

Sermon followed by Service - August 31, 2025 - Luke 12:22-34

I bought a new wallet. I didn't want to. I like my old wallet. But Lisa thought I should get a new wallet because, well, the old wallet was getting old and falling apart - kind of like me, I suppose. Now I didn't get the new wallet just because my wife wanted me to; I thought it might be a good idea, because this new wallet is supposed to be safer. It's supposed to have some sort of special lining that keeps the tech thieves from stealing my credit card information. I'm not so sure, but the people who sold it to me say it's safer, and Lisa says "it looks better," so now I have a new wallet.

Jesus wants me to get a new wallet, too. Actually Jesus says "purse," but I'm kind of a wallet guy myself. Why? Why does Jesus want me to get a new wallet, a new purse? Because my old wallet is dangerous, and even this new safer wallet is dangerous. How so? It sucks my heart in. Actually, it's not just my wallet that's dangerous like that. My safe in the basement does that same thing (don't worry; there's not enough in there to make it worth anybody's while). And my checking account, and my emergency fund, and my retirement funds are dangerous in the same way. They suck my heart in. They suck my heart in - not just in on the money, but they suck my heart in to the devil's lies. When they're [wallet and bank] emptier, they suck my heart into the devil's lie: "You need to worry. What if ...?" When they're [wallet and bank] fuller, the more they have, the more they suck my heart into a different lie: "Now I can feel better about myself; now I can feel like I'm ok; now I don't have to worry."

Did you notice what I did? I got sucked in and suckered into making these [wallet and bank] an idol, a god - with them "I'm ok," without them "I'm in a bad place." But what do we know about all these things? Wallets and purses fall apart, and everything in them goes away. And whoever sets their heart on them instead of on the God who gives them will ... they will be lost and damned as the idolaters that they are.

Sound familiar? Reminds you of that tall guy from Texas; he preached on what Jesus said right before our lesson - the Parable of the Rich Fool. The guy who liked the feel of a full wallet and a full emergency fund and a full retirement fund. He thought he'd like the feel of full barns too. He told himself: "You're set. Take life easy. Eat, drink, and be merry." But do you remember what God said to him, **"You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"** Then Jesus shares God's judgment: **"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."**

Wallets, purses, bank accounts, emergency funds, retirement funds - they can all be good and wise, gifts from God. And they can all be dangerous. But it's not just money, is it? Satan uses the things of this world to sucker our hearts away from God. Adam and Eve shut out God to set their hearts on a piece of fruit. Lot set his heart on the comfort of city life. Solomon set his heart on himself, doing his thing. Judas set his heart on 30 pieces of silver. They listened to Satan's lies about God, his lies about the things of this world. They set their hearts on the things of this world ... and it cost them. It cost them dearly in this life.

And for so many more, in our world, in our lives, chasing the things of this world, setting their hearts on the things of this world will cost them their hearts in hell. That's why Jesus wants us to have new wallets, new purses, a different kind of wallet and purse - wallets and purses filled with the treasures of heaven.

That's right. Our lesson isn't a lesson of judgment; it's a lesson of promise. Jesus isn't talking to the world chasing its tail into hell. Jesus is talking to his disciples, his little flock, children of his Father. That's us. He's talking to people who have been suckered by Satan and his world, and left empty and disappointed. So many times that's us, too - isn't it? He's talking to people who are looking for something better. That's us. He's talking to people who see God as a caring Father, and who see him, Jesus, not just as a teacher full of words, but as the Christ, filled with God's power and promise to save and give life made right. He's talking to people he sees as redeemed and forgiven, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent sufferings and death. That's right, Jesus is talking to you and me - not with words of judgment, but with words of peace and invitation.

Jesus knows how distracting these things [wallet and bank] can be. He knows how easy it is for us to get suckered into thinking, believing, that we need more and more of this and these (wallets, accounts, funds ...) - not because we're greedy, envious, jealous, in love with the world; but because we think we need more and more to take care of ourselves, to be safe and secure. So after Jesus judges the greedy and the self-indulgent, Jesus addresses the worry, the anxiety, the fear in our hearts.

“Do not worry. Do not be anxious. Stop your worrying.” Jesus isn’t saying: “Don’t plan; don’t prepare.” But why worry? Why be anxious like something bad is going to happen? Look at the ravens. God makes sure they’re fed. You’re worth a whole lot more to God than those birds. Look at the wild flowers in the grass; look how beautiful God grows them. You’re not just birds and grass to God; you’re worth a whole lot more to God than grass and flowers; you’re his children. So if God takes care of the birds and adorns the grass with such beautiful flowers, you can be sure he will take care of you. You’re not just grass and birds to him; you’re his children. And besides, what good does it do you to be worrying and anxious? So don’t be chasing the things of the world. You don’t need to be all up in arms, on edge - like it’s all up to you, as if your life and your well-being are all up to you. The pagans, the godless, chase after the things of this world like it’s all up to them. The pagans, the godless, chase after the things of this world like they can’t live without them. Your Father knows what you need. Seek his kingdom and he’ll make sure you have what you need.

Did you notice? Jesus is getting to his real point. Jesus’ real point isn’t so much about money-worry and money-anxiety. Your Father in heaven will make sure you have what you need. How can you be sure? He’s giving you something so much more valuable, so much more important than just sustenance and stuff. How did Jesus put it? **“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.”** Our Father

is giving us so much more, so much better, than just sustenance and stuff. Our Father is pleased to give us his kingdom.

