EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

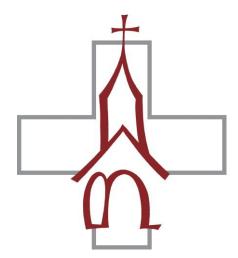
Saturday, August 2, 2025 - 5:30 p.m. Sunday, August 3, 2025 - 8:00 a.m.

Divine Service 1 - The Lutheran Service Book (LSB) p. 151

The season of Pentecost is the time of the church year when we focus on the work of the Holy Spirit in the church as He leads us in Christ's mission.

Theme of the Day

Jesus said, "One's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" Luke 12:15. In a world filled with things that we can acquire, it is easy to forget this. Jesus tells a parable to help us to understand God's desire for us to be rich toward Him. May we see that God has blessed us to be a blessing to others in His name!



Are You a Guest? Welcome! We are so glad to have you. Have a need? See an usher at the entry doors. Want to find out more about our church or school? Include your contact info in the red connection pad. <u>Please Note</u>: Communion will be offered in service today. We encourage you to see more details on p. 8.

Red Connection Pads

We encourage all in attendance to add your name to the red connection pad at the end of your row or record your attendance online using <u>clcs.org/attendance</u> or the QR code to the right.





A Note on Offerings

In thanksgiving for God's many gifts, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and the best of our time, our talents, and our financial gifts. Donation boxes are located at each entry door or if you would like to contribute online, with either a onetime or ongoing gift, please use clcs.org/give or the QR code to the left.



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P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

Call to Worship

The Invocation - Matthew 28:19

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

C: Amen.

Confession of Sin & Announcement of Forgiveness

The Absolution - John 20:21-23

- 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.)

- 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.
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

Prayer for God's Mercy

The Kyrie - Matthew 20:30-31

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: 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 mercy.
- P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: Amen.







Prayer of the Day

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- L: 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.

Children's Message (Please be seated)

First Reading "Apart from God, all is vanity" *Ecclesiastes* 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26 ² Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹² I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. 18 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, 19 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. ²⁰ So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ 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. 22 What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

"Seek things that are above"

Colossians 3:1-11

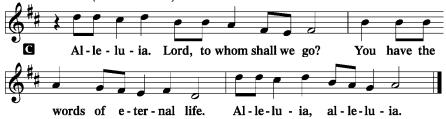
¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

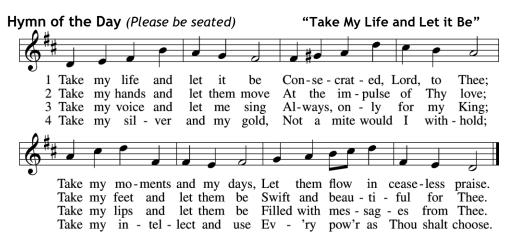
Alleluia Verse (Please stand)

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Holy Gospel "One's life does not consist in abundance of possessions" *Luke 12:13-21*13 Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 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." 16 And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' 18 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. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So 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.



5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Sermon

"Storage or Stewardship"

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon Series "The Path of Jesus: Readings from the Gospel of Luke" (Week 1 of 4)

Shared Confession of Faith (Please stand)

The 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.

Offering Prayer

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

~ Psalm 116:12

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Prayers

- P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- L: God, our Creator and Redeemer, You wonderfully created our human nature and yet more wondrously restored it. By the power of Your Spirit, set our minds on things above, where Christ is seated, and renew us more and more in Your image. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- L: O Lord, guard Your Church, the people of Your own possession, and give her a passion for serving you in mission. Guide us to seek those who are in need. Open our hearts to share your gospel. Make us rich in the treasure of Your grace that will never disappoint us, that we may give generously. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- L: Heavenly Father, You promise to provide for all our needs of body and soul. Defend our hearts from focusing on worldly wealth and our families from the strife that flows from the love of money. Lead us to trust Your fatherly care in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- L: Almighty God, protect us and our neighbors from those who seek to do us harm. Restrain those who senselessly commit acts of violence against others, and keep in peace and safety those who live and work in places of danger. Give wisdom and discernment to those who govern that justice and righteousness may flourish in our world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

- P: Lord God, be near to the suffering, the dying and the grieving (...special petitions). Sustain them in the truth that their lives are even now hidden with Christ in God, and that when He appears, they will also appear with Him in glory. Give them compassionate and skillful doctors and nurses, that their suffering may be alleviated and their minds and bodies returned to health. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- L: O Lord, our heavenly Father, because we do not know what we need or how to ask, lead us by Your Spirit to trust in Your wisdom and to have confidence in Your grace, for this life and even forevermore. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promises; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

中 Holy Communion 中

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, welcomes us today to the table to receive of the blessings won for us upon the cross. As we draw near confessing our wayward paths and desiring to live a new life in Christ, we examine ourselves as the Bible encourages us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We therefore pause to consider why Jesus gave us this sacred meal and what He now gives us in it, for this is a meal of...

- 1. Forgiveness Am I sorry for my sin and desire God's forgiveness? (Matthew 26:28)
- 2. Faith Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that he is truly present in this meal for my benefit? (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)
- 3. **Fellowship** Do I come to this table desiring reconciliation with others (Matthew 5:23-24), and am I in agreement with the beliefs of this faith community? (1 Corinthians 10:16-21)

New to Calvary or have questions? Feel free to speak to a pastor before or after service.

Those not receiving communion may remain seated or come forward for a blessing from the pastor. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion.

When invited forward by an usher, please line up in front of the communion rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the end of the first row on the way to the communion rail. **Non-alcoholic (white) wine** is available at the center of the communion tray.

After being dismissed with a blessing, please return to your seat using the center aisle.

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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely give to us and to all creation. Above all, we give thanks for showing Your love to us when You sent Your one and only Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid our sin on Him, putting to death all that is earthly in us. As He died, we have died and our life is hidden in Him. As He is risen, we, too, shall rise and see Him when He appears again in glory. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Song of the Angels (Sung)

The Sanctus - Isaiah 6:3

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Our Lord The Words of Institution - Mt. 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God (Sung)

The Agnus Dei - John 1:29

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Distribution (Please be seated)

"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." Ecclesiastes 2:24

What blessings in this world do I experience because of the "hand of God"?

"Put to death therefore what is earthly in you" Colossians 3:5

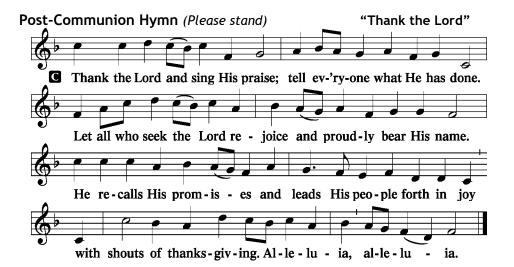
What sins do I desire to leave behind as I receive Christ's body and blood?

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" Luke 12:15

What opportunities is God giving me this week to be rich toward God?

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Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray.

...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

The Benediction of Aaron - Numbers 6:24-26

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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.

C: Amen.





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Announcements

⇔ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ↔

Preacher: Pastor Mark Schumm

Worship Leader: (5:30p) Steve Currier (8:00a) Pastor Kurt Ebert

Organist: (5:30p & 8:00a) Ryan Rosenau

Acolyte: (5:30p) n/a (8:00a) Benjamin Camin