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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AS WE GATHER – Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God's own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"In Thee Is Gladness"

by Paul Manz

WELCOME

♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯**OPENING HYMN**

In Thee Is Gladness



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -

cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him

To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
 And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Do good, O Lord, to those who hold fast to Your name*
- C** **and to those upright in heart.**
- P** *But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,*
- C** **the Lord will lead away with evildoers.**

[Silence for self-examination]

- P** *Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.*
- C** **O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**

KYRIE

- P** *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P 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.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.

All: Almighty and Everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:28–39

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

Matthew 13:35b

All: Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Through Jesus' Blood and Merit



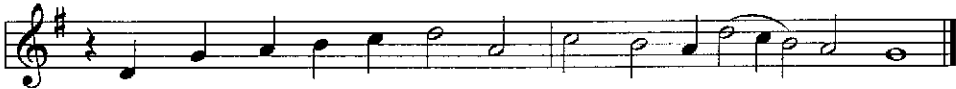
1	Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it	I	am	at	peace	with	God.
2	There's noth - ing that can sev - er	From	this	great	love	of	God;
3	For nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion	Nor	death's	most	try - ing		hour
4	Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er	Shall	from	the	love	of	God



What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?
 No want, no pain what-ev - er, No fam - ine, per - il, flood.
 Nor an - gels of high sta - tion Nor an - y oth - er pow'r
 This ran - somed sin - ner sev - er; For in my Sav - ior's blood



My cour - age shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
 Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark His sheep,
 Nor things that now are pres - ent Nor things that are to come
 This love has its foun - da - tion; God hears my faith - ful prayer



Though hell it - self as - sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.
 They nev - er shall con - found me, The vic - t'ry I shall reap.
 Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant, Nor dark - est depths of gloom
 And long be - fore cre - a - tion Named me His child and heir.

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SERMON

"A TREASURE HUNT"

Matthew 13:44-52

- I. Jesus tells us today that we are like a hidden treasure.
- II. Like the man in the parable, Jesus is willing to sacrifice everything to save us.

♪ APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father 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 there 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Lord of mercy, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Almighty God, Your love once created all things and set apart a people of Your promise. Grant to us faith that we believe Your Word, heed the call of Your love, and find peace in Your gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Mighty God, You have set over us leaders who exercise the authority of the state for our protection against enemies and for justice against evildoers. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Compassionate God, Your Son was wounded for our transgressions, and in His wounds are healing and strength. Hear us on behalf of all the sick, those who suffer, the grieving, and the dying, [especially . . .]. Grant them all that is needed to support them in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

- P** *God of grace, You have given to us the gift of work and the privilege of using the fruits of our labors for the support of our families and ourselves. Give us a generous heart that we give aid to the poor and honor to You with the worship of our hearts and the tithes and offerings of our hands. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.**

BENEDICTION

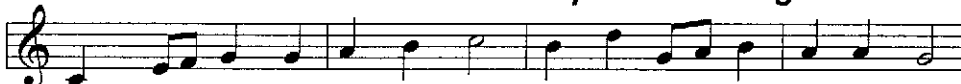
- P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.*
- C** **Amen.**

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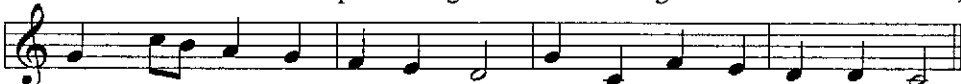
- P** *Go in peace as you serve the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

CLOSING HYMN

Spread the Reign of God the Lord



- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, writ-ten, might-y Word;
 2 Tell how God the Fa-ther's will Made the world, up-holds it still,
 3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race
 4 Tell of God the Spir-it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev-'ry-where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban-quet hall.
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
 And to pay re-bel-ion's price, Gave Him-self as sac-ri-vice.
 Strong and ho-ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do.

5. **Enter, mighty Word, the field;
 Ripe the promise of its yield.
 But the reapers, oh, how few
 For the work there is to do!**
6. **Lord of harvest, great and kind,
 Rouse to action heart and mind;
 Let the gath'ring nations all
 See Your light and heed Your call.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: *Louise Conner*]

POSTLUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

by Tom Birchwood

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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 Counter..... Carl Kurth
 Elder on Duty..... Tony Williams
 Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
 Seating Coordinator..... Al Axford
 Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming..... Stuart Ruwet
 Usher..... Phil Vandre

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**THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE**  
**KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am**

**August 2: "Christ's Resurrection Makes Everything New"; Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann**

There is power in doing good works for the sake of others, but that kind of civic righteousness can't compare with the perfect righteousness of God which covers us through faith in Jesus Christ. In a classic radio message, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann shares the power of Christ's resurrection that overcomes death. It's "Archives August".