What does that mean for us? Instead of giving up on us as suckers and fools, instead of judging us for turning our backs on him to chase the things of this world, instead of being disgusted with us for our worry and anxiety, the Father includes us in the Kingdom of His Son. Instead of seeing us in our idolatrous guilt, God sees you redeemed in the blood of Jesus, and he promises: “I forgive you, full and free!” Instead of seeing us in our suckered shame, God sees you covered with the glorious life of Jesus, and he promises: “You are my son, my daughter, whom I love, with you I am well pleased.” Instead of leaving us suckered by Satan, God gives you Jesus with a promise that’s True. In a world looking to sucker us, you have Jesus looking out for you. In a world falling apart and destined to be burned, you get to look forward - you have a forever home in heaven.

It can be hard to keep all that straight. With all of this (wallets, purses) it can be hard to keep our focus on what our Father has for us in his kingdom. So what does Jesus say? **“Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”** Instead of chasing after the stuff of the world, instead of gathering up the stuff of the world - de-clutter the distraction. How? Not just by spending on ourselves, but by giving to meet someone else’s need. Isn’t that neat? Instead of holding on to our money-worry, we get to be part of God’s answer to someone

else's money worry. Instead of holding on for ourselves, we get to be God's hand sharing with others.

And as we let go and share, what happens? As we share our treasures, we find that our heart follows - from self to God, from self to others, from self-concern to caring and sharing, from the heart of this world to the heart and treasures of heaven. And then what? Jesus doesn't leave us empty-handed! As we let go in this world, God gives us new wallets, new purses filled with his treasure in heaven - wallets that will never wear out, treasure that will never run out! No wonder Jesus said: **“It is better to give than to receive!”** Amen.

August 30 & 31, 2025

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

IN OUR WORLD TODAY ... we fight for what is due us - wages, benefits, safety and security. (That's what Labor Day is about.)

IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY ... we are promised more than what is due us, better than what we deserve - in Jesus we have an eternal benefit package!

OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymn 624

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen how all that's needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do as with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him!

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

+ CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION +

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+ PRAYER AND PRAISE +

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: **Amen.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

HYMN (No Introduction)

"O Lord, Our Lord"
Hymn 939

Refrain

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-ri-ous is your name in all the earth.

Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life

with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;

you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your

Refrain

on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo-ri-ous is your name in all the earth. O Son of

God, e - ter-nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;

you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in

your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!

Refrain

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-ri-ous is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1–6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 62C



1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal -
 2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp -
 3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com -



va - tion; a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and
 ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll
 plete - ly; with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul and



I will not be shak - en. Though lips may bless and
 cling to my sal - va - tion. Though rich - es come and
 he will prove his mer - cy. Though life is but a



hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll
 rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the
 fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to mea - sure, my



fix my heart on right-eous-ness, I'll look to him who hears me.
 fields of hope in which I sow are har-vest-ed in heav - en.
 King has crushed the curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

Refrain



O praise him, hal-le - lu - jah, my de - light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1–3, 4–16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:22–34

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them.

And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Where Your Treasure Is"

Hymn 828

Refrain

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be.
All that you possess will never set you free.
Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.
Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

What do you gain from all your worry,
what you should eat or what to wear?
There is no peace in stress or hurry.
Do you not know that you are held within God's care? *Refrain*

Look at the ravens high above you.
They do not work their whole life through,
and yet God feeds them and protects them.
So how much more will God protect and care for you? *Refrain*

Behold the lilies in their splendor. In grace and beauty are they dressed,
and yet so soon their bloom is faded.
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed? *Refrain*

O little flock, do not be frightened; yours is the kingdom of the Lord.
Give your possessions to the needy;
obtain a treasure in God's heaven safely stored. *Refrain*

SERMON

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Hymn 750

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another.

Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.
Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

(Guests, please see our communion practice on page 2.)

(Gluten-free wafers are available; ask Pastor.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus* (No Introduction) - SUNG

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei* (No Introduction) – Sung

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Hymn 823

Jesus, priceless treasure, fount of purest pleasure, truest friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish shall my spirit languish, yearning, Lord, for thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide thee; naught I ask beside thee.

In thine arms I rest me; foes who would oppress me cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, ev’ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;
yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee; death, I now decry thee; fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me nor thy threats alarm me
while I sing of peace. God’s great pow’r guards ev’ry hour;
earth and all its depths adore him, silent bow before him.

Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss or shame or cross
shall not from my Savior move me since he deigns to love me.

Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, though the storms may gather,
still have peace within. Yea, whate’er I here must bear,
thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn 617

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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ARBOR / WORK DAY – SEPTEMBER 6

Join us caring for God's House!

Outside:

- Weeding (never ends)
- Fine trim the shrubs that were done a couple of months ago
- Trim the area on the west side of the doctor's office
- Police the southside easement
- Spray the tough weeds that do not get pulled

Inside: TBD

Official start time is 9 (some prefer the cooler hours). For more info, contact Todd Haefke.

ST JOHN PICNIC - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Church service from 4-5pm | Picnic to Follow



What to Bring: Dessert (families with last name A-J)
Side Dish (families with last name K-Z)

Our favorite event of the year. Everyone is welcome and guests are encouraged! We will have a bounce house for the kids, the annual corn-hole tournament, and, by popular request, Dave Knight's famous BBQ pulled pork! See you there!

Please RSVP and volunteer at bit.ly/40DSfVK or scan the QR code.

A friendly reminder to church family members:

Be sure to engage with non-church member families; Invite guests to join you at your table or join guests you see sitting alone; and since we're the hosts, encourage guests to eat first.

A PARKING INVITATION

Company is coming for our picnic service! We invite you to leave the best parking spots for our guests (and those who need a close spot). We have two off-site parking lots – one is west at the Dr. Office; one is east across the street from church (great for SUVs). Thank you for being a good host!