



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3, 2025
10:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader; **bold text** indicates a congregational response.

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Please leave your offering in the plate at the front of the nave, near the pulpit. If you would like to give online, please use the QR code to the right.



The prelude marks the beginning of our preparation for worship. We use it as a time of silent meditation and prayer.

Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18

The apostolic greeting quotes the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 13:14)

Welcome
Prayer Requests

Prelude

The Numberless Gifts of God's Mercies

arr. Edwin T. Childs

We stand as we are able.

Opening Dialog (from Psalm 107)

P Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

**C Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

P They were hungry and thirsty;
their spirits languished within them.

**C Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord,
and you delivered them from their distress.**

P For you satisfy the thirsty soul
and fill the hungry with good things.

**C Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
and consider well the Lord's steadfast love.**

Hymn 793

Be Thou My Vision

Greeting

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

C And also with you.

The Gloria ("Glory to God...") is a continuation of resurrection praise. With the angels we sing God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ. (Luke 2:14).

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar.

The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

The first lesson is normally from the Old Testament.

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray. 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.
- C **Amen**

We are seated.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2. 12-14; 2:18-23

L A reading from Genesis.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

L A reading from Colossians.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its prac-

tices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand as we are able.

The Gospel Acclamation gives special focus to the Gospel, the principal and climactic bible reading in the liturgy.

Gospel Acclamation



The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And 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.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then 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. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But 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?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

Sermon

Pastor James Armentrout

This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

Hymn

Hope of the World



1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
 5 Hope of the world, Christ ris'n from death vic - to - rious,

speaking to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 bringing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
 showing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light:
 from death and deep de - spair, from guilt and sin:
 who by this tri - umph con - quered grief and pain:

Save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk close be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;

who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from you to end - less night.
 work through our lives to bring your pur - pose in.
 you are our Lord and will for - ev - er reign!

We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

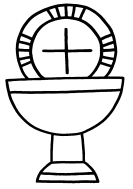
The Prayers



Each petition concludes:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY



*Much more than
a pleasant greet-
ing—we do this
to proclaim
God's promise of
peace.
2 Corinthians
13:11*

*Our gifts are
received and
dedicated to our
Lord's service.
These offerings
support the min-
istries of this
congregation,
the Virginia Syn-
od, ELCA, and
our global mis-
sion partners.*

*Our prayer is
modeled after the
Jewish prayer of
thanksgiving and
dedicates the
giver to a stew-
ardship of all
life.*

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

The Offering

Offertory Hymn

The Numberless Gifts of God's Mercies

We remain seated and sing stanzas 1 and 2.



1 The num - ber - less gifts of God's mer - cies my tongue can - not
2 Like all of the stars in the heav - ens, God's mer - cies can

We stand as we are able and sing stanza 3.

3 I'll nev - er count all of God's mer - cies, but oh, I can



fath - om or tell. Like dew that ap - pears in the morn - ing,
nev - er be told. They shine through the dark - ness of mid - night;
give God my praise for all of that love, my thanks - giv - ing



they come to us shin - ing and full. The num - ber - less
their beau - ties can nev - er grow old. Like all of the
and love to the end of my days. I'll nev - er count



gifts of God's mer - cies my tongue can - not fath - om or tell.
stars in the heav - ens, God's mer - cies can nev - er be told.
all of God's mer - cies, but oh, I can give God my praise!

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. Creator God,

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

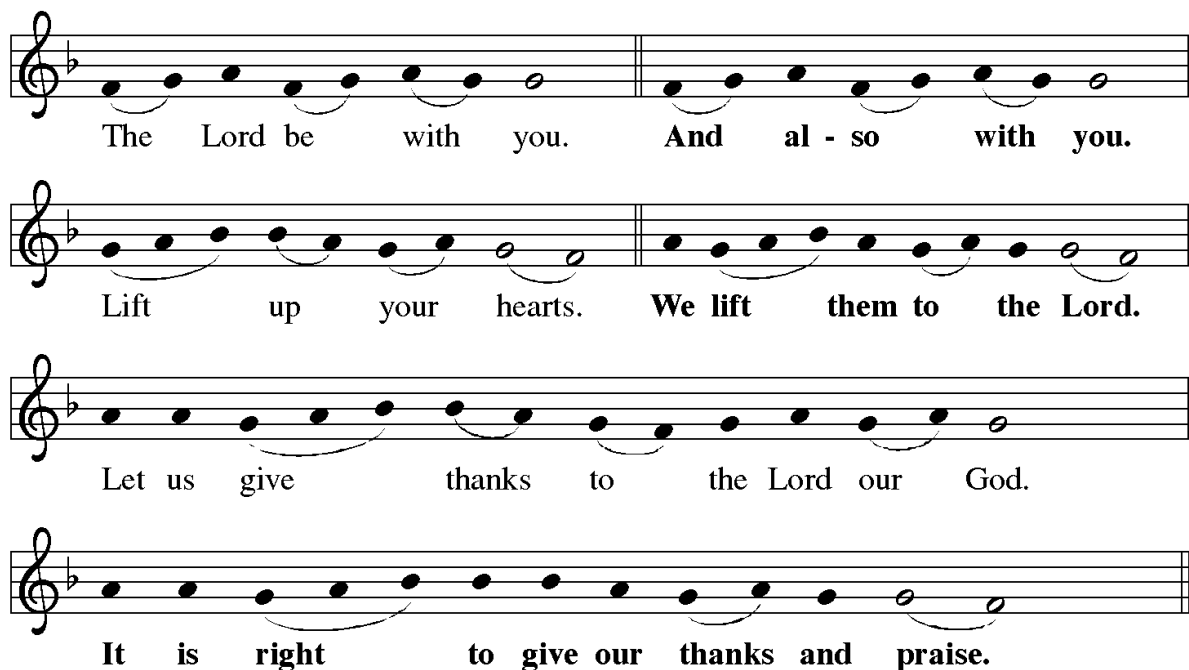
**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,**

