

# **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP



To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to our first time guests we extend it most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with the risen living Redeemer, membership in His Church, and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. Our message is as old as the Word of God to man and as new as the new life it brings: *Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to give eternal life to people everywhere.*

**Guest Book:** Before you leave today, