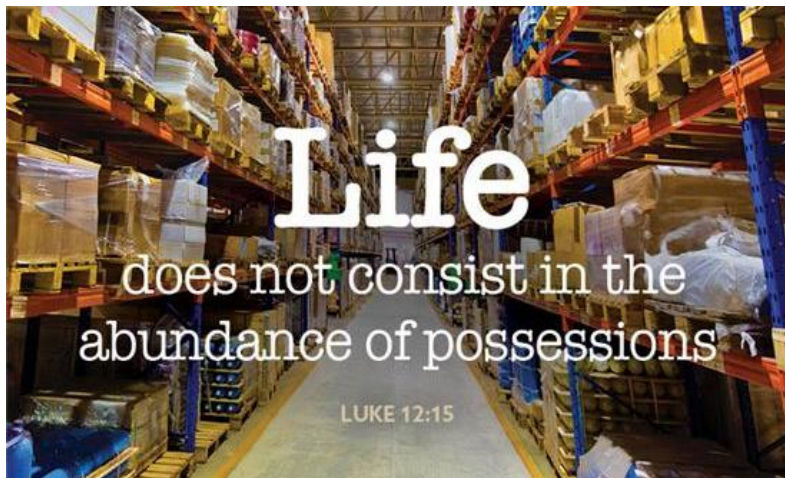




AUGUST 3, 2025
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

"ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN"

Music and lyrics: Matt Maher, Paul Moak, Trevor Morgan

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INVOCATION/CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

The Kyrie section consists of three staves of musical notation. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has the lyrics: "A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: B Lord, have mer - cy." Below the first staff, the Greek text "Lord, have mer - cy:" is written. The second staff has the lyrics: "A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: B Christ, have mer - cy." Below the second staff, the Greek text "Christ, have mer - cy:" is written. The third staff has the lyrics: "A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: B Lord, have mer - cy." Below the third staff, the Greek text "Lord, have mer - cy:" is written. The musical notation includes various note values, rests, and a repeat sign at the end of the third staff.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

¹ So if 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 the things that are above, not on the 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull 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, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR DAVID YOUNG

HYMN OF THE DAY

“AMAZING GRACE”

Music/lyrics: Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio

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OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE 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

Each petition will end with “God of grace” and the response will be “**Hear our prayer**”

GRADUATING SENIORS QUILT RECOGNITION AND BLESSING

SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

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MUSIC FOR REFLECTION- EVERYTHING, KAREN NGUYEN, SOLO

LET THE VINEYARDS

A musical score for the hymn 'Let the Vineyards'. It consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' which then changes to 4/4.

C Let the vine- yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u- nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



HOLY HOLY HOLY



JESUS' WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Table.

For the Lord Jesus is with us, and all are welcome!

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

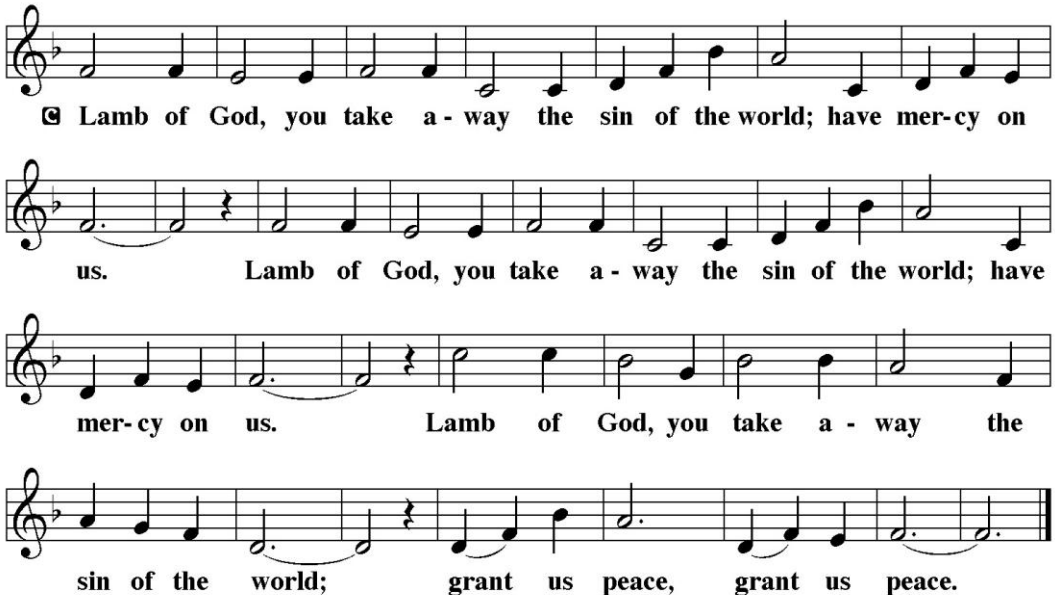
Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Everyone, regardless of age and denomination, is invited to join us for Holy Communion. If you prefer a blessing, simply inform the communion distributors. The ushers will direct your row when it is time to come forward.

You will receive the bread from the first Holy Communion distributor. You will pick up the cup of wine or juice from the tray held by the second distributor. For those who need gluten free a pre-packaged **gluten-free** wafer and a cup of **grape juice is also available.**

Once you have communed, you are invited to return to your seat for silent reflection or singing.

LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

"HAVE IT ALL"

Music/lyrics: Bobby Strand, Brian Johnson, et al

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.

In the name of the ✝ Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“JESUS AT THE CENTER”

Music/lyrics Adam Ranney, Israel Houghton, Micah Massey

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DISMISSAL

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

We hope every person felt welcomed here, especially our guests. We trust that our time together has filled you with a sense of joy and peace, and we invite you to return soon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 GRADUATES!



Micah Carlson

Micah is planning on majoring in Electrical Engineering; his goal is to design and build robots, like drones or protocol robots.



Jerry Fisher

After graduation, Jerry was hired as a full time employee at Schenck Foods where he works as a driver helper for a food delivery service. Schenck's has offered to put Jerry through CDL school and assist him in acquiring his CDL after which he would be hired on to drive for Schenck's. He continues to provide lawn care services in the area on a part-time basis. He has some long term future plans that he is still currently considering.



Lindsay Massey

Lindsay is going to Marshall University to study nursing. She wants to specialize in cardiology and be a travel nurse.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO OUR GRADUATING COLLEGE SENIORS

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