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

Amen

The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

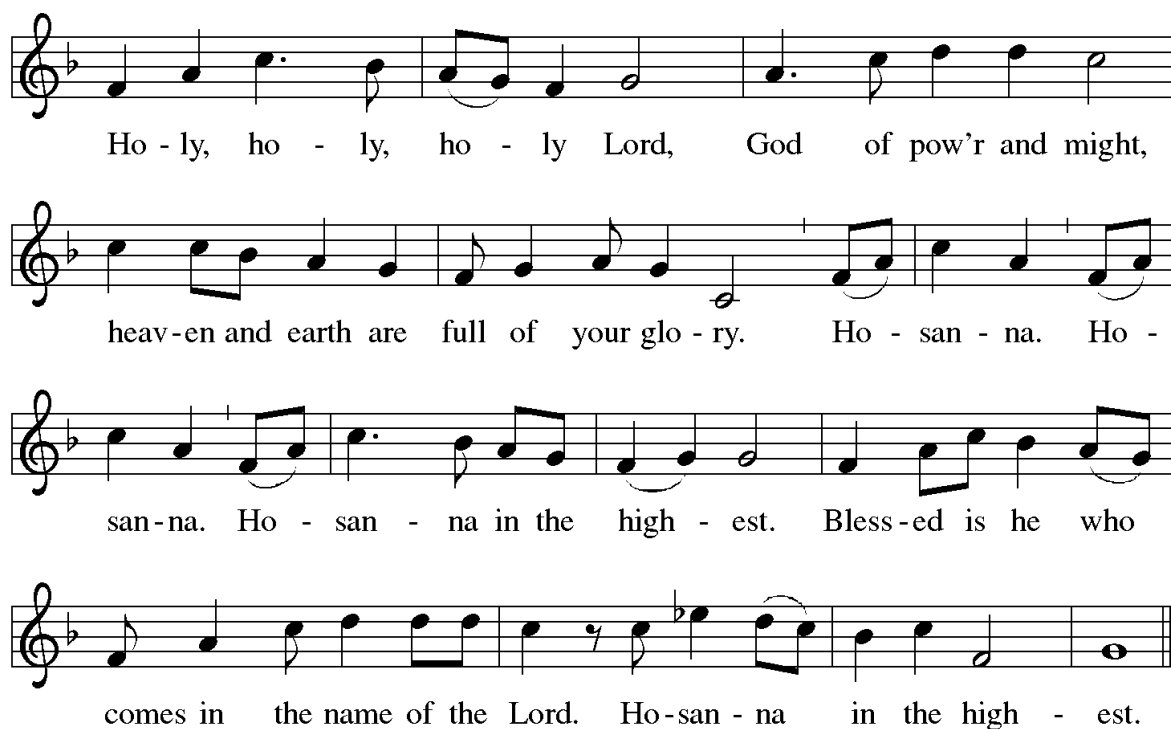
The Proper Preface

The presiding minister continues: "It is indeed right ..."

The proper preface concludes: "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

Sanctus

The Sanctus ("holy") echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.

The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion.

Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

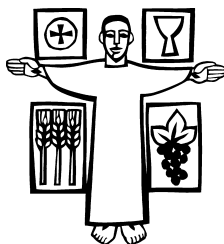
The Lord's Prayer

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**

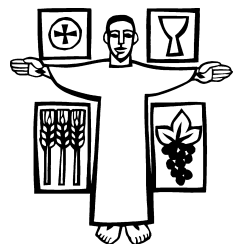
We are seated.



**COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle, and we return
to our pews by way of the side aisles.



*Once we have
all received the
sacrament and
returned to our
seats, we cele-
brate the per-
sonal encounter
with the risen
Christ through
blessing, prayer,
and singing.*

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. Mothering God,

**C 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**

Blessing

P The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon
you and remain with you for ever.

C Amen

Hymn 678

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*We are dis-
missed from
worship know-
ing that our ser-
vice does not
end. Rather,
having been in
the presence of
the risen Lord,
we leave so that
our service may
truly begin.*

Dismissal

P Go in peace loving God and loving your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

arr. Robert Powell

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, August 3	10AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, August 4	5PM—7PM	The Lion's Share open
Tuesday, August 5		
Wednesday, August 6		
Thursday, August 7		
Friday, August 8	10AM—noon	The Lion's Share open
	6:30PM	NA meeting (Library)
Saturday, August 9	8PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, August 10	10AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Greeter		
Lector		
Communion Assistant		
Coffee Hour		

Attendance Last Sunday

Offering Received (Pledges/Loose)

Budget (Pledges/Loose)

\$3173.00



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