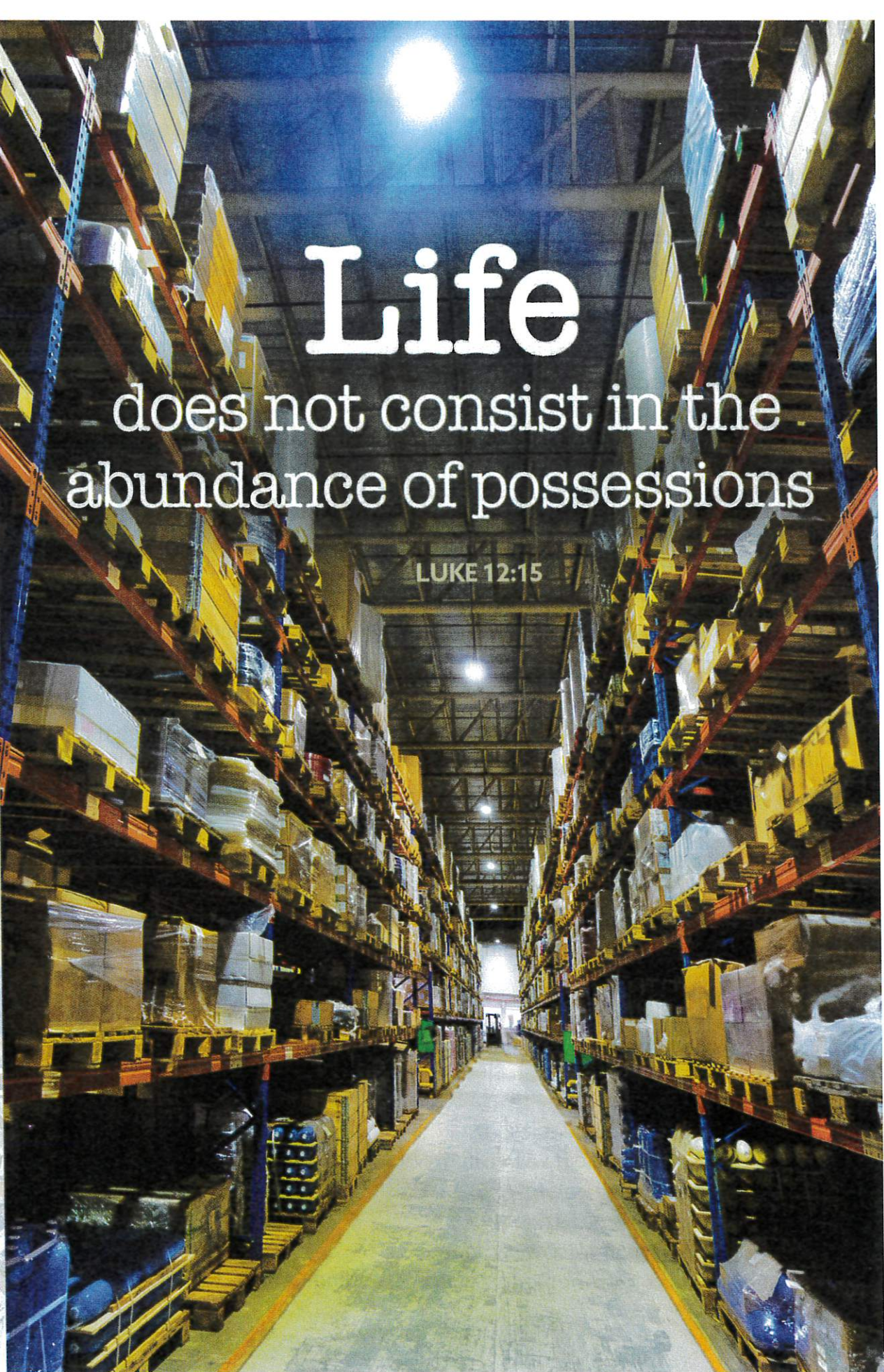




Life
does not consist in the
abundance of possessions

LUKE 12:15



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Bulletin Insert

Saturday, August 2, 2025 ~ 5:00 pm
Sunday, August 3, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

GATHERING SONG

"A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing!"

ELW #393

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

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

³My 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

¹So 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!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY	"Take My Life, That I May Be:	ELW #685
COMMUNION HYMNS	"Break Now the Bread of Life"	ELW #515
	"We Place upon Your Table, Lord"	ELW #467
SENDING SONG	"In Christ There Is No East or West"	ELW #650

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



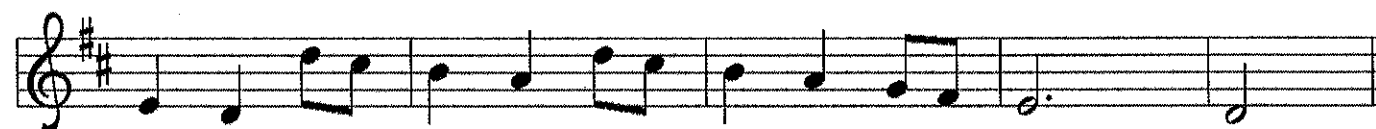
1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673-735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



- take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

We Place upon Your Table, Lord

1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
 2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
 3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them

grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
 depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
 hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er

work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
 toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
 use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884-1944, alt.

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

In Christ There Is No East or West

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and includes piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first four lines of the lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining four lines. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef, and the vocal parts are written in the treble and bass clefs. The lyrics are as follows:

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

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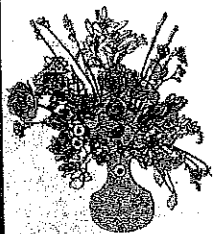
GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED

CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



Flowers This Week

The flowers on the altar are given by the La Plante Family in celebration of Abby's 18th baptism birthday.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site,

www.faithlutheranelldridge.com



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Kathy Stoltz
Steve Mixdorf
Henry Storjohann
Jim Schneider
Gary Oerman
Brienne Tallyn
Patty Denner
Kim Pierce

Barb Conklen
Meyer Mixdorf
Cheryl Torey
Anderson Sears
June Mephram
Anna Mundy
Rebecca Casson
Bryce Nelson

Christina Nelson
Marilyn
Kelly
James
Debby
Kyle

Thank you to those who share in our worship services!

	<u>Saturday Evening Service</u>	<u>Sunday Morning Service</u>
Ushers	Mike & Rita Smith	<i>Not Yet Determined</i>
Reader	<i>Not Yet Determined</i>	<i>Not Yet Determined</i>
Communion Assistants	Rita Smith	<i>Not Yet Determined</i>
Counters	Mike & Rita Smith	Kenny & Sue Oetzmann
Organists	Teri Wittkowski & Susan Becker	
Online Streaming Team	Lucas Golinghorst, Scott La Plante, & Kevin Zidarich	

We are looking for Ushers, Readers and Communion Assistants to serve during August, especially on Sunday mornings. Please sign up using the sheet on the bulletin board, on our website, or contact Nina Looney to sign up. Thank you for serving during our worship services!



With People of Praise, Jubilation, and Resounding Joy taking a well-deserved break for the summer, there are many opportunities upcoming to provide special music. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent in a musical way during June, July, or August, at either the Saturday evening or Sunday morning worship service, we'd love to hear you! Contact our Music Director, Sue Becker, at susan.becker1995@gmail.com, or (563) 386-2896 to schedule a time. Thank you in advance for enriching our worship!

Worship at the Outdoor Chapel has returned. Join us every Sunday morning, beginning June 22, through August 31. If the weather does not cooperate, we will move worship inside to Fellowship Hall. Please bring a lawn chair and join us outside this summer on Sunday mornings.



North Scott Community Feed Our Children Ministry

Feed Our Children Ministry will provide a free lunch opportunity to children in the North Scott community during summer break. Our goal is to provide a free nutritious lunch to children in our community through this twice a week ministry, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **June 10th – August 21st, 2025.**

To volunteer or donate items, please contact Amy Powell (563-940-5880). You may also sign up online to donate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4DACAC23A7F85-56484264-2025>

Or to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4DACAC23A7F85-56460952-2025>

Thank you! *The North Scott Feed Our Children Ministry Team*

Friday



Join with others as our church welcomes children kindergarten through 6th grade to "Friday Fun Club" the **last early dismissal Friday** of each month. The First Friday Fun Club event of the new school year will be on **AUGUST 29**.

Volunteers are needed in Arts & Crafts, Storytime, Music, Game time and Snack time. Donations of supplies and snack items are also needed.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at church or call Mary Moore at 285-7223 to volunteer.

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

Saturday, August 2

5:00 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall &
Online

Sunday, August 3

9:00 am Worship Outdoors
10:15 am Fellowship

Monday, August 4 *Office Closed*

Tuesday, August 5

10:00 am Feed Our Children
5:30 pm Food Pantry
6:30 pm VFW

Wednesday, August 6

Thursday, August 7

10:00 am Feed Our Children

Friday, August 8

9:30 am Food Pantry

Saturday, August 9

5:00 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall &
Online

Sunday, August 10

9:00 am Worship Outdoors
10:15 am Fellowship
11:00 am Mission Trip Shore Holder
Luncheon



Youth Mission Trip Shareholder Luncheon

August 10, 2025, 11:00 am

We invite all those who purchased shares for the Mission Trip to join us for a meal and to hear stories about the mission trip on Sunday, August 10, at 11:00 am. The mission trip participants will serve you a meal and will share their favorite experiences from the trip to thank you for your support. We look forward to sharing our learning and growing with you!

The Challenge of Money

Jesus' parables about money continue to trouble his listeners to this day. In fact, they may seem even more challenging to today's Christians in North America, a culture so saturated with wealth and consumerism, than they were to our first-century counterparts. It can be easy to approach these parables by attempting to justify our behavior, to try to determine the exact point where desire becomes greed or where consumption becomes gluttony, often in an effort to retain what we already have. But this attitude transforms generosity and simplicity into a law rather than an act of true freedom initiated in the love of Jesus.

The parable of the rich fool reveals the absurdity of greed and its justification. Tomorrow is not promised, and the pathological accumulation of wealth and material goods seems silly, even cruel, in a world as unpredictable and challenging as ours. Freedom in Jesus releases us from the belief that we can secure our own future with wealth and possessions. It opens us to the radical generosity of God's neighborhood, where the security of our future lies in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and in the practice of self-emptying love for our neighbor.

It's fair to say that Jesus would make for a very challenging church treasurer. The fundamental economic posture of the gospel is one of redistribution and radical trust that, in community, God will provide everything we need. Parables like this one about the rich fool are meant to stretch and challenge our assumptions and actions. If the choices we make about money seem to come easily, that just may be an invitation to reflect on the grounds of our own economic practices. The self-emptying generosity Jesus invites us into will always feel risky, but we can take comfort in the assurance that God, who makes all things new, will care and provide for the common good and the flourishing of true community. Thanks be to God.