

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – July 25, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – July 26, 2020 – 8:15 am. Worship & Live-Streamed Worship
10:45 am. Worship



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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 907 “God Himself Is Present”



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. “Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
 ho - ly!” Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

LSB 203 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203 Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Confession of Sins

LSB 254 Alt.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 151 (Alt.) [John 20:19–23]

P Upon this, your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you. 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, by His authority, and by His command, I therefore forgive you “all your sins” in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 44

- P** ¹O God, we have heard with our ears,
our fathers have told us,
C **what deeds you performed in their days,
in the days of old:**
- P** ²you with your own hand drove out the nations,
but them you planted;
C **you afflicted the peoples,
but them you set free;**
- P** ³for not by their own sword did they win the land,
nor did their own arm save them,
C **but your right hand and your arm,**
P and the light of your face,
C **for you delighted in them.**
- P** ⁴You are my King, O God;
C **ordain salvation for Jacob!**
- P** ⁵Through you we push down our foes;
C **through your name we tread down those who rise up against us.**
- P** ⁶For not in my bow do I trust,
C **nor can my sword save me.**
- P** ⁷But you have saved us from our foes
C **and have put to shame those who hate us.**
- P** ⁸In God we have boasted continually,
C **and we will give thanks to your name forever.**
- P** ⁹But you have rejected us and disgraced us
C **and have not gone out with our armies.**
- P** ¹⁰You have made us turn back from the foe,
C **and those who hate us have gotten spoil.**
- P** ¹¹You have made us like sheep for slaughter
C **and have scattered us among the nations.**
- P** ¹²You have sold your people for a trifle,
C **demanding no high price for them.**
- P** ¹³You have made us the taunt of our neighbors,
C **the derision and scorn of those around us.**
- P** ¹⁴You have made us a byword among the nations,
C **a laughingstock among the peoples.**
- P** ¹⁵All day long my disgrace is before me,
C **and shame has covered my face**
- P** ¹⁶at the sound of the taunter and reviler,
C **at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.**
- P** ¹⁷All this has come upon us,
though we have not forgotten you,
C **and we have not been false to your covenant.**
- P** ¹⁸Our heart has not turned back,
C **nor have our steps departed from your way;**
- P** ¹⁹yet you have broken us in the place of jackals
C **and covered us with the shadow of death.**
- P** ²⁰If we had forgotten the name of our God
C **or spread out our hands to a foreign god,**
- P** ²¹would not God discover this?
C **For he knows the secrets of the heart.**
- P** ²²Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long;
C **we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.**

P 23 Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?
C **Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!**
P 24 Why do you hide your face?
C **Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?**
P 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
C **our belly clings to the ground.**
P 26 Rise up; come to our help!
C **Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!**
All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn # 727 "On Eagles' Wings"



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!"
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 Near you it shall not come.
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

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⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 8:28-39

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²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

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

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] *“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

⁴⁵*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

⁴⁷*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

⁵¹*“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, *“Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn # 743 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,
Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!
Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.
Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my
naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
 For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father,
 Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

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Sermon *“Promises That Settle the Soul”* Romans 8:28-39

Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn # 806 *“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”*

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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Prayer of the Church

Responses:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, who taught us to pray;

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

Benediction

- 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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Chorus: **Just a closer walk with Thee**
 Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
 Daily walking close to Thee
 Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 1. I am weak, but Thou art strong;**
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
- 2. Through this world of toil and snares,**
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. Chorus
- 3. When my feeble life is o'er.**
Time for me will be no more;
On that bright eternal shore
I will walk, dear Lord, close to Thee. Chorus

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