

# **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**August 3, 2025**

**Welcome to 9:30 am Worship**



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.



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**PRELUDE**

**Be Thou My Vision**

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**GATHERING**

**ACS 979 Making Their Way**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 793 Be Thou My Vision**

Text: Irish, 8th cent; vers.Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt; tr.Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; Music: Irish traditional

**OFFERING SONG**

**\*ELW 689 Praise and Thanksgiving**

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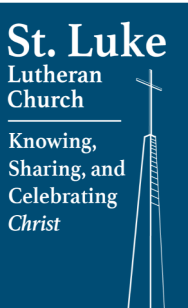
**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 768 Lead Me, Guide Me**

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.*

## **PRELUDE**

*During the prelude, please use this time to quietly allow God to open your heart to his blessed presence.*

***Please rise in body or spirit***

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,**

**and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**


You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✙ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

***Making Their Way***

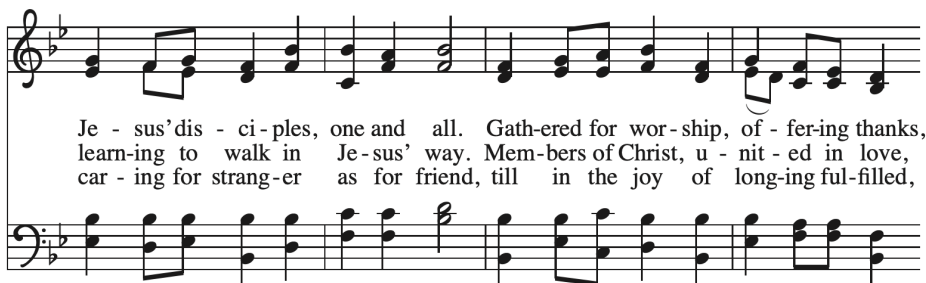
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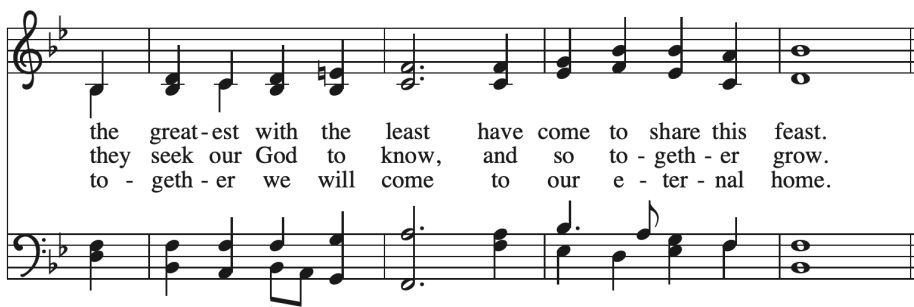
1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **READING:**

A reading from Colossians 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup> 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!

Word of God, word of life.

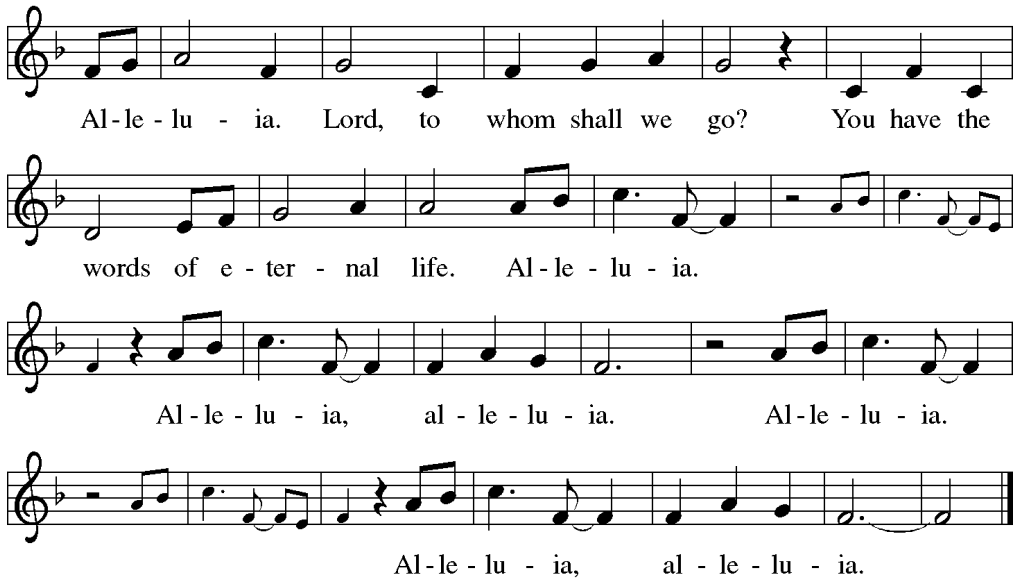
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 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 upon 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 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.**

*Please rise in body or spirit*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke 12:13-21

**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.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**MESSAGE**

**Minister Bobbie Hoffman**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**ELW 793**

**CREED**

Together, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Thank you Lord for all your blessings...

