



**FIRST LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

***Do not be afraid, little  
flock, because your  
Father is pleased to give  
you the kingdom.***

LUKE 12:32

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

AUGUST 10, 2025

# WELCOME



## Worship Series: Undivided Attention

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We live in a world where a thousand things are competing for our attention. There is the real danger that we focus on the frivolous and ignore the indispensable. As a result, we often talk about the importance of being “free from distraction.” But the stakes are higher than that. We need to be freed from distraction. We need the spiritual power to give our undivided attention to that which truly makes a difference, not only here and now, but also in eternity. A life focused on all the right things is only possible because of a Savior who is always focused on us. On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give his followers power and focus. Still today, through his Word, Jesus grants those gifts to his disciples.

We have come to the second half of the Church Year. In the first half, we focused on the life of Christ. In this second half, we turn our attention to all the teachings of Christ. May we give them our undivided attention.

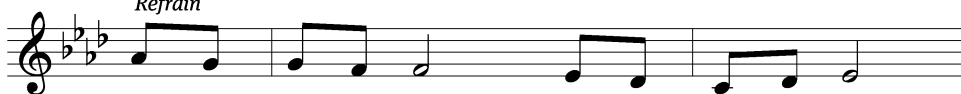
### Today's Focus: On Heavenly Treasure

Last week Jesus warned us against overvaluing earthly wealth. This week Jesus warns against undervaluing heavenly treasure. Last week, Jesus exposed the folly of greed. This week, Jesus exposes the folly of worry, even when faced with the prospect of having a seeming shortage of resources. This week might be the bigger challenge! When it seems we lack providence or protection for our daily lives, it can be hard to avoid worry. So, Jesus asks us to give our undivided attention to him, that he might take our worries away. Jesus points to creatures that do not labor or toil yet eat every day. Even more, Jesus points to our Father who promises to give us the heavenly treasures of his kingdom. Jesus assures us that our Father will throw in any needed earthly possessions as well. We can rest from our worries, confident that our loving Father knows all we need.

# Opening Hymn

# 828 Where Your Treasure Is

*Refrain*



Where your trea - sure is, there your heart shall be.



All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you free.



Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.



Where your trea - sure is, your heart shall be.



- 1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,
- 2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.
- 3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.
- 4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;



what you should eat or what to wear?  
They do not work their whole life through,  
In grace and beau - ty are they dressed,  
yours is the king - dom of the Lord.



There is no peace in stress or hur - ry.  
and yet God feeds them and pro - tects them.  
and yet so soon their bloom is fad - ed.  
Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y;



Do you not know that you are held with - in God's care?  
 So how much more will God pro - tect and care for you?  
 So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?  
 ob - tain a trea - sure in God's heav - en safe - ly stored.

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

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our  
 sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned  
 against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you  
 with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your  
 punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my  
 sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God,  
 have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

# Hymn

## 938 This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1    Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2    Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3    Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4    Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5    For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: v. 4  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading

**Genesis 15:1–6**

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 121

### Refrain



I lift up my eyes to the moun-tains, from where shall come my  
help? My help shall come from the One who has made the  
heav - ens and the earth, the mak - er of heav-en and earth.

### Tone



I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—  
where does my help / come from?  
My help comes / from the LORD,  
the maker of / heaven and earth.  
He will not let your / foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not / slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over / Israel  
will neither / slumber nor sleep. Refrain

The LORD watches / over you—  
the LORD is your shade / at your right hand.  
The LORD will keep you / from all harm—  
he will watch / over your life;  
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going  
both now and for- / evermore.



Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
 and to the Holy / Spirit,  
 as it was in the be- / ginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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## Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1–3,8–16

The Word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 12:32



*Refrain*

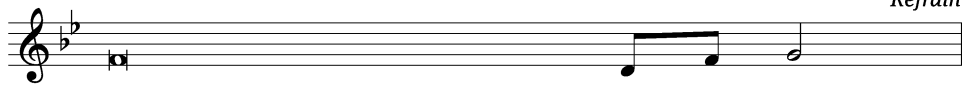


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*Tone*



Do not be afraid, lit - tle flock,



for your Father has been pleased to give you the king - dom.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

## Hymn of the Day

## 800 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,  
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
 the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

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## **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

# The Sacrament

## Preface

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

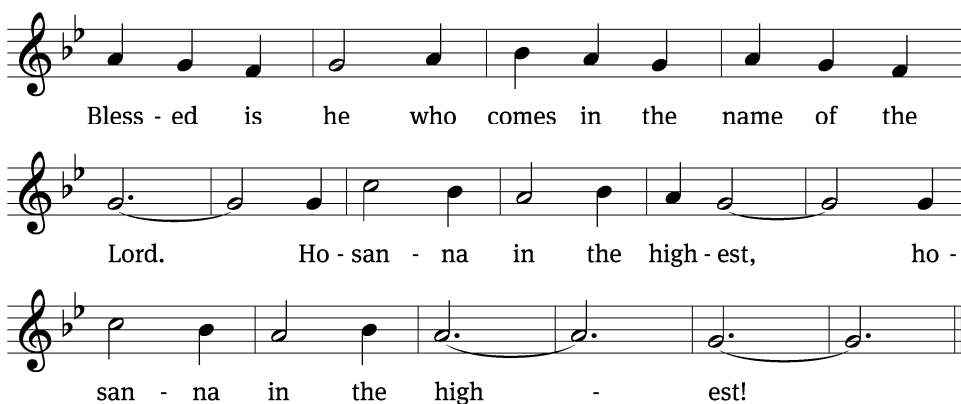
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might. Heav-en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\dagger$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## Jesus, Lamb of God



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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1 Your king-dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure, my  
 2 Your king-dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er your  
 3 Your king-dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing of

pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth. Its val - ue ex -  
 Word and your Spir - it be - stow. Like yeast, they af -  
 seeds that your mer - cy has sown; but still in our

ceeds ev - 'ry stand - ard of mea - sure, sur - pass - ing the  
 fect the whole mea - sure of flour, — en - a - bling your  
 midst is the en - e - my sow - ing the weeds that im -

wealth of the earth. Lord, give me your grace and the  
 king-dom to grow. Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I  
 per - il your own. Sus - tain me, O Lord, till your

pow'r of the Spir - it to val - ue this trea - sure a -  
 live your com - mis - sion, though hum - ble my ser - vice may  
 day of re - turn - ing and har - vest me home - ward at

right that, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in -  
 be, and bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru -  
 last, to shine in the home - land that qui - ets all

her - it your king - dom of glo - ry and light.  
 i - tion, a mus - tard seed grown to a tree.  
 yearn - ing, where sor - row and dan - ger are past.



# Distribution Hymn

# 662 Draw Near



Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y of your Lord.



Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out-poured!



- 1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
- 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
- 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
- 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.  
has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,  
He gave his life for great - est and for least,  
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,  
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - fresh - ed we give our thanks to God.  
him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.  
gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
in this great feast of love be with us now.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

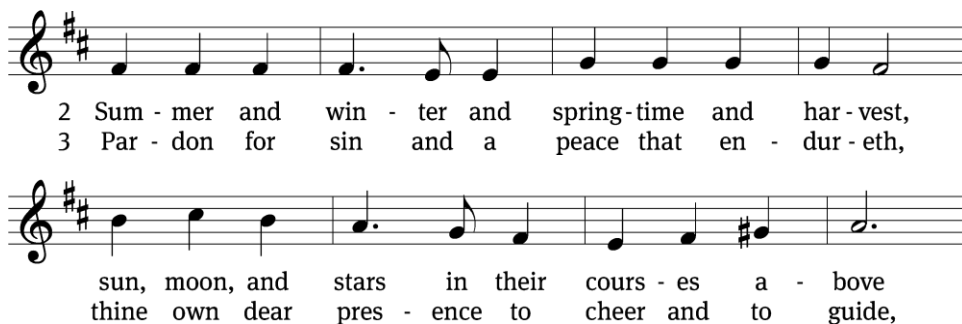
We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## 602 Great Is Thy Faithfulness | V. 2-3



2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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