



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prayer on entering church:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Father, We Thank Thee

Dennis Janzer

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN** (*please rise and sing*)

**See This Wonder in the Making**

Hymnal p. 593

**See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.**

**Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"**

**Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place him, With Your love and peace embrace  
him.**

**Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature, Now  
God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.**

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**BAPTISM**

Hymnal p. 269

**Abraham Jayce Kocher**

**INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymnal p. 790

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!**

**Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,**

**Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!**

**All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!**

**Let the Amen Sound from His people again;**

**Gladly forever adore Him!**

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## COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: 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.**

## FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

L: The first reading is from Ecclesiastes chapter one.

*Life is much more than possessions.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

**Psalm 100**

L: Know that the Lord, He is God!

It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

**C: Know that the Lord, He is God!**

**It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

**C: Know that the Lord, He is God!**

**It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**C: Know that the Lord, He is God!**

**It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

L: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

**C: Know that the Lord, He is God!**

**It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

**A: 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.**

## **SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1–11

L: The second reading is from chapter three of Colossians.

*In Baptism, our old selves were buried with Christ; therefore, God wills that our new self reflect His goodness in our lives.*

*Following the reading.*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 12:13–21

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke chapter twelve.

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

*Jesus teaches the importance of being rich toward God.*

*Following the reading...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>2</sup>**

**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 OF THE DAY**

**Son of God, Eternal Savior**

**Hymnal p. 842**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For Your own will ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of  
Peace;**

**Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.**

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## **SERMON<sup>3</sup>**

## **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

## VOLUNTARY

Be Thou My Vision

Emma Lou Diemer

## OFFERING SONG

**Take My Life and Let it Be**

Hymnal p. 783 sts. 1,4 &6

**Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days. Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold. Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**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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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is being celebrated in today's service. In preparation for that, please be reminded that the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are not merely representations or symbols of Jesus' body and blood but Jesus' body and blood sacrificed on the cross are present in, with, and under the bread and wine (The Real Presence). How is this possible? This is beyond human understanding, but we remember that with God all things are possible. This truth is a divine mystery instituted by Jesus, taught by his Apostles, fervently held by the Christian church, and one in which we participate through faith. To be properly prepared to receive this sacrament, you must

- 1) Recognize that you have indeed sinned against God and other people and are accountable to God for those sins;
- 2) Be sorry (repentant) for those sins;
- 3) Believe that in this sacrament Jesus bestows forgiveness, life, and salvation; and
- 4) Sincerely desire to live a godly life from this point forward.

If you are not a member of Christ Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor before receiving communion here for the first time. If you choose to come forward to receive a blessing rather than the Lord's Supper, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

## **PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

### **SANCTUS**

Hymnal p. 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 INSTITUTION**

### **PAX DOMINI**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you in all ways.

**C: Amen.**

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
 Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
 All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
 Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
 Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
 All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
 Thy peace be with us O Jesus! O Jesus!

**Prayer before communing:** Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Form a line at the communion rail starting at the left side. When the line is half full, begin filling it in from the right side. When invited, approach the rail and kneel/stand. If you want to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, let the worship assistant know as he comes by with the wafers. After communion, exit through the right doorway, place individual communion cups in the tray, and proceed down the stairs back to your seat.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

**Renew Me, O Eternal Light**

Hymnal p. 704

**Renew me, O eternal Light,  
 And let my heart and soul be bright,  
 Illumined with the light of grace  
 That issues from Your holy face.  
 Remove the pow'r of sin from me  
 And cleanse all my impurity  
 That I may have the strength and will**

**Temptations of the flesh to still.  
Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire,  
and with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only You may love  
and seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face,  
O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

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## **VOLUNTARY**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Lynn L. Petersen

## **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

**Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

Hymnal p. 660

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus! Ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss:  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry, His army shall He lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The trumpet call obey:  
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day;  
Ye that are men now serve Him against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength alone,  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own;  
Put on the gospel armor, and watching unto prayer,  
Where calls the voice of duty, be never wanting there.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song;  
To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.**

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**Prayer after worship:** Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

**To God Be the Glory**

**Robert Lau**

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: “Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God’s commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word.” (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

## **OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ONLINE VIEWERS**

For those worshipping with us online and those sheltering in place, we encourage you to bring your tithes and offerings to the church office open M-F mornings from 9-12, or mail your check in to church, or for those who bank online, simply instruct your bank to send us a check in the mail.

We all owe God our tithes and offerings and we encourage everyone to continue in the joy that is found in faithful financial stewardship. Thank you.

**HOME COMMUNION:** Christ Lutheran is providing Home Communion Packages with individually wrapped wafers and wine cups. These packages are to be distributed to those who are institutionalized or remain at home on Sundays. Your help getting these packages out is needed. Talk to Pastor if you’d like to help.

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