

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost + August 3, 2025 + 9:00 am



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***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***  
***We are so glad you are here!***

*Hymns marked as ELW may be found in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal and hymns marked as WOV may be found in the blue With One Voice hymnal. Assembly responses are in **bold typeface**.*

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**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

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  $\text{†}$  Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

## Gathering Song

*"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" ELW #735*



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413

Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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## 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**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.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading

**Hosea 11:1-11**

*Hosea compares God's love for Israel to the love parents have for their children. Whether teaching toddlers to walk or dealing with a child's rebellion, good parents continue to love their children as they try to lead them to life. In the same way, God's love will not let Israel go.*

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup> The more I called them, the further they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and they burned incense to idols. <sup>3</sup> Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup> I led them with bands of human kindness, with cords of love. I treated them like those who lift infants to their cheeks; I bent down to them and fed them.

<sup>5</sup> They will return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria will be their king, because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup> The sword will strike wildly in their cities; it will consume the bars of their gates and will take everything because of their schemes. <sup>7</sup> My people are bent on turning away from me; and though they cry out to the Most High, he will not raise them up.

<sup>8</sup> How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart winces within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

<sup>9</sup> I won't act on the heat of my anger; I won't return to destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a human being, the holy one in your midst; I won't come in harsh judgment. <sup>10</sup> They will walk after the Lord, who roars like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west. <sup>11</sup> They will come trembling like a bird, and like a dove from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

*At the conclusion of the reading, the assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 107:1-9, 43**

We give thanks to you, LORD, for your wonderful works. (*Ps. 107:8*)

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good, for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup> gathering them in | from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

<sup>4</sup> **Some wandered in | desert wastes;  
they found no path to a city where | they might dwell.**

<sup>5</sup> They were hun- | gry and thirsty; their spirits lan- | guished within them.

<sup>6</sup> **Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from | their distress.**

<sup>7</sup> You led them | on a straight path to go to a city where | they might dwell.

<sup>8</sup> **Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love  
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

<sup>9</sup> For you satisfy the | thirsty soul and fill the hungry | with good things.

<sup>43</sup> **Whoever is wise will pon- | der these things,  
and consider well the LORD's | steadfast love.**

## **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.*

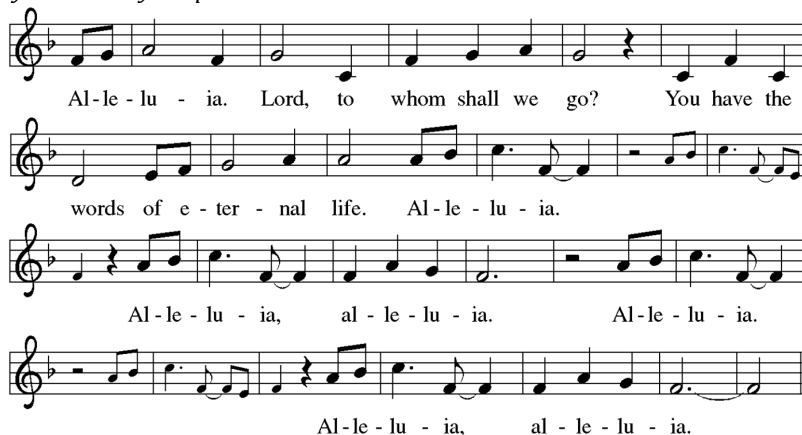
Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. <sup>2</sup> Think about the things above and not things on earth. <sup>3</sup> You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. <sup>7</sup> You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. <sup>8</sup> But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. <sup>9</sup> Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices <sup>10</sup> and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. <sup>11</sup> In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

*At the conclusion of the reading, the assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly may rise in body or spirit.*



## Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**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.*

Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?"

<sup>15</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy." <sup>16</sup> Then he told

them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. <sup>17</sup> He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! <sup>18</sup> Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. <sup>19</sup> I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' <sup>21</sup> This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

*"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" ELW #775*



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has  
 can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be  
 Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;  
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
 saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.  
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## Prayers of Intercession

*The Assisting Minister leads the prayers of the people for the church, the world, and all people in need.*

*Each petition ends with: God of grace, **receive our prayer.***

We remember our homebound members and all who have asked for our prayers: Erna Joswig Joyce Owens, Dorothy Popadic, Pat Quale, Mario Miranda, Lynda, Estie Marnell, Tim LaPointe, Michelle Haws, Sheila Fair, Cherie Julius, Lynn Hooper, Randy Weit, Merlin Gandrud, Chuck Julius, Aimee and Mark Hooper, Missy Hoffman, Mary Scruggs, Linda Losito, Anne Maley, Judi and Larry Krebs, and the families of Darlene Sorensen, Marie Miller, the Rev. Dr. Harvard Stephens, and Sandy Monefeldt.

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offering



*There are many ways to give to support Redeemer! You may place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed, you may mail your offering to the church office, you can even text to give by texting the amount you wish to give to 262.592.5757, then follow the prompts. You may also scan the code to the left with your smartphone's camera to give on our website ([www.racinelcredeemer.com](http://www.racinelcredeemer.com)). **Thank you for your generosity!***

## Offering Song



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;  
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is  
ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is  
ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931  
Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949  
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## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. 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.  
Amen.**

## 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.**

*The Presiding Minister continues:*

Blessed be your name, Father most holy,...

.... joining the unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presiding Minister prays giving thanks to God, for God's saving work throughout history.*

*The Assembly responds when prompted:*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The prayer concludes with: Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*Feel free to pray this Ecumenical Lord's Prayer, or the more traditional version, or heck, pray it in a different language if you know it!*

**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.**

## Invitation to Communion

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

## Distribution of Communion

*If you are worshipping with us at home, you are invited to partake in Communion as well! All you need is bread of any kind and wine or juice of any kind. As you receive the bread: 'This is the Body of Christ given for you.' As you receive the wine or juice: 'This is the Blood of Christ shed for you.' If you are worshipping with more than one person, please serve one another as you able using the above words.*



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, Lamb of God.



## Distribution Song

*"One Bread, One Body" ELW #496*

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
 bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
 through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.  
 1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,  
*Refrain*  
 wom-an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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## Table Blessing

### Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. 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. Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

### Blessing

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. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

*"Go to the World" ACS #991*

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Serving Today**

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Linda Petersen <i>In Memory of Parents, George &amp; Mary Caynak</i>
<b>Usher:</b>	Jim Kasproovich
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Lori Rennock
<b>Readers:</b>	Nancy Vandewinckel
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Jan Brandies & Jennfier Dustman
<b>Musician:</b>	Paul Berge
<b>Pastor:</b>	The Rev. John Bischoff

## **This Week @ Redeemer**

**Tuesday:** National Night Out! – 5-8pm  
**Sunday:** Worship – 9am

## ***Celebrations this Week***

**Birthdays:** Cindy Lieungh (8/3), Bryan George (8/5),  
Matt James (8/6)

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221  
Friday, August 8, 2025**

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

## **Pastor Matt will be away through August 8th:**

This week Pastor Matt travels to Durham, North Carolina for Association of Lutheran Church Musician's Conference at Duke University, he will return on August 8th.

During this week, Pastors Allison Johnson and John Bischoff will be covering any pastoral care needs.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor John's cell phone (262.914.4246) to be connected with whomever will be on duty.