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits.

Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters.

Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

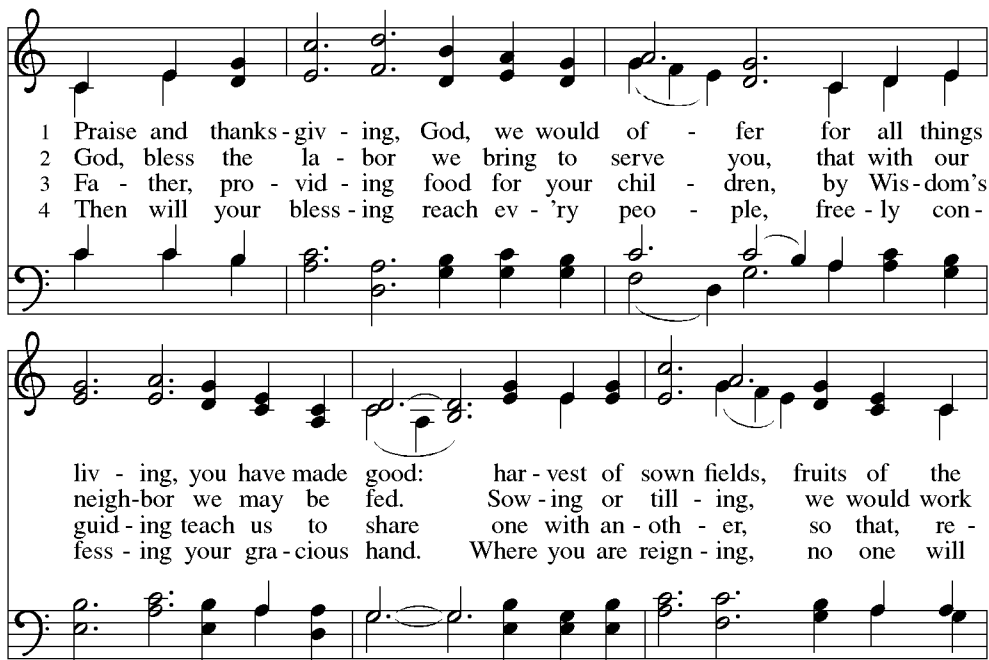
The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

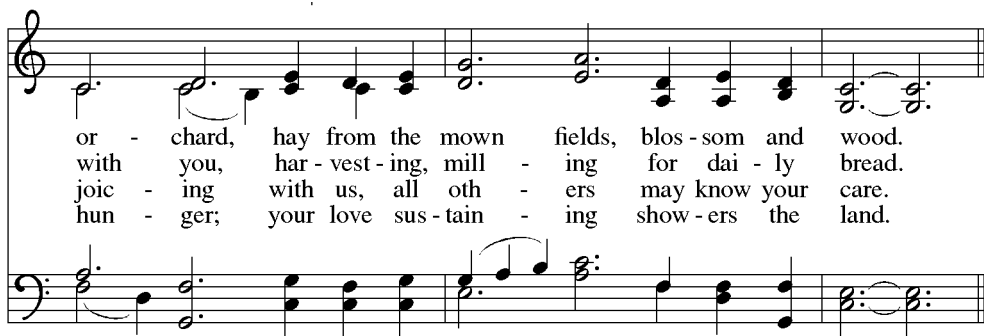
## OFFERING SONG

*We present our offering to God during worship as sign of our gratitude for His goodness, mercy & generosity.*



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
 and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
 and our labor,**

**that we may work for the good of all;  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*All are welcome to the table. If you will be coming to the altar for communion, please follow the ushers' instructions. Those who are choosing to stay in the pew, using the prefilled cups, and those who need to have the pastor bring the elements to them should wait for instructions from the pastor. Children are most welcome to accompany their parents to the altar for a blessing.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

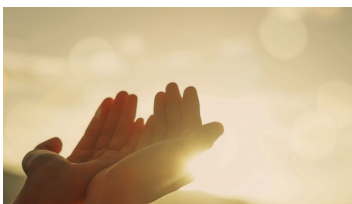
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**



## COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*The assembly is seated.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen**  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep  
you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God,  
**you gathered us to your table**

and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

*Please rise in body and spirit.*

### BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

