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The EIGHTH Sunday after Pentecost

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Reverend Johnson leads

OPENING SENTENCE

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalm 75:1*

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Reverend Johnson

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY

Leader O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

Leader and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**
O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Reader from St. Mary's
FIRST LESSON 1 KINGS 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or

counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God**

THE HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory*

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow’r; crown your ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flow’r.	Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.	2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, as sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.	Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
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3. Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in

soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom,

grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

Reader from Concordia

THE EPISTLE ROMANS 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any

charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Reader from St. Mary's

Canticle 21

We Praise You, O God *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
 Throughout the world the holy Church
 acclaims you:
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
**You, Christ, are the king of glory,
 the eternal Son of the Father.**
 When you took our flesh to set us free
 you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
 You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all
 believers.
**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
 We believe that you will come to be our
 judge.**
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.
**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity,
 one God: as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be forever. Amen.**

Deacon Fedorchak reads

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the
 crowds another parable:
 "The kingdom of heaven
 is like a mustard seed
 that someone took and
 sowed in his field; it is
 the smallest of all the
 seeds, but when it has
 grown it is the greatest
 of shrubs and becomes a
 tree, so that the birds of
 the air come and make
 nests in its branches."
 He told them another
 parable: "The kingdom
 of heaven is like yeast
 that a woman took and
 mixed in with three
 measures of flour until
 all of it was leavened."
 "The kingdom of heaven

is like treasure hidden in
 a field, which someone
 found and hid; then in
 his joy he goes and sells
 all that he has and buys
 that field. "Again, the
 kingdom of heaven is
 like a merchant in search
 of fine pearls; on finding
 one pearl of great value,
 he went and sold all that
 he had and bought it.
 "Again, the kingdom of
 heaven is like a net that
 was thrown into the sea
 and caught fish of every
 kind; when it was full,
 they drew it ashore, sat
 down, and put the good
 into baskets but threw

out the bad. So it will be
 at the end of the age.
 The angels will come out
 and separate the evil
 from the righteous and
 throw them into the
 furnace of fire, where
 there will be weeping
 and gnashing of teeth.
 "Have you understood
 all this?" They
 answered, "Yes." And
 he said to them,
 "Therefore every scribe
 who has been trained for
 the kingdom of heaven is
 like the master of a
 household who brings
 out of his treasure what
 is new and what is old."

The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson

THE HYMN *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render. Bless the one who grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded; Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy deigns to dwell with you most lowly.	2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him. There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking, with the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given. "Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever."	3. Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder that the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless; with the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given. Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.	4. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure, peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding: humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you; worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.
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THE APOSTLES' CREED

Minister and People

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 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

THE PRAYERS

Leader: Hear our cry, O God.
People: And listen to our prayer.
Leader: Let us pray.

Minister and People

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.

INTERCESSIONS

Reader from Concordia leads

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighborhoods may be places of trust
and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we
pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Reverend Johnson

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass
through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER: WAKE US, O GOD

Wake us, O God, so that the sin of racism is purged from this land; break down the barriers that
oppress all people of color; strengthen our resolve to work personally for justice; deliver us from
complacency, indifference, and a return to the status quo; protect all who protest and all who are
commissioned to protect and to serve; heal our addiction to privilege and power; and lead us, by your
grace, to build your new community of love; we ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,

break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

N.B.: This new collect has been composed by a national team of Lutherans and Episcopalians. Written “to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission” during this crisis. In the spirit of Pentecost, Presiding Bishop Curry and his Lutheran counterpart, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, invite congregations to pray the new collect from Pentecost through the first Sunday in September.

INTERCESSIONS *Intercessions and Thanksgivings follow.*

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.
After each petition we pray,
Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Minister and People

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console; to be understood as to
understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in
pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal
life. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

May God give you the grace never to sell
yourself short,
grace to do something big for something good,
grace to remember that the world is too
dangerous now for anything but truth
and too small for anything but love,

And may the Blessing of God Almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you
and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE HYMN *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

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| 1. Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, first be gotten from the dead, you alone, our strong defender, lifting up your people's head. Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread! Jesus, true and living bread! | 2. Though the lowliest form now veil you as of old in Bethlehem, here as there your angels hail you, branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them; we in worship join with them. | 3. Paschal Lamb, your offering, finished once for all when you were slain, in its fullness undiminished shall forever more remain. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain; cleansing souls from ev'ry stain. | 4. Life imparting heav'nly manna stricken rock with streaming side, heav'n and earth with loud hosanna worship you, the Lamb who died. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Ris'n ascended, glorified; ris'n ascended glorified! |
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Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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DAILY READINGS FOR JULY 27- AUGUST 1

Mon – July 27

1 Kings 3:16-28
James 3:13-18
Psalm 119:121-128

Tue – July 28

1 Kings 4:29-34
Ephesians 6:10-18
Psalm 119:121-128

Wed – July 29

Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33
Mark 4:30-34
Psalm 119:121-128

Thu – July 30

Proverbs 10:1-5
Philippians 4:10-15
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Fri – July 31

Isaiah 51:7-23
Romans 9:6-13
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Sat – Aug 1

Isaiah 44:1-5
Matthew 7:7-11
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21