

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost- August 3, 2025 PAX

## Living a New Life

### As We Gather

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.

### "We Believe"

Verse: In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear.  
There is only one foundation: we believe, we believe.  
In this broken generation, when all is dark You help us see.  
There is only one salvation, we believe, we believe.

Chorus: We believe in God, the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's givin' us new life.  
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered  
death.  
We believe in the resurrection, and He's comin' back again. We  
believe.

Verse: Let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we  
sing.  
And in our weakness and temptations, we believe. We believe!

Chorus: We believe in God, the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's givin' us new life.  
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered  
death.  
We believe in the resurrection, and He's comin' back again.

Bridge: Let the lost be found and the dead be raised in the here and now  
let love invade.  
Let the church live loud; our God will say, "we believe, we  
believe."  
And the gates of hell will not prevail for the power of God has torn  
the veil.  
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe, we believe.

Chorus: We believe in God, the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's givin' us new life.  
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered

death.

We believe in the resurrection, and He's comin' back, He's comin'  
back again.  
He's comin' back again. We believe, we believe.

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Almighty God,

**C** 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.

**P** “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.

**C** Amen.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–21*

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

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? 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 about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

## Epistle

*Colossians 3:1–3*

<sup>1</sup>If then 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 things that are above, not on 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 appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:13–21*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear 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, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

## Apostles’ Creed

**☩ 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.**

## Children's Message

### "I Lift My Hands"

Verse:           Be still; there is a healer. His love is deeper than the sea.  
                    His mercy is unfailing, His arms, a fortress for the weak.  
                    Let faith arise, let faith arise.

Chorus:          I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge. You are are  
my strength.  
                    As I pour out my heart these things I remember; You are faithful,  
God forever.

Verse:           Be still there is a river that flows from Calvary's tree.  
                    A fountain for the thirsty, Your grace that washes over me.  
                    Let faith arise, (let faith arise), let faith arise, (let faith arise).

Chorus:          I left my hands to believe again. You are my refuge. You are my  
strength.  
                    As I pour out my heart these things I remember; You are faithful,  
God, forever.

Bridge:          Let faith arise, (let faith arise.) Open my eyes, (open my eyes)  
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Chorus:          I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge. You are my  
strength.  
                    As I pour out my heart these things I remember; You are faithful,  
God, forever.  
                    I lift my hands to believe again. You are my refuge. You are my  
strength.  
                    As I pour out my heart these things I remember; You are faithful,  
God, You're faithful, God, forever.  
                    Let faith arise, let faith arise.

## Sermon

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## Offering

"God You're So Good"

Verse:           Amazing love that welcomes me, the kindness of mercy that bought  
with blood wholeheartedly, my soul undeserving

Chorus:           God, You're so good. God, You're so good. God, You're so good,  
You're so good to me.

Verse:           Behold the cross, age to age and hour by hour. The dead are  
raised, the sinner saved, the work of Your power.

Chorus:           God, You're so good. God, You're so good. God, You're so good,  
You're so good to me.

Chorus:           God, You're so good. God, You're so good. God, You're so good,  
You're so good to me/

Bridge:           I am blessed, I am called, I am healed, I am whole. I am saved in  
Jesus' name.

                    Highly favored, anointed, filled with Your power for the glory of  
Jesus' name.

                    I am blessed, I am called. I am healed, I am whole. I am saved  
in Jesus' name.

                    Highly favored, anointed, filled with Your power for the glory of  
Jesus' name.

Verse:           And should this life bring suffering. Lord, I will remember what  
Calvary has bought for me both now and forever.

Chorus:           God, You're so good. God, You're so good. God, You're so good,  
You're so good to me.

                    God, You're so good. God, You're so good. God, You're so good,  
You're so good to me.

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## Prayers of the Church

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## 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** Amen.

## "Only King Forever"

Verse: Our God and firm foundation, our Rock, the only solid ground, the  
nations rise and fall.  
Kingdoms once strong, now shaken, we trust forever in Your name,  
the name of Jesus.  
We trust the name of Jesus.

Chorus: You are the only King forever. Almighty God, we lift You higher.  
You are the only King forever. Forevermore You are victorious.  
You are the only King forever. Almighty God, we lift You higher.  
You are the only King forever. Forevermore You are victorious.

Verse: Unmatched in all Your wisdom. In love and justice You will reign  
and every knee will bow.  
We bring our expectations. Our hope is anchored in Your name,  
the name of Jesus.  
We trust the name of Jesus.

Chorus: You are the only King forever. Almighty God, we lift You higher.  
You are the only King forever. Forevermore You are victorious.

You are the only King forever. Almighty God, we lift You higher.  
You are the only King forever. Forevermore You are victorious.

Bridge: We lift our banner high. We lift the name of Jesus.  
From age to age You reign. Your kingdom has no end.  
We lift our banner high. We lift the name of Jesus.  
From age to age You reign. Your kingdom has no end.

Chorus: You are the only King forever. Almighty God, we lift You higher.  
You are the only King forever. Forevermore You are victorious.  
You are the only King forever. Almighty God, we lift You higher.  
You are the only King forever. Forevermore You are victorious.

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