



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

9:00am

Holy Communion

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

PRAYER CARD

If you have a Prayer Request, use the **YELLOW** card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions.

If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

ASSISTANCE

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper?
(Mark 14:22-24)
6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
(Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. Those who wish may use the method of intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) for receiving the sacrament. Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(P: pastor A: assistant; C: congregation)

All who are able, stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The minister addresses the congregation.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” LBW 265 (Green book)

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, Triumph o’er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day’s return, Till thy mercy’s beams I see,
Till thy inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine, Scatter all my unbelief
More and more thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



C 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. 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. 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

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P: 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.

C: Amen

All sit

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26, Search out wisdom

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁸I 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, ¹⁹and 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. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because 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. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For 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.

²⁴There 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, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For 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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 100

The psalm is read responsively by the pastor and congregation. The pastor begins.

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

P: Know that the Lord, he is God!

C: It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

C: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

P: For the Lord is good;

**C: his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-11, Clothed in Christ

If then 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 appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

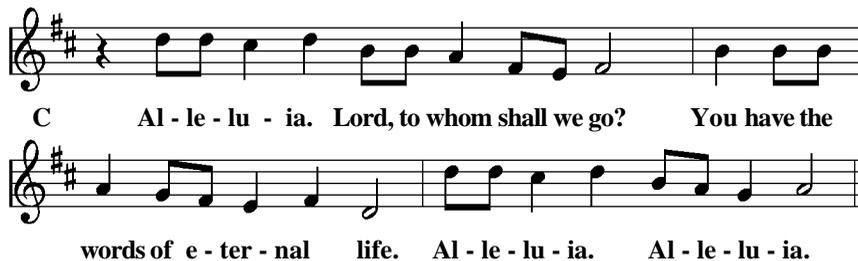
⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice,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

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

All who are able, stand

VERSE



C 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.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21, Be rich toward God, your treasure

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Someone in the crowd said to (Jesus), “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And 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.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And 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. 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, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

All sit

After the Children’s Message, PRAYER CARDS can be handed towards the center aisle and given to an usher.

SERMON

All who are able, stand

HYMN: “All Depends on Our Possessing” LBW 447 (Green book)

**All depends on our possessing God’s free grace and constant blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.**

**God, who hitherto has fed me And to many joys has led me,
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who did so gently school me, He who daily guides and rules me,
Will remain my help divine.**

**When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope my heart anew will quicken,
All my longing shall be stilled.
To his lovingkindness tender Soul and body I surrender,
For on God alone I build.**

**Well he knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never; As God wills, so be it ever;
To him I commit my way.**

**If on earth my days he lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding; Like a stream away it’s gliding;
Safe I anchor in his grace.**

APOSTLES CREED

P: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen

GREETING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

All sit

THE EUCHARIST

The OFFERING is brought forward as the Lord's table is prepared.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All who are able, stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you.



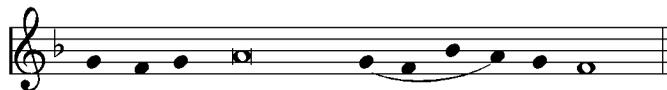
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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



Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation
you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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**

All sit

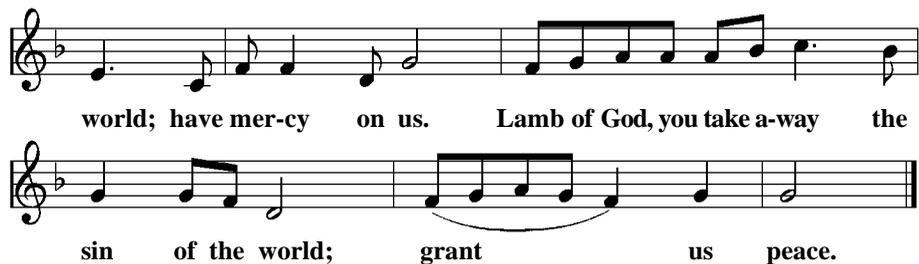
AGNUS DEI



C 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

After all have returned to their places, the minister continues.

All who are able, stand

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



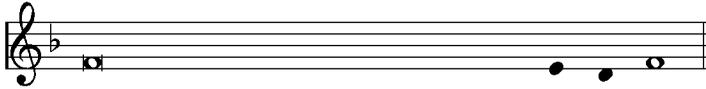
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



C: A - men

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" LBW 457 (Green book)

**Jesus, priceless treasure, Source of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me:
Ah, how long I've panted, And my heart has fainted, Thirsting, Lord, for thee!
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb; I will suffer nought to hide thee,
Nought I ask beside thee.**

**In thine arm I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Sin and hell in conflict fell With their bitter storms assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.**

**Hence, all fears 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, Still in thee lies purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!**

We strive to use our gifts and the best resources available to support people in their faith. To inquire about our sermons and/or the resources used to produce them please contact us through our church office. To God be the glory!

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