

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
August 3, 2025

Introduction

Today’s texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the “unhappy business” of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the “things that are above.” To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord’s supper and the encouragement of God’s word.

Prelude

“Moderato” (Merkel)

Gene Fougner, organ

GATHERING

Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made:

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!” (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

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A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
ring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band upon the mount of Olives
stand, Alleluia! Alleluia! and with his faithful followers
see their Lord ascend in majesty, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To whom the shining angels cry, “Why stand and gaze upon the
sky?” Alleluia! Alleluia! “This is the Savior!” thus they
say, “this is his glorious triumph day!” Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

God Spottings

Canticle of Praise

"Glory Be to God" (vs. 1&3)

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Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: 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.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading:

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

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

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*Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.*

P: The holy gospel according to

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel:

Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

"God's Good Gifts"

Pastor Tricia Lowe

Hymn of the Day

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" (vs. 1-3)

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Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.

By your patient years of toiling by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 of Intercession

L: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. *A brief silence.*

L: Renew in your church a view of life beyond worldly pursuits. Make us bold to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. Bring weather that nourishes all of creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Speak wisdom to those in positions of power, that they stop practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Protect those in war-torn places such as Congo, Israel, Palestine, Russia, Ukraine, Myanmar and Sudan. May we see that all are made in your image and help us strive for equity and peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Reveal your loving presence to people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear and those in recovery. Give strength to caregivers and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Build in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of work that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Please take this time to offer any other intercessions, either aloud or in your heart.

L: Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace *(Remember to ask for consent)*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory

"We Are An Offering" (verse 1)

ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, 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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy “sing”

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our keeper, the breath that gives us life, and loves us beyond all imagining. For the universe beyond our knowing, for lands and seas and all their creatures, for javelina and pronghorn and mule deer.

And for friends and strangers and family, for home and grocery stores and schools and places where your glory is magnified like the Granite Dells and Watson Lake.

We praise you for your covenant people, for Abraham and Sara, Moses and Miriam, for Esther, Ruth and Naomi. And for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul and for Martin Luther and Mother Theresa.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and from evil, who came as one of us, human yet divine, an example of love for the world.

Who on the night before he died 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.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again

We pray for your Holy Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom. We come to this table invited by Jesus, who offers healing and wholeness. Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, inspire your people for service, and renew the world with your mercy, justice, and peace.

We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, and forever.

C: Amen

P: Gathered together by the Spirit we pray the words that Jesus taught us.

C: (please sing) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts have as we forgive our debtors; 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Lamb of God “sing”

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Lamb of God, you bear the sins of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

Lamb of God, you bear the sins of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn

“Break Now the Bread of Life” (all verses)

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Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
broke the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living Word.

Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
blessed the bread by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All in All!

You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy
word the truth that rescues me. Give me to eat and live
with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✚ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (verse 1)

ELW 547

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls
reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Postlude” (Zipoli)

Gene Fougner, organ

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VACATION - Mary will be taking some Mondays and Fridays off this summer to get all her vacation days taken. We will staff the church office from 9am-1pm on those days when possible. We suggest that you call the office before you come in if you need something from the office staff to be sure the office is open.

PASTOR’S VACATION: Pastor will be on vacation from August 14 until August 29.

CHURCH OFFICE IS STAFFED Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except Wednesdays, which are 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Please call 928-772-4135 about room use availability.

NAME TAGS – please wear your name tags so that our guests and new members can put a face with a name.

MISSION OUTREACH for August is HUSD Hungry Kids Program. This program is for the elementary children in our school district. Bags filled with food items are distributed each Friday during the school year to the children who otherwise would not have anything to eat over the weekend. Currently the program hands out 120 plus bags each week. Food items such as a loaf of bread, peanut butter, jelly, fruit snack cups, ramen noodles, individual cereal packs, a can of tuna, ravioli, or spaghetti O’s, along with an apple, orange or raisins are included in the backpack. Bags are filled on Friday morning and then taken to the schools.

FELLOWSHIP is in need of folks to provide food and to serve. They also need a new chairperson and/or two folks to step up to the plate to co-ordinate this ministry.

NEXT INTERFAITH MEAL is August 8. If you would like to help, please give the church office a call. Food costs are continuing to go up, if you have a Thrivent Action Card you would like to donate, it would be very much appreciated. Each member is allocated two \$250.00 cards per year. We are now looking for cards for the rest of the year.



As a Congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community, and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

Members

*Kathy Austin
Cheryl & Kevin Miller
Colleen Bradley
Doris MacGregor
Hill Barrington
Inge Scholl*

*Irene Clute
Julie Doering
Mary Stoney
Mary Watts
Nancy Renner
Ramona Walker*

*Ron Eide
Rosemary Hellene
Ryan Intlekofer
Sue Smith*

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Anne Northrup

Family Members and Friends

*Bob Renner – husband of Nancy Renner
Bonnie – friend of Violet Lowe
Brett Adams – grandson of Isabel Benell
Carmen Escareno – daughter-in-law of Clara Farmer
Cassie Goats – sister-in-law of Kimberly Goats
Curt Harris – friend of Kimberly Goats
Dan & Carol Cwach – friends of Emmanuel
Douglas – son of Inge Scholl
Ellie – granddaughter of Mary Wakimoto
Glenn Gammon – friend of Carl Schulze
Hazel Maldonado – friend of Rosemary Hellene
Heather White – daughter of Michael & Karen Johnson
Jen Nelson – friend of Michelle Schreur*

*Jerry Oium – friend of Jackie Poling
Jim – friend of Ellen Rosfeld
Katy Rost – cousin of Kimberly Goats
Lori St Louis – daughter of Jackie Poling
Miranda Rebholz – granddaughter of Jim & Carole
Rebholz
Molly Aulman – friend of Woolleys & Northrups
Patti O'Brien – friend of Sheila Smilgis
Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn
Rose Streeter – friend of Hal & Mai Vogelaar
Sally Kozuch – sister of Ellen Rosfeld
Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler
Sarah Jaslow – friend of the Woolley's
Shirley Bowman – wife of Wayne Stithem
Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel
Wilma – friend of Anita Wagner
William Bayle – brother-in-law of Phyllis Pohlman*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets each Tuesday at 10:00 am on zoom or in person. They are reading "The Gift of Hard Things" by Mark Yonconnelli, contact Pr. Tricia for more information.

WEDNESDAY 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY. This Bible Study group will be taking July and August off. Bible Study will resume on September 3.

THURSDAY 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY meets at Rebholz's. Come at 6:30 for dessert.

CHINO VALLEY BIBLE STUDY – Bible Study is on hiatus until fall.

GRIEF GROUP meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. Next meeting is August 7.

KITCHEN COUNTERS – Granite Innovations have asked us to move the kitchen counter renovation to November due to several large projects that are taking longer than anticipated.

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