

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3, 2025, 8:30 AM

### FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

*God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. It is important that every partaker must be a baptized Christian and come with repentant faith. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, should first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of the LCMS or from congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) are also asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.*

### AS WE GATHER



Golfers enjoy getting a mulligan—a free shot or do-over. As we look back on our lives, we sometimes see times that we wish we could go back to and have a mulligan. We would like to be able to go back and make a different decision or fix a mistake we made. We cannot turn back time. God gives us something better. He gives us a new life—a fresh start that we get to celebrate every day as we remember our Baptism and the riches God gives us.

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down”

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Ending)*

**Come, let us worship and bow down  
Before the Lord Most Holy,  
Before the King of Glory.  
Come and lay your burdens down  
Before the Friend who's faithful,  
Before the one who's able.**

**Chorus:**

**For He is our God, and we are His people.  
He is our God, and we will never be forsaken.**

**Come, let us lift our voice in praise  
Unto the Rock of Ages,  
Unto the God who saves us.  
Come and glorify His name,  
All the earth together,  
All the saints forever. Chorus:**

**Ending:  
You are our God, and we are your people.  
You are our God, and we will be with You.  
You are our God, and we will be with You.  
Forever. Forever.**

## **WELCOME**

## **INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

**He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.**

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

**It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

**The First Commandment reminds us, "You shall have no other gods before Me."**

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

**On account of these the wrath of God is coming.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,

**You are the giver of everything we have. Yet, we are guilty of coveting the possessions, experiences, and social standing of others. We sin by valuing these things above You. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins. Renew us in Your knowledge and conform us to Your image by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). We receive the riches of God's forgiveness because of Jesus. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE “Psalm 100” (based on Psalm 100)

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)*

**Enter in through the gates  
Enter in here with praise  
Come before Him, come bring your song  
We are His people, He is our God.**

**Chorus:**

**For the Lord is good and His love endures  
His love endures  
For the Lord is good and His love endures  
His love endures forevermore  
His faithfulness, it has no end  
For the Lord is good and His love endures  
His love endures.**

**Enter in to His courts  
Enter in with grateful hearts  
Come before Him, come bring your song  
We are His people, He is our God. Chorus:**

**Bridge:**  
**Raise Your voice!**  
**Shout for joy all the earth!**  
**We sing a new song now,**  
**We sing a new song now!**  
**Raise Your voice!**  
**Shout for joy all the earth!**  
**We sing a new song now,**  
**We sing a new song now! Chorus:**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Colossians 3:1–11**

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Luke 12:13–21**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The

land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,**

**the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

### **CHILDREN'S SONG "Hallelu, Hallelu"**

*(twice)*

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord  
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord  
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah;  
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

### **OBJECT LESSON**

#### **SONG "Enough"**

*(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)*

**Chorus:**

All of You is more than enough for all of me  
For every thirst and every need  
You satisfy me with Your love  
And all I have in You is more than enough

You are my supply my breath of life  
And still more awesome than I know  
You are my reward worth living for  
And still more awesome than I know Chorus

You're my sacrifice of greatest price  
And still more awesome than I know  
You're my coming King You are everything  
And still more awesome than I know Chorus

**Bridge:**

**More than all I want more than all I need**

**You are more than enough for me**

**More than all I know more than all I can say**

**You are more than enough (repeat) Chorus**

## **MESSAGE**

## **OFFERING**

*(Please fill out the fellowship pad beside you in the pew)*

## **PRAYERS**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)*

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

## **PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## **LAMB OF GOD AGNUS DEI**

**O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.**

**Have mercy on us, have mercy on us**

**O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.**

**Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

## **RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

## **SONG "Sweetly Broken"**

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus, Chorus)*

**To the cross I look, and to the cross I cling**

**Of its offering I do drink, of its work I do sing.**

**On it my Savior, both bruised and crushed,**

**showed that God is Love, and God is just.**



**Chorus:**

At the cross You beckon me,  
You draw me gently  
to my knees, and I am  
lost for words, so  
lost in love, I'm  
sweetly broken, wholly surrendered.

What a priceless gift, undeserved life,  
have I been given, through Christ crucified.  
You call me out of death, You call me into life,  
and I was under Your wrath,  
now through the cross I'm reconciled Chorus x2

**Bridge:**

In awe of the cross, I must confess,  
how wondrous Your redeeming love,  
and how great, is Your faithfulness. Chorus x2

**SONG "All I Want to Do"**

*(Repeat once)*

All I want to do is give this life to you  
All I want to do is give this life to you  
All I want to do is give this life to you  
Lord, let your will be done, 'til it's all I want to do.

**PRAYER OF THANKS**

Amen

**BLESSING**

**SONG "Benediction"**

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you  
May the Lord smile on you  
Shine His light upon you  
May the Lord lift you  
Turn His face towards you  
Give you His peace  
Give you His peace

**Chorus:**

**Blessed we came to this place today  
And blessed now we will go  
In the name of the Father  
The Spirit and the Son  
Blessed we came to this place today  
And blessed now we will go  
In the name of the Father  
The Spirit and the Son**

**May the Lord bless us and keep us  
May the Lord smile on us  
Shine His light upon us  
May the Lord lift us  
Turn His face towards us  
Give us His peace  
Give us His peace**

**LEAVING**

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