

## Pentecost 8– August 3, 2025

**Prelude**    *Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Prelude is played.*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Confession and Absolution

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- L    Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**C    Amen.**
- L    Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C    Amen.**
- L    Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- L    In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C    Amen.**

### Children's Sermon

### Opening Hymn

**For the Fruit of All Creation**

**ELW 679**

### Apostolic Greeting

- L    The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C    And also with you.**

### Glory to God Pg. 167

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Glory to God in the highest, Amen, amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L 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. C Amen

## First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. <sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? 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 and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>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. Wisdom, Holy Word. C Thanks be to God!

## Psalms 49: 1-12

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,  
<sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.**  
<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.  
<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle up on the harp.**  
<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,  
<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**  
<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;  
<sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,**  
<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever  
and never see the grave.  
<sup>10</sup>**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.**  
<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation  
to <sup>1</sup>generation,  
though they had named lands after themselves.  
<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

## **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11**

So if 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 the things that are above, not on the 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all! Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C Thanks be to God**

**Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation Page 171**

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

**Holy Gospel according to Luke 12<sup>th</sup> C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And 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." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then 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. <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, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

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# I'd Rather Have Jesus

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*Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give you" — Acts 3:6 NIV*

1. I'd rath-er have Je-sus than sil-ver or gold, I'd rath-er be  
 2. I'd rath-er have Je-sus than men's ap-plause, I'd rath-er be  
 3. He's fair-er than lil-ies of rar-est bloom, He's sweet-er than

His than have rich-es un-told; I'd rath-er have Je-sus than  
 faith-ful to His dear cause; I'd rath-er have Je-sus than  
 hon-ey from out the comb; He's all that my hun-ger-ing

hous-es or lands. I'd rath-er be led by His nail-pierced hand.  
 world-wide fame. I'd rath-er be true to His ho-ly name.  
 spir-it needs. I'd rath-er have Je-sus and let Him lead.

*Refrain*

Than to be the king of a vast do-main Or be held in sin's dread sway. —

I'd rath-er have Je-sus than an-y-thing This world af-fords to-day. —

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MUSIC: George Beverly Shea

I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

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## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.

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

## Prayers of the People

L: In a world twisted with greed and vainly chasing after the wind, we are grounded in God's love, grace, and compassion. For both spiritual and physical healing we now lift the names of those on our prayer list.

*AM and Leader alternate reading first names off the list*

AM: For all these, and for all in need of healing, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the whole church that we may not be enamored of material possessions or worldly success, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For officials and authorities around the globe, that a generous and humble spirit may guide their decisions. Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our planet and all its people, that our desire for comfort and possessions never blind us to the needs of our neighbors or the priceless treasure of new life in Christ, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For any other needs you now lift to God..... Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: All these, and whatever is beneficial for us, we pray in the name of Christ. **People: Amen**

## The Peace

L The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Please share a sign of peace with one another. The Offering is received, and the table is prepared.*



**Anthem: Wonderful Time Up There Words and Music: Lee Roy Abernathy**  
**Arr. Stan Pethel**

Well, everybody's gonna have religion and glory, everybody's gonna be a singin' that story, everybody's gonna have a wonderful time up there, oh, glory Hallelujah! Brother, there's a reckoning of coming in the morning, better get ready because I'm giving you a warning, everybody's gonna have a wonderful time up there. Now listen, everybody because I'm talking to you, the Lord is the only one to carry you through. You better get ready because I'm telling you why, the Lord is a comin' from his throne on high. Going down the valley going 1 by 1, we're going to be rewarded for the things we've done. How are you going to feel about the things you'll say on that judgment day? Wella, Wella, Wella, everybody's gonna have religion and glory, everybody's gonna be singing that story, everybody's gonna have a wonderful time up there, oh, glory Hallelujah! Brother, there's a reckoning of coming in the morning, better get ready because I'm giving you a warning, everybody's gonna have a wonderful time up there. Now get your holy Bible, in the back of the book, the Book of Revelation is the place you look. You can understand it if you give it a try, the Lord is a coming from his throne on high. Reading in the Bible about the things he said, he said he's coming back again to raise the dead. Are you gonna be among the chosen few? Will you make it through? Well, well, Wella, well, Wella, Wella, everybody's going to have religion and glory, everybody's gonna be a singing that story, everybody's gonna have a wonderful time up there, oh, glory Hallelujah! Brother, there's a reckoning of coming in the morning, better get ready because I'm giving you a warning, everybody's gonna have a wonderful time up there. Everybody's going to have a wonderful time up there, a wonderful time up there, a wonderful time up there!

