



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

Faith in Christ Is Rich Toward God

To live for earthly things “is vanity and a striving after wind,” and work that is driven by such vanity “is an unhappy business” (Eccl. 1:13-14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for “all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow” (Eccl. 2:22-23). So, too, your “covetousness, which is idolatry” (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For “one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15). But “Christ who is your life” (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be “rich toward God” in Him (Luke 12:21).

Ring of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Exhortation*LSB 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.***Confession of Sins***LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Declaration of Grace*LSB 151*

- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit*Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

- P** Hear this, all peoples!

- C** Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
P both low and high,
C rich and poor together!
P Truly no man can ransom another,
C or give to God the price of his life,
P for the ransom of their life is costly
C and can never suffice.
P This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
C yet after them people approve of their boasts.
P Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
C death shall be their shepherd.
P But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
C for he will receive me.
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Hear this, all peoples!
C Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
P both low and high,
C rich and poor together!

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people 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:



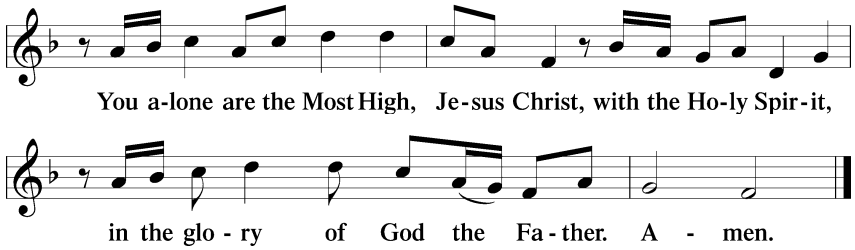
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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,



Salutation and Collect 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 A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

A The Old Testament Reading for The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from the first chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes.

²Vanity 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 This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:1–11

A The Second Reading is from the third chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians.

¹If 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 This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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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.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³Someone 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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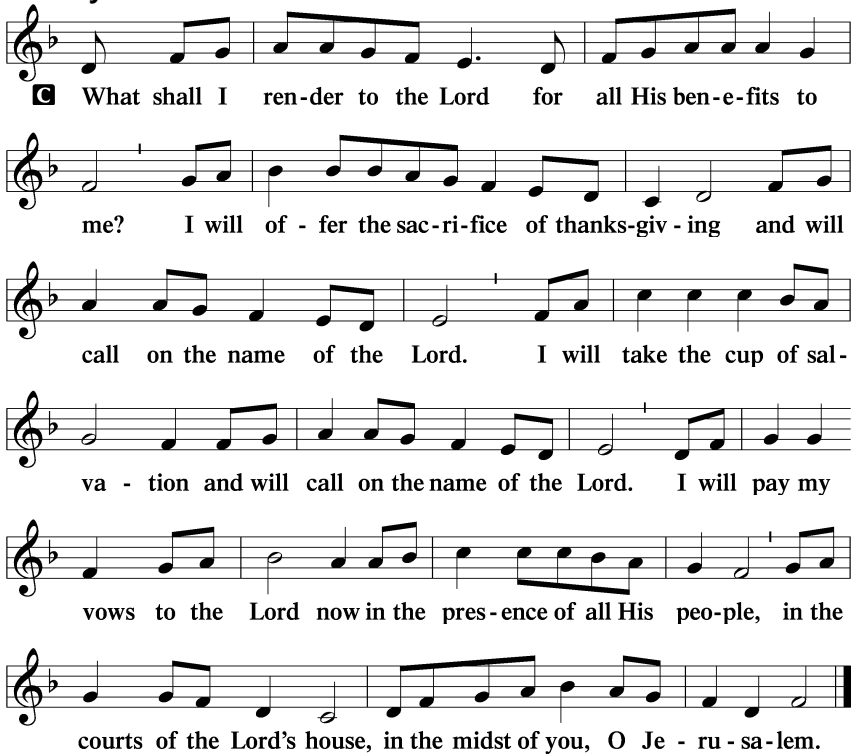
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Offertory*LSB 159*


C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

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P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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**

Concluding Collect

- P** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Benediction

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- 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.



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The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

August 3, 2025

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Barry & Karen Diekelman
Judy Diekelman
Kurt Diekelman
Kristen Dunne, Family Paisley, Olive

BIRTHDAYS

Michelle Michels, 8/9

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Dave Bloom, 8/8

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

Tara Schassburger, 8/9

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Henry & Mary Sella, 8/6

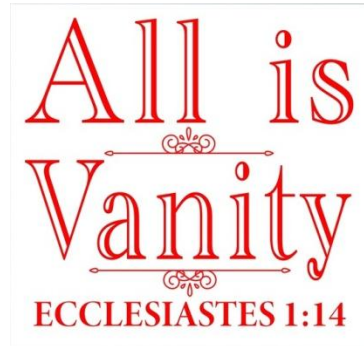
SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Janice Abel, Dave Bloom, Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Pastor and Pam Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Doris Leifert, Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer, Ray and Madelaine Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, Jessica Calderon-Phillips, Dakota Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

Receiving Hospice this past week – Jay Carey



NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club will meet on date to be announced at 10:00 am, to review *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

Christ For You the week of August 3rd on KFuo.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) we're continuing our summer study through several of the Psalms! This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 89, 93, 99, 101, and 113. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. On Concord Matters this Saturday (8/9 at 10 a.m. CT), Pastor Finnern will lead us through a study of the 4th Commandment in the Large Catechism. What should it look for us to honor our parents well? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFuo Radio app!

The Week of August 3rd Your Comprehensive Source For News, Information & Truth... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: Worship Practices in the LCMS, Lessons to Learn from Chip and Joanne Gaines' Compromise on Homosexuality, The Movie "The Fantastic Four: First Steps," Preparing for The Lord's Supper and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at www.splcms.org/worship.

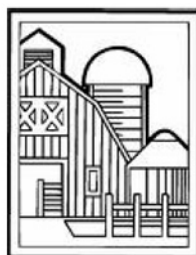
"God isn't a page in your book, you're part of His. And He's delighted to have you in the family." Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

Luke 12:15 (NLT)

Based on Luke 12:13-21



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EAT
FOOL
CROP

THINGS
BIGGER
DIVIDE
WATCH

BARN
LIFE
GROUND
GRAIN

GUARD
GREED
DRINK
MERRY

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

July 27th Attendance 19, 17 Communed

Envelopes	\$545.00	Weekly Missions	\$10.00
Basket	403.00	Luth. Church Charity	20.00
		Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	60.00
Budgeted Total	948.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$100.00
Offering Needed	1,423.00		
Short	\$-475.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sun, Aug 3, 9:30 AM

Sun, Aug 10, 9:30 AM

Pastor
Lay Reader

Rev. Mark Zuehsow
Hope Krieger



Food Pantry



General Fund



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