

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020 – 10:45 a.m.

Morning Prayer



ST. JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### **PRELUDE**

"The Church's One Foundation" (LSB 644)  
(setting by Anne Krentz Organ)

### **WELCOME**

**I** 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.**

### **VERSICLES**

LSB 235

**A** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** **and my mouth shall declare Your praise.**

**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.**

**A** Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**C** **O come, let us worship Him.**

### **VENITE**

LSB 236

**C** **O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock  
of our salvation.**

**I** Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

**II** For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

**I** In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

**II** The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.

**I** O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

**II** For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

**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.**

**L** Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**C** **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

**L** For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

**C** **Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

**L** But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers!

**C** **Peace be upon Israel!**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**L** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**HYMN**

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (LSB 940, stanzas 1-3 & 5)



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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## + READINGS +

### **FIRST READING**

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

<sup>6</sup>"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

### **EPISTLE READING**

Romans 8:28-39

*Please join in reading aloud the highlighted portion of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.*

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? 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 with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded 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 sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 13:44-52

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" (LSB 651)



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,  
 2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
 3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,  
 4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;  
 5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.  
 Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.  
 Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.  
 For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.  
 The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## + CANTICLE +

### ***BENEDICTUS***

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**C** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
He has come to His people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of His servant David.  
Through His holy prophets He promised of old  
that He would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember His holy covenant.  
This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship Him without fear,  
holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.

**L** You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,  
to give His people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**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.**

## + PRAYER +

### ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

#### ***COLLECT FOR GRACE***

**A** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

LSB 241

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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**

LSB 241

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

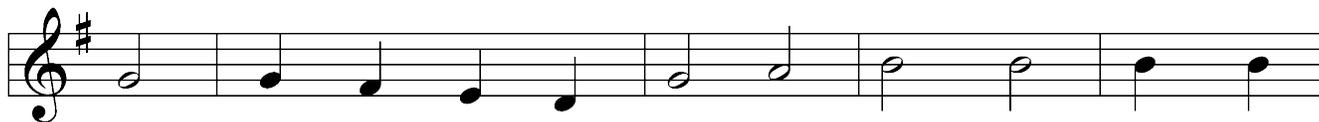
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**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

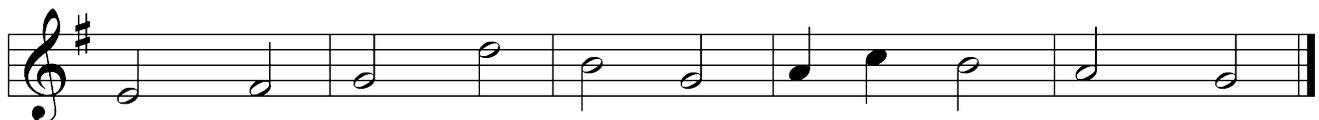
"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" (LSB 923)



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
 △ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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**POSTLUDE**

"Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure" (LSB 654)

(setting by Paul Grime)

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