

† *Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We invite you to journey with us as we explore the life of faith together. At First Lutheran all are welcome in every aspect of our congregational life. We believe that worship is central to our life together. God empowers us to live out our purpose which is to share his word and the promise of salvation.*



**EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, August 4, 2019
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 449
"We Know That Christ is Raised" (vs. 1, 2)

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

God of mercy,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against one another and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us + all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news. **C: AMEN.**

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 449
"We Know That Christ is Raised" (vs. 3, 4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PSALM 49:1-12

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

C: you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

C: I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

C: the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?

One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

C: for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,

in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

C: For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

C: Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:1-11

1So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. 5Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Here ends the second lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Page 151

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

3Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15And 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.” 16Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ 18Then 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. 19And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ 20But 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?’ 21So 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 Joyce Tollefson Capp

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 720 “We Are Called”

CREED

C: We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life. We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe. We believe in the Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally. We believe in God’s resurrection created world, where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies. We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three, We believe in God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

RECEIVING OF OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN No. 686 “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (vs. 1, 2)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

At one meal, Jesus and his friends talked about many important things. They had a chance to take the time to remember all the things that God had done in the world – in the beauty of creation and in relationship with people. They had time to say thanks to God. At this meal, Jesus talked about how much God loves people and how sad it is when people don’t live the way God wants us to live. Jesus showed us by example how we should live in a way that pleases God. And then he took some bread from the table. Ordinary

bread - bread much like we have on our table - bread that fills hungry stomachs! Jesus took this bread, and gave thanks to God. Then he did a surprising thing - He ripped the bread apart, and he talked to his friends about the way his own body would be broken.

And later, after the meal had finished, Jesus took a cup with some wine in it. He lifted the cup to give thanks to God who provides for our needs. Jesus spoke about the way that his own life would be poured out, like the wine from the cup, for the sake of others.

And Jesus said to his friends: every time you eat this bread, and every time you drink from this cup, remember me. Jesus wanted his friends to remember the way Jesus had lived his life, and to copy his way of living. The ordinary things – bread and wine– that we have almost every day of our lives; will always be a reminder to us to live our lives in the way Jesus showed us.

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We break the bread. Even though there are many pieces of the bread it is all one loaf. This reminds us that even though there are many of us we are all one community. We share this wine It reminds us that God’s love is poured out for us.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMNS 487, 479, 492

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: God of Communion and Community, Bind us together as a people. May our differences enrich, not divide us. May we share our brokenness with patience, grace and forgiveness, that we may be a community that brings healing and wholeness. This is asked in unity with Christ. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

BENEDICTION

P: Worship is almost over but the week is just beginning. God goes with us into our week –wherever we are. Go out into the world, loving each other, and looking after the beautiful creation God has given us. Remember, God made you and loves you. May we become more like Jesus and show God’s love to all people. May God’s Spirit grant us courage to follow Jesus.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN No. 548 “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME! Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today. We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. **Apple juice is available upon request.**

The Worship Radio Broadcast today is sponsored in memory of Karl Arthur Henriksen by Paul & Kristy Henriksen and family.

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Deb Smith; Dean Dickerson, son of Joyce Kunz and brother of Cristy Appel; the family of Karen & Ron Hellie on the passing of Karen's sister, Betty; the family of Audrey & Bob Hubner on the passing of Audrey's brother, Harlan and Bob Hubner's father, as he deals with health issues.

Stewardship Quote:

Ecclesiastes 2:22-23 – What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 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. “The lie of more” – that more wealth or possessions will bring us happiness – is often the culprit whispering in our ears to work a little longer, a little harder, and ever more efficiently. Ecclesiastes made this teaching clear almost a thousand years before Jesus taught the parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:13-21).



This Week's Schedule - August 4, 2019

Today

9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday

5:00pm - Adult Ed Comm meeting

Wednesday

6:00pm Confirmation

Thursday

9:30am - Quilting 4-5:00pm - Second Harvest

Friday

4:00pm - Fehrman/Bakker Wedding rehearsal

Saturday

4:00pm - Fehrman/Bakker Wedding

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

Morning Prayer:

Loving God, as I embark on the adventure of this new day, I will imagine you as walking with me throughout my day. Guide me along the path wherever this day take me. Help me not to fear failure or worry that I am not good enough or have enough. Remind me that you daily provide for me. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Thank you God for the gift of this day. Thank you for brining me home to you. As I fall asleep, I will consider your steadfast love for me and all of creation. You are rich toward me and I am rich toward you. Grant me rest and grant me sleep. Amen.

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Ushers .	Rollie Wolff, Tom Willey, Creighton Schroyer, Austin Carpenter
Sound.....	Neil Johnson & Mike Straw
Communion Assistant.....	Paul Johnson

2019 July Offering

Operating	\$	17,800.00
Mortgage Principal	\$	4,400.00
Income Needed	\$	22,200.00
Weekly Offering - July 7	\$	3,371.00
Weekly Offering - July 14	\$	7,027.00
Weekly Offering - July 21	\$	1,517.00
Weekly Offering - July 28	\$	3,226.00
Total Monthly Offering	\$	15,141.00

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