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## **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost August 3, 2025**



**AS WE GATHER**

### **Living a New Life**

Golfers enjoy getting a mulligan—a free shot or do-over. As we look back on our lives, we sometimes see times that we wish we could go back to and have a mulligan. We would like to be able to go back and make a different decision or fix a mistake we made. We cannot turn back time. God gives us something better. He gives us a new life—a fresh start that we get to celebrate every day as we remember our Baptism and the riches God gives us.

**PRELUDE  
WELCOME**

*"Bunessan," arranged by Charles Calahan*

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**HYMN**      "God Himself is Present"      #907

*Please stand as you are able.*

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:**      In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 24:1–2; 127:2; 147:9; Matthew 6:26;  
James 1:17; Exodus 20:3; Colossians 3:5–6*

**Pastor:**      The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

**People:**      **He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.**

**Pastor:**      Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

**People:**      **It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.**

**Pastor:**      Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

**People:**      **The First Commandment reminds us, "You shall have no other gods before Me."**

**Pastor:**      Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

**People:**      **On account of these the wrath of God is coming.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:**      Almighty God,

**People:**      **You are the giver of everything we have. Yet, we are guilty of coveting the possessions, experiences, and social standing of others. We sin by valuing these things above You. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins. Renew us in Your knowledge and conform us to Your image by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). We receive the riches of God’s forgiveness because of Jesus. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **☩ WORD ☩**

### **KYRIE**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Christ, have mercy on us.

**People: Christ, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.  
Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE     *pew hymnal 204***

♪To God on high be glory; And peace to all the earth;  
Good-will from God in heaven; Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing;  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.

To You, O sole-be-gotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior; You take our sins a-way.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,  
Where You in Pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever; Be worshipped and adored.  
You with the Holy Spirit; A-lone are Lord Most High;  
In God the Father’s glory; “A-men”! our glad re-ply.

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You have set us free and made us a new creation, renewed in knowledge after the image of our creator. Empower us to live this new life in our families, with our friends, and to eat, drink, and find enjoyment in all the riches You graciously give us; for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26  
(*Enjoying your work is a gift from God.*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** Colossians 3:1-11 (*Live as the people you are in Christ.*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**VERSE** Colossians 3:23-24a

Pastor: Alleluia.

**People: Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.**

Pastor: Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 12:13-21 (*Trust in the Giver of all that is good.*)

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

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

*The Gospel is read.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**NICENE CREED** (*found on the last page of your pew hymnal*)

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN** "Take my Life and Let It Be"

#783

**SERMON** "Seeking the Good Life" Luke 12:13-21

Rev. Lieb

*Please remain seated for the prayers.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** Open to Hymn #851

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**HYMN** "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" #851 v1

**Pastor:** Lord of Glory, You created this world and everything in it, and You continue to rule over it. We praise and thank You for being our Good Shepherd who daily and richly provides for us. Thank You for laying down Your life for us and taking it back up again. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**HYMN** "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" #851 v2

**Pastor:** Almighty God, we praise and thank You for all the blessings You generously give us. We thank You for our families, friends, opportunities, vocations, and possessions. Lead us to be good stewards of all that You place into our hands. Guard our hearts against selfishness, arrogance, and pride. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**HYMN** "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" #851 v3

**Pastor:** Gracious God, You promised Abram that You would bless him to be a blessing. We, too, are truly blessed as we freely receive the riches of Your kingdom. We praise and thank You for the riches of Your Word and the forgiveness we graciously receive at Your Table. Empower us by Your love to care for the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the needy. We pray now for all who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit, especially Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian, Debbie and Rosalyn. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**HYMN** "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" #851 v4

**Pastor:** Glorious Lord, we praise and thank You for calling us by the Gospel, enlightening us with Your gifts, and sanctifying and keeping us in the one true faith. We pray for those in our families, workplaces, and neighborhoods who are near to us but far from You. Pour Your love, mercy, and grace into their lives and bring them to faith in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we lift these prayers to You, trusting in Your mercy to hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will. In Your glorious name, we pray.

**People: Amen.**

## **OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

*"Simple Gifts," arranged by Gregg Sewell*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

### **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly, good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely give to us and to all creation. Above all, we give thanks for showing Your love to us when You sent Your one and only Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid our sin on Him, putting to death all that is earthly in us. As He died, we have died and our life is hidden in Him. As He is risen, we, too, shall rise and see Him when He appears again in glory. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### **SANCTUS**

*pew hymnal #208*

♪ Ho-ly; ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth 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!

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** We give You thanks, O Lord our God, King of the universe, that though You were seated at the right hand of God You descended to earth and put on our humanity to raise us to new life through Your divinity. You gave Your life and took it back again so that we might live life eternally. As we gather in Your name, set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Forgive, renew, and strengthen us in knowledge after the image of our creator. Nourish and strengthen us as we gather at Your Table to dine on Your body and blood, which was given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. Gather us together from every tribe, nation, language, and tongue as we wait for Your appearing. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen**

## **AGNUS DEI**

*pew hymnal #210*

♪ O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated.*

**DISTRIBUTION** *"Pastorale on 'My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread'," arranged by  
Franklin D. Ashdown*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *pew hymnal #211*

♪ O Lord, now let Your servant, depart in heav'nly peace.  
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace;  
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill;  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, is now shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

## **POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us the gifts  
of life, forgiveness, and salvation through Your one and only  
Son. Set our hearts on things above, not on the things of this  
earth, so that when Your Son appears again, we will also  
appear with Him in glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** "Praise and Thanksgiving" #789

**POSTLUDE** *"Festive," by Keith Christopher*