



**JESUS IS THE FOCUS HEBREWS 12:2**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 25, 2020 - 5:00 PM**

**JULY 26, 2020 - 10:45 AM**





**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** 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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

**People: Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Deuteronomy 7:6-9*

<sup>6</sup>For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. <sup>7</sup>The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup>But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND READING

*Romans 8:28-39*

<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.  
<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.  
<sup>46</sup>When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup>This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.  
<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. <sup>52</sup>He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## [10:45]CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### \*SERMON HYMN

“What Is the World to Me” (sts. 1 & 3)

Hymn 730

**What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, My soul’s delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good, Content with it I’ll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!**

### THE SERMON

“Essential Treasure”

Matthew 13:44

### \*CONFESSION OF FAITH - 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 men 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 worshiped 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 ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **\*WORDS OF PREPARATION**

### **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

*(Please be seated.)*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION**

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (*sts. 1-4*)

*Hymn 743*

Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure,  
Truest friend to me, Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask beside Thee.

In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me  
Cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking,  
Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee;  
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.  
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;  
Earth and all its depths adore Him, Silent bow before Him.

Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure,  
Jesus is my choice. Hence, all empty glory!

**Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross,  
Shall not from my Savior move me Since He deigns to love me.**

*“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (sts. 1-2)*

*Hymn 633*

**At the Lamb’s high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!**

**Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

*(Worshippers are self-dismissed to exit after communing.)*

## **WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS**

### **SATURDAY, 5:00 PM**

The Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Liturgist	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Communion Deacon/Lector	Roger Walker
The Usher/Greeter Team	Chuck & Carol Smith

### **SUNDAY, 10:45 AM**

The Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Liturgist	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Sound Technician	Rodney Steffen
The Communion Deacons	Fred Aceto, Ron Booth
The Elder on Duty	Georgia Fisher
The Lectors	Martha Walker, Larry Walker
The Welcome Team Greeter	Janice Graydon
At the Welcome Center	Jill Rogers
The Welcome Team Ushers	Steve Hnatiuk, Dr. Ken Rogers, Barry Walker, Chris Zinsmeister