



You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate. * *Please turn off cellphones**

> EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Divine Service – Setting Four July 31, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 203

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]



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Stand

- + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 203
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God. Reflect on His Word and consider your life according to the Ten Commandments: This and whatever comes to mind, confess now, and receive God's total absolution.)

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *Luke 18:13*

C God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

PGod be merciful to you and strengthen
your faith.LSB 292

C Amen.

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C Yes. LSB 293
P Let it be done for you as you believe.
P Almighty God in His LSB 203 mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the

name of the Father and of the \clubsuit Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + LSB 204

Introit *Ps.49:7-8, 13-14a, 15; antiphon: Ps. 49:1-2*

P Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

C both low and high, rich and poor together!

P Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,

C for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice.

P This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts.

C Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd.

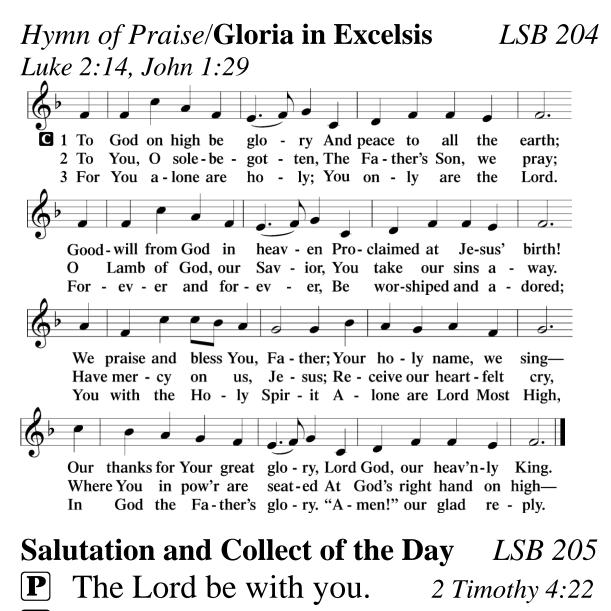
P But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.

P C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.
P Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

C both low and high, rich and poor together!





C And also with you.

▶ Let us pray. O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

2 "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."

12 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 I applied my mind to study

and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! 14 I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind...

18 I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. 19 And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. 20 So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. 21 For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not

toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. 22 What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? 23 All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless. 24 A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, 25 for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? 26 To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

A This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise LSB 709 sts. 1-4, 6 "The King of Love is My Shepherd" my shep - herd The King of love Whose good - ness 1 is. 2 Where streams of liv _ ing wa _ ter flow. My ran - somed 3 Per - verse and fool _ ish oft Ι But vet straved. in 4 In death's dark vale I fear il1 With Thee. dear no fail eth I lack if noth _ ing nev er; soul He lead eth And, where the dant ver love He sought And His shoul der me on _ Lord. be _ side Thy rod and staff me. my I His And He mine for am is ev er. With food ce - les tial feed pas - tures grow, eth. gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me. Thy com - fort still. be - fore guide cross to me.

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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Gradual Rom. 10:15b, 18b; Is. 52:7b, alt. **A C** How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation. Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle Reading Colossians 3:1-11 3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality,

impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
 - **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand Alleluia John 20:31, LSB 205 \Box Al - le - lu - ia, le-lu - ia. al - le-lu - ia. al **C** These things are writ-ten you may be - lieve that that 0 the Christ. Son of God. Je - sus is the **C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia. al le-lu - ia. -

Holy Gospel Luke 12:13-21 P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter. C Glory to You, O Lord.

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

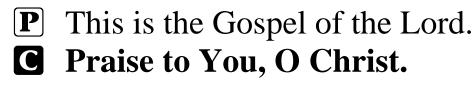
14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

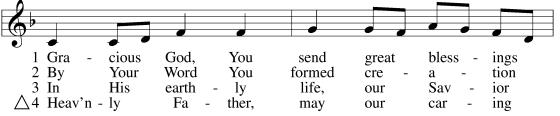
21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

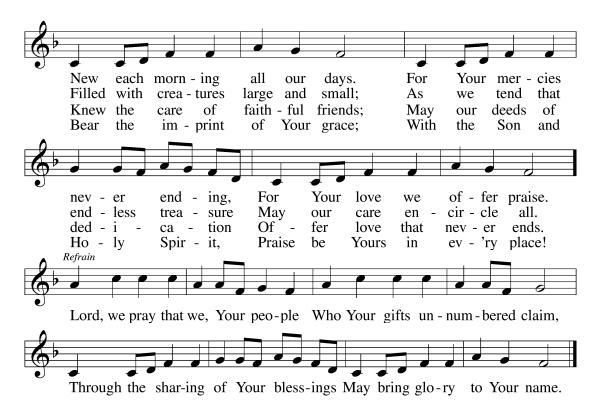


Sit Hymn of the Day

LSB 782 sts. 1-4

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"





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Sermon

"Above, With Christ" Pastor Tom Rhodes

Stand

Apostle's Creed

PC I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and eau

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.

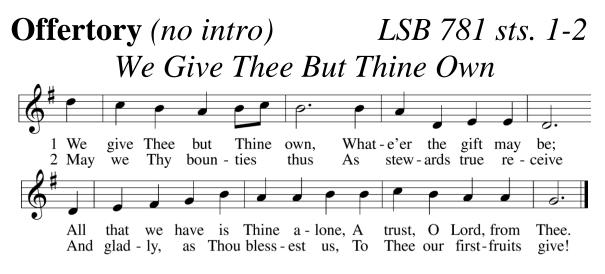
He ascended into heaven

- 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.

Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)



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Prayer of the Church LSB 207
P O almighty God, giving thanks for Your daily presence among us in Your Word we come together to lift before Your throne of grace all people according to their needs, that You may give answer to our prayers in Jesus' name.

Brief silence

P All is vanity, O God, without the grace of Your Word and Spirit. Guard our hearts that we may keep them focused upward on Christ, seated with you in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Baptized into Christ's death and raised with Christ to new life, O Lord, we plead for Your grace and Spirit to set our minds on the things above, that we may live out our lives fulfilling our earthly vocation in the joy of Your gift of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Bless our nation, O Lord, and all the nations of the earth, that we may have good and wise leaders who will seek Your will and walk in Your ways. Defend us from war and terror, pestilence and bloodshed, poverty and want, and guide us to work for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Put to death, O Lord, all that is evil within us, that we may shun immorality, idolatry, malice, vulgarity and deceit. Help us to put off the old self and to live as the new people You have made us to be by our Baptism into Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give comfort, O Lord, to all in any need: to the sick and suffering, those who mourn, the infirm, and the dying. Especially do we pray to You on behalf of those on our prayer list and cards and all whom we name in our hearts. [Brief silence] Carry them through their afflictions by Your grace, and bring them to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P These and all things good and needful, O Lord, we pray You to grant us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose good name and saving works we plead before You, O almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and \clubsuit give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

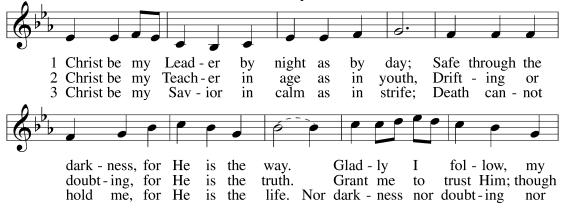
C Amen.

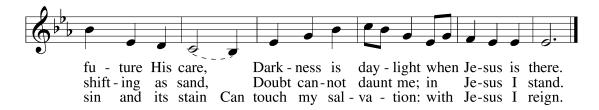
Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 861 sts. 1-3

"Christ Be My Leader"





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