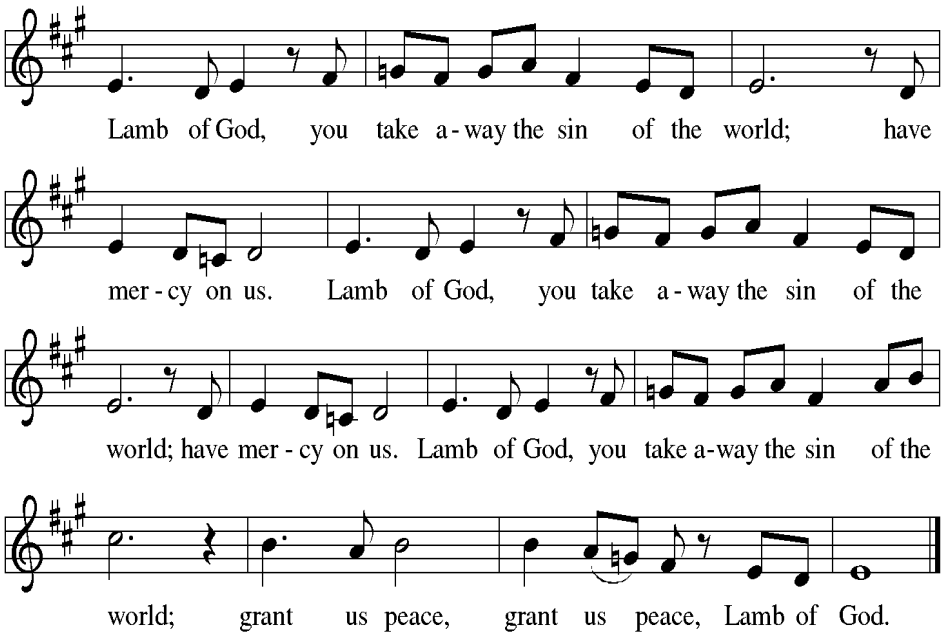
FRACTION RITE

P: Pour out the light of your Mighty Spirit on all of us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine.

All: Make them be for us the life and love of Christ, that we may be for the world your community of love and justice, redeemed by Christ’s mercy and grace.

Be Seated

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Holy Communion is open to all.
If you need communion brought to you,
please let an usher know.

For communion at the altar rail:

You may come up the center aisle to the altar rail as space allows, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the wafer into. Then take a cup of grape juice (white) or wine (red) from the assistant, partake, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:

You may come to altar rail as above, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake. Or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

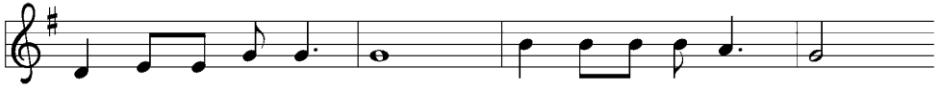
COMMUNION HYMN – “This Little Light of Mine”
 Favorite Hymn of Annelise and Marielle Miedema



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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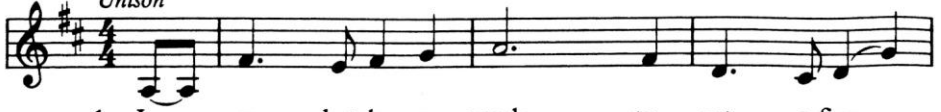
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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COMMUNION HYMN – “Pass it On”

Favorite Hymn of Karen Narveson

Unison



1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire
2. What a won - drous time is spring, when all the trees are
3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi-ness that



go - ing, and soon all those a - round can
bud - ding; the birds be-gin to sing, the
I've found; you can de-pend on him, it



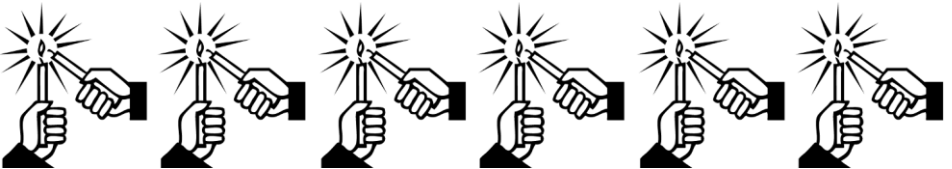
warm up in its glow-ing. That's how it is with
flow - ers start their bloom-ing. That's how it is with
mat - ters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the



God's love once you've ex - pe-ri-enced it; you spread his love to
God's love once you've ex - pe-ri-enced it; you want to sing, it's
moun-tain-top; I want my world to know; the Lord of love has



ev - ery-one; you want to pass it on.
fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
come to me, I want to pass it on.



SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Creator God, bless this gift of bread with your love.

All: Flow through this gift of wine with your life-giving grace.

P: As we receive these gifts, make us one with you through the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Nurture our lives, that we may be loaves of your generous abundance.

P: Pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be vines of loving nourishment for one another and for a world in need of growth and strength.

All: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

COMMISSIONING

P: As we leave this place, may our lives be centered on God, and may our actions be examples of Christ's love and mercy.

All: We will go in peace to serve God's people.

SENDING HYMN – “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

vs. 1,2

Favorite Hymn of Ann Harren

1. We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the
2. danc - ing danc - ing

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,
danc - ing

we are march - ing in the light of God.
danc - ing

We are march - ing danc - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo
danc - ing danc - ing

we are march - ing in the light of God.
danc - ing

We are march - ing danc - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo
danc - ing danc - ing

we are march - ing in the light of God.
danc - ing

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE