

AUGUST 3, 2025
EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Being rich towards God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool
Monday	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Wisdom makes sense
Tuesday	Colossians 3:1-11	New life in Christ
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:3-12	A reason for hope
Thursday	Hebrews 13:1-6	Service well-pleasing to God
Friday	Philippians 4:10-20	Paul gives thanks
Saturday	Psalms 49:1-12	Don't depend on wealth
Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And he [Jesus] 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." Luke 12:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of truth, free us from false gods that claim to make us happy but leave us unsatisfied; give us peace and joy in your presence through Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food; give us joy and laughter in the simple pleasures of this meal and the friends and family we have through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you treasure God's goodness and mercy.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
*God, Whose Giving
Knows No Ending*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is one of your treasured possessions? Explain.
- How is faith in Jesus a treasure for you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 12:13-21 and Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23.

In these readings, we are reminded that the real treasure of life begins and ends with the abundant joy that comes from the goodness and mercy of God. What a gift from Jesus! It is the richest treasure in life to learn that the joy of life is not found in storing up wealth or in momentary fame. True delight in life can look like an unsolved riddle to those who chase after the stuff of life that decays and disappears. Those who appear to be wise and rich are mere fools because of their vanity. No one has fully learned the meaning of a life that is fleeting and will sooner rather than later be gone. Unlike the man in Jesus' parable who builds bigger barns, the wise soul has Jesus as their teacher and remembers and celebrates the beauty of life in the simple joy of faith and hope in God.

Discuss: How has God's goodness and mercy been a treasure for you?

Pray: **Awesome God, you alone hold the key to true wisdom and joy, a life that trusts in you alone; help us to be thoughtful, enjoy the many treasures you bless us with, and serve others in love through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Service: Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you share something you treasure with someone else?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 49:1-2 is about the foolishness of trusting in riches. Caring for and the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures with others is a Christian tradition. Learning to give to others begins in the home. Place grapes or cookies in a bowl. Think or talk about how many you would need to be satisfied. The foolish rich man would want them all! How about you? Take a moment to think about all that you have and how you might share with others.

Pray: **Lord God, help us to be thankful for your goodness and mercy and to be willing to share our time, talents, and treasures with others. Amen.**



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