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## ***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***

August 3, 2025

### **THE WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM In-Person & Zoom**

*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.*

### **WELCOME**

Announcements & Prelude

#### **\* A Call to Worship**

P: We have been given so much, O God, yet we so often seek even more.

**C: Help us to do away with the foolishness of greed.**

P: We have stored up so much for ourselves, O God, yet we have stored up for ourselves those things that will never last.

**C: Help us to store up for ourselves the treasures that will last in heaven.**

P: We have congratulated ourselves for the work we have done, O God, yet we have so often forgotten to thank you for all that you have done for us.

**C: Help us to give thanks.**

P: We have made plans for our lives on our own, O God, without consulting you.

**C: Help us to ask you what you would have us to do and to be open to your leading. Amen**

\* Confession and Forgiveness

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept 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 655

## “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

\* Greeting

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.

## \* Kyrie

(Setting 7 – Page 175)

S 175



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -  
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -  
Christ, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros,  
mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad;  
us;

ten pie - dad  
O . . . Lord,

de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer - cy.

\* Gloria

(Setting 7 – Page 176)

S 176

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

\* 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.**

First Lesson: *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:28-23*

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: *Psalms 49:1-12*

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, | all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,

<sup>2</sup> **you of high de- | gree and low,  
rich and | poor together.**

<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

<sup>4</sup> **I will incline my ear | to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.**

<sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in | evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,  
<sup>6</sup> **the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,  
and boast of | their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup> One can never re- | deem another,  
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;  
<sup>8</sup> **for the ransom of a life | is so great  
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup> in order to live forev- | er and ever  
and never | see the grave.

<sup>10</sup> **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they  
Perish and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.**

<sup>11</sup> Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from  
generation to | generation,  
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.

<sup>12</sup> **Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;  
they are like the | beasts that perish.**

## Second Lesson: *Colossians 3:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have 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> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> 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! Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### \* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 7 – Page 179)

S 179a

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!*  
*al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 12:13-21*

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> 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.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> 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?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Swanson

**Hymn 1062**

**“Build a Longer Table”**



## Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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\* 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.**

The Prayer of the Church

\* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord  
Anthem

Organ Voluntary

\* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\* The Offertory  
Hymn

**“Bring a Gift of Love”--Mary Kay Bottens**

**Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.  
Bring an offering to our Lord and King, tell the world he is the Way!  
Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.  
In this quiet hour of worship, bring a gift of love.**

\* Offertory Prayer

L: 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.**

\* The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right .....and join their unending hymn:

(Holy, Holy Holy)

(Setting 7 – Page 181)

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

(Setting 7 – Page 182)

S 182

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros,      ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,      have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros,      ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,      have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz,      da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace,      grant us your peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

\* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

\* The Prayer after Communion

L: 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**

\* 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 Hymn 716**

**“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”**

\* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Postlude**

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*In Bread and Wine our Lord Jesus meets us and we receive His Body and Blood given and shed for our forgiveness. It is a meal of love, forgiveness and renewal. If you are visiting with us today and are a baptized Christian and desire to commune, please do come to the table of the Lord. Children and youth who have not received instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament are cordially invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please come toward as directed by ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.*

**Lectors for our Services**

This Sunday, August 3 – Devon Swanson

Wednesday, August 6 – Lydia Martin

Next Sunday, August 10 – Sally Buser

Next Wednesday, August 13 – Rae Ann Smith

**August Ushers** – Ed & Lita Havens

**Organist** – Rae Ann Smith

**A/V** – Kathy, Dave, Joyce

**Save the Date! The Executive Council has designated August 24th as 'Ice Cream Sunday'.** *“Live music provided by RAGS.”* Everyone is invited to an ice cream social in the upper kitchen and the Pavilion (weather permitting) **starting at 6 PM.** There will be assorted flavors of ice cream with waffle cones as well as various syrups and toppings to make your own sundae if you prefer. *Please bring a donation for the food pantry, back-to-school items, or 'stock the shelves' supplies. Monetary offerings will also be accepted during the event to replenish our reserves following the expense of repairing our roof.* What better way to say 'goodbye' to summer? **Look for sign-up in the main narthex!**

**Thanks to everyone who has kept the donations coming for the LaVale Food Pantry!** For the month of August, we'd like to encourage you to donate breakfast/granola bars. We also welcome any other unopened and unexpired non-perishable food items.

**We have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary.** If you are having problems hearing our service, please ask the usher for a receiver.

**Hope that you have picked up your name tags** from the board in the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please return to the board when leaving. Thanks

**Garden News!** We are now harvesting from the garden. This week we took herbs, cucumbers, onions, kale, beans, zucchini, and black raspberries to the food bank. Soon we hope to add peppers and tomatoes. **Please help us by donating gallon and quart size zip bags so that we can package family size portions. Don't forget!** Garden classes continue on the first Saturday of each month through September.

**This week –**

This Sunday –Worship - 10:00am, followed by Adult SCS

Wednesday – Worship Service – 6:30pm

Thursday – Kennel Club – 6:00pm

**Friday – Crafts – 10:00am in the upper kitchen**

Next Sunday, Worship – 10:00am

**Mission and Generosity has put their Listening Circle box** on the table in the main narthex. There is pencils and paper by the box. Please make any suggestions for the topics that you would like to discuss. Thanks

**Church Yard Sale –** Thanks to everyone who help in any way with this huge sale!!! Our final total with \$2,754.83. This would not have been possible without the help of you!!! Most of the items left after the sale were donated to the Habitat Store in LaVale, so your donated items keep helping someone. Fundraising is planning a smaller Christmas sale in October. If you have Christmas decorations that you were not able to bring before, this may be the time. Thanks again! Shirley

## LAST WEEK'S REPORT – July 27, 2025

Attendance In-Person 10:00am =	51	Adult SCS =	13
Zoom 10:00am =	13		
Wed. July 30 In-Person 6:30pm =	10		
Zoom 6:30pm =	5		

### BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2025

Received	=	\$4,021.00
Needed weekly =		<u>4,044.04</u>
	(	23.04)

### BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-JUNE 2025

Actual Income =	\$102,324.03
Actual Expenses =	( <u>110,021.15</u> )
	( \$ 7,697.12 )

**Looking for Lady Singers (Barber Shop Style)** They meet very Friday at 11:00am here at Christ Lutheran Church. If interested, call 814-324-4304 for more information.

## **PARK PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

### **80 National Highway**

### **LaVale, MD 21502**

**IS COLLECTING school supplies, shoes, socks and underwear for local elementary schools and Westernport Elementary.**

**Supplies can be dropped off at the church on Tuesday mornings between 10:30 and 12:30 or Sunday morning between 11 am and 12:30 pm.**

**Collection till August 31<sup>st</sup>.**



## PRAYER LIST FOR AUGUST 3, 2025

### PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

**Gail Dawson**  
**Jane Miller**  
**Gary Llewellyn**  
**Dianne Short**  
**Laura Crabtree**  
**Jack Zealand**  
**Mitzie & Jerry Robinette**  
**Barbara Martin**  
**Patty Wilson**  
**Ed Havens**  
**Clem Dawson**  
**Dave & Lisa Ahern**  
**Kim Shoemaker**  
**Fay Crawford**  
**David LaBuda**  
**Bill & MarySue Crawford**  
**Rosey & Becky McIntyre**  
**Jonathan and Danielle Ahern**  
**Tammy Faulkner**  
**Pam & Dave Judy**  
**David Tibbetts**  
**Joyce DeMonbrun**  
**Kathy Powell**  
**Sharon McKenzie**  
**Mary Lou Rowles**  
**Donna Yaider**  
**Laura Murray**  
**Anna Bruck**

### PRAYER RECIPIENT

<b>Christina Puffinburger</b>	<i>Requested by</i> Elwood & Janet Glass
<b>Raymond Garthwait, Stephen Overtoom</b>	Gail Dawson
<b>Charles Johnson, Barbara Williams</b>	Sharon M
<b>Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill</b>	Mitzie & Jerry
<b>Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker</b>	Mitzie & Jerry
<b>Nathan Winters</b>	Dianne Short
<b>Arlene Simmons. Amy, Ed Troutman, Jacie Fairall</b>	Barb Simmons
<b>Carl Chiarenza, Karen Mackert</b>	Paul & Ruth C
<b>Elise &amp; Henry Jack Balber</b>	Jack Zealand
<b>Trina, Trinity, Asia, Faith</b>	Debbie & Pam
<b>Cheryl Trusler</b>	Joyce D
<b>Cheri Bielen</b>	Jane Miller
<b>Baby Whetzel, Kevin Mistretta, Carolyn Farr, Kendra Morriss, Paula Rose</b>	Diane
<b>Dan Moore, Graham Tower, Lisa Storm, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford</b>	Diane K
<b>Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith</b>	Anne DeVaughn
<b>Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn</b>	Antoinette Royster
<b>Joy Kroeger-Mappes Carmen and Lance Jackson</b>	Antoinette Royster
<b>Mary Jane Robertson, Deb Kolb</b>	Shirley & Jim Smith
<b>Gretchen Burke</b>	Val & Gary Llewellyn
<b>Sally, Roger, James Tibbets</b>	Dave Tibbetts
<b>Andy Cocco</b>	John Cocco
<b>Taylor Neumann</b>	Lita Havens
<b>Dan Carr, Matt Doman</b>	Steven Hansrote
<b>Pam Highland</b>	Sherry T
<b>Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane</b>	Kristan Fazenbaker
<b>Mary Lou Dorsey</b>	Trina Firey
<b>Vic Werner</b>	Barbara Martin
<b>Belinda Keller</b>	Linda McCagh
<b>Madeline Lopes</b>	Al James
<b>Barbara Blough</b>	Janice & Dave LaBuda
<b>Galen Dean Krepps</b>	Lisa Ahern
<b>Jared McGensie, Stefan Twigg</b>	Patty Wilson and Rosey
<b>Shirley Vought</b>	Gretchen Dix

*Please keep us updated*

- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people of the Ukraine and all affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds



*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 3, 2025*