**Offertory Hymn ELW 185    Create in Me a Clean Heart**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

***The Leader speaks the offertory Prayer***

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| L | The Lord be with you.   | C | And also with you.        |
| L | Lift up your hearts.  | C | We lift them to the Lord. |
| L | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <b>C It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>   |   |                           |
| L | It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: |   |                           |
| C | <b>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</b>       |   |                           |

**The Great Thanksgiving**

## **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

## **The Agnus Dei pg. 146**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*All are warmly welcomed by Christ to his table and feast.*

## **Communion**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

## **Benediction**

**L** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **C** **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

**Take My Life, That I May Be**

**ELW 583**

## **Dismissal**

**AM** Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors. **C** **Amen.**

## **Postlude**

*Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Postlude is.*

***Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.***

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley  
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens  
Connie Aparo  
Phil Bascetta  
Kathleen Bowler

Jason Lashbrook  
John Lewis  
David Little  
Rebecca Little  
Michael Maccalous

Paul Smith  
Dana & George Steele  
Jennifer Stella  
Deb & Jon Sterling  
Tom Sterling Sr.

### **Family and Friends of Lylis Mullins**

Cherie Brown  
Sharon Cable  
Nancy Campbell  
Angelo & Nicole Capasso  
Carol Cianciolo

Kari Machowski  
Mary Ellen Mackinnon  
Jerry MacManus  
Irene Madore  
Audrey Marquard

RuthAnn Stone  
Patricia Switzer  
Gloria Thibault  
Andy Thomas  
Julia Thompson Carroll

### **Our Nursing Home Members**

Dee Gammon  
Midge Rosenbeck  
Calvin Bensch  
Judy Schaller  
Ernest Marquard  
Mae Fay  
Francine Ahrens

Emma Cortina  
Leif Dallaire  
Linda Dellano  
Carla Derrickson  
Sue DiAngelis

Abigail Marine  
Eric Marine  
Richard Marine  
Janis Martin  
Gil & Marilyn Martin

Susan Tycienski  
Steve Warner  
Renee Woodard  
Clayton Young  
Clarence & Priscilla  
Ed

### **Our Military Friends**

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Winifried Diorio  
Irene Douglas  
Judy Elliott  
Walt Esker  
Jan Eucalitto  
Jennifer Ezzo  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Tommy Fitzpatrick  
Ashley Friday  
John Fox

Gladys Medina  
Michael Meyers  
Kate Merrow  
Colin Moore  
Brigitte Mueller

Jen O.  
Jaiden  
Steve  
Lou W.  
Steve

Todd  
Robert K.  
Terry  
Joe  
Carol G.

Joan Gerard  
Liam Gregg  
Danise Hall  
Jack & Barbara Heintz  
Brayden Herzberg

Martin Mueller  
Dennis Nalette  
Karen Ness  
Tom O'Brien  
Lea Orriola & family  
Russell Palmer  
Maria Payne  
Caroline Quintal  
Ed & Susan Regner

Kristen & Jared  
Vinnny  
Hagbard  
Carolina  
Robert P.

Renate Higgins  
Charles Hilton  
Kathleen Hilton  
Shannon Hilton  
Jake Hoadley

Jonathan Richard  
Louise Roche  
Mark Rose  
Holly Schaff  
Rosemary & Otto Schibi

Peanut  
Colleen  
Ken  
Kathy  
Jaxson

Sven Holmgren  
Erma Horn  
Eunice Jones  
Marilyn Killingbeck  
Maria Koskovich

Denae Seelye  
Matt Simpson  
Margo Skaret  
Dana Steele  
Sigrid Smitley

Gail  
F.C.H.  
Chantel  
Stephan  
Helene B.  
Jason R

Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James Ernst  
USCG  
SPC Dominic Boscarino  
PVT Noah Braatz  
PVT 2 Christian Braatz  
Swab Aiden Avenia USCG  
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker  
Pvt. Noah Roy



## Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
VBS	Week of 8/4	9:00 am
Finance Meeting	8/6	6:00 pm
Council	8/11	7:00 pm
Blessing of the Backpacks	8/17	During Service
Chris Ed. Meeting	8/18	6 pm

Pastor Vacation August 11- 19

Rachel Vacation August 11-17

**Due to Pastor's vacation, on August 10, 2025, Communion will be given with elements that will be pre-consecrated the week before. August 17th will be a non- communion service**

Bible Study Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm  
**In person bible study is cancelled due to VBS**

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays  
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays

### Offerings Summary:

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$4,561</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$2,214</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$2,347)</b>
<b>YTD shortfall</b>	<b>(\$44,653)</b>

## Minimalist bulletin

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The Offering is received

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Communion is Distributed

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Benediction

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Dismissal

Postlude

**There will be a special congregation meeting Wed, Aug 20 at 7pm,**

Items to be discussed: 1. a proposal for a solar array and roof refinishing  
2. HVAC upgrade. All Voting Members are encouraged to attend.

What is a Voting Member?

1. Must be an official member of St. Paul's
2. Must have received communion in the last 12 months
3. Must have made a "contribution of record" in last 12 months. This means a financial donation that can be attributed to you.

If you have any doubt about your status as a voting member, please contact the office.

**Opportunity! We're looking for a new artistic director to help us re-start our famous Puppettude ministry. If interested, please see Pastor Cady or Judy Ludwig**

