EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship – 9:00 AM
+ Service of Holy Communion +
Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – Our world enjoys labeling people. Whether by skin color, gender, economic status, ethnic background, political affiliation, age, or whatever else it may be, labels are popular. This sort of labeling divides people into categories and causes much strife and argument. There was labeling going on in Colossae as well: Greek, Jew, circumcised, uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free. But in Colossians, Paul gives us a label that we share and a label that leads not to divisive evil but to amazing generosity and love. Paul writes, “You have been raised with Christ.” Imagine that. He doesn’t say that you will one day in the future be raised with Christ (although that is also true), he says, “You have been raised with Christ.” That is the label we are marked with in Holy Baptism. This comes to us by grace and calls forth from us a life abundant with generosity.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Just as I Am” by E. L. Ashford

WELCOME

[ Means please stand; ♩ Means please be seated]

OPENING HYMN “O Day of Rest and Gladness” LSB 906

1 O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth’s creation The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God’s people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
4 That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,

O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.

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This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

And thus this day most glo - rious A three-fold light was giv'n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light,
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One. Amen.

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

P In the name of the Father and of the +S- Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Enter God's place with thanksgiving.
C The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.
P Give thanks to God and bless His name.
C The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.
P Come into God's presence with singing.
C The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.
P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
C The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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. 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: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
P Almighty God in His 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 +S- Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.
INTROIT
Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2
P Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together!
C Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, 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. Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd.
C But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me.
All: 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 Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together!

KYRIE

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-bought, The Father's Son, we pray;
3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Forever and ever, Be worshiped and adored;

We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Father's glory, "A-men!" our glad reply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.
All: Lord of life, You have raised us with Christ to be Your people. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and minds with thanksgiving to You that overflows in generosity toward You and our neighbors; 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
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

EPISTLE LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

Colossians 3:1–11

ALLELUIA

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that 

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY  What Is the World to Me  

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1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt-ed plea-sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon-ored by the might-y
3 The world seeks af-ter wealth And all that mam-mon of-fers
4 What is the world to me! My Je-sus is my trea- sure,

(continued)
When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,

You on - ly, de - ar - est Lord, My soul’s de - light shall be;
But what I tru - ly prize A bove all things is He,
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I’ll be:
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.

You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
Once more, then, I de - claim: What is the world to me!

SERMON  "CHASING AFTER THE WIND"  Ecc. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26
I. As Solomon teaches, finding peace and security in the things of this world is like "chasing after the wind."
II. Only in Christ is there true peace and security, for this life and eternity.

NICENE CREED
I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING  "I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"  Jeffrey Bleresch
OFFERTORY

We Give Thee But Thine Own

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun-ties thus As stew-ar ds true re-ceive

All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad-ly, as Thou bless-est us, To Thee our first-fruit s give!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us come before God in prayer as His people, the sheep of His pasture, trusting that the Lord is good and His love endures forever. For the Church, that raised with Christ we put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of God. For our Synod—our president, district presidents, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the Church, that we not become puffed up with pride or be made timid by our weaknesses, but instead together hold fast to our Head, the Lord Jesus. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

P For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy; for the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, and serve not themselves, but chiefly those who are cast down; that this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

P For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that they receive mercy and healing according to God's will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ. [Other petitions may be inserted here.] For those harmed by natural or man-made disasters, that they experience renewal through those who donate and do relief work. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

P For this congregation, that, knowing God is God and that we have been raised with Christ, our lives be transformed from the old self with its selfish practices to life abundant with the new self, filled with generosity toward God and others. In mercy,

C O Lord, hear our prayer.

P In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. You are good and Your love endures forever; Your faithfulness continues through all generations.

C Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life on the cross and was raised on the third day and has raised us with Him to live renewed life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

\[\text{C}\] Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sab- a - oth ad-dored;

Heav’n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;

Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Thank You, Father in heaven, for You are good and Your faithfulness endures to all generations. You were faithful to Abraham and Sarah, giving them a promise and a purpose. You were faithful to Moses and the Israelites and You set them free from slavery and gave them a land of promise. You were faithful to the prophets when they spoke Your Word to stubborn and ungrateful people. In Your steadfast love, You were faithful in sending Jesus, Your only Son, to make Yourself known to us and to transform our lives. You are faithful in providing us with Christ's body and blood to forgive our sins and to put down our old selves and call for the new self in Christ. For Your faithfulness, which endures to all generations, we make a joyful noise of thanks and praise to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
P  The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C  And also with you.
P  Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]
\*AGNUS DEI

\*LAMB OF GOD

\*O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, Lord, we pray.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

\*DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

\*I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners
3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I
4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my
5 What higher gift can we inherit it? It is faith's

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wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a-
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of

lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in

blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'n a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,

Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me-
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the

to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

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5. O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Christ Be My Leader

1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the
darkness, for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my
2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or
doubting, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot
hold me, for He is the life. Nor darkness nor doubting nor

future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.


NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your servant De -
All glory to the Father, All
part in heav’nly peace, For I have seen the
glory to the Son, All glory to the
glory of Your redeeming grace;
Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
A light to lead the Gentiles Un -
For as in the beginning, Is

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to Your holy hill, The glory of Your
now, shall ever be, God's tri-une name re-
people, Your chosen Is-ra-el.
sound - ing Through all et-ter-ni-ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Thank You, Triune God, for raising us to new life with Christ and filling us with His body and blood. Guide us to keep our possessions from possessing us, but instead to treasure Your mercy for us and for all people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 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.

CLOSING HYMN Renew Me, O Eternal Light” LSB 704

1 Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my
2 Remove the pow’r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly
4 Grant that I only You may love And seek those

heart and soul be bright, Illumined with the
my impurity That I may have the
I obey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are above Till I behold You

light of grace That issues from Your holy face.
strength and will Temp-erations of the flesh to still.
my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.
face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.

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August 11: "How to Pray"; Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, Guest Speaker

August Archives: Prayer flows from faith in Christ and the Holy Spirit helps us when we don't know how to pray. A classic message from former Speaker, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann.

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

Acolyte ............................................................................................................ Noah Wohletz
Altar Guild ..................................................................................................... Karen Batt & Marcella Marshall
Coffee Hosts .................................................................................................. Ken & Carolyn Meritt (U-Hills)
Communion Assistant .................................................................................. Bill Milliken
Counter .......................................................................................................... Rob Hatton
Greeter .......................................................................................................... Renee Ortado
Organist / Music Director ............................................................................ Beth Buss
Ushers ........................................................................................................... *Naomi Kettner & *Phil Vandre, Head Ushers
...................................................................................................................... Brian Albee, Tim Cueva, Devin Monasmith

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THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Today:
8:00 AM .................................................. Bob Sees' Adult Bible Class / Library
9:00 AM .................................................. Worship w/Communion
10:15 AM ............................................ Pastor's Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
10:30 AM ............................................. Chapel Service @ Jewell Care Center
11:30 AM .............................................. Fellowship/Outreach Committee
12:00 PM ................................................ U-Hills Worship w/Communion
8:00 PM ................................................. Guardian Group (AA) / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday:
7:00 PM ................................................ Church Council & Committee Chairs

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ATTENDANCE:
07/28/19: 64 A.B.C.: 51 (A); Sunday School: 11 (C)

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:
Total General Offering Blessings – (July 28, 2019) ........................................ $ 8,946.00
General Fund ................................................................................................ 6,207.00
E.C.C. Tuition .............................................................................................. 2,633.00
Loose Plate .................................................................................................. 73.00
Sunday School ............................................................................................. 33.00
Recycled Cans / Youth ............................................................................... 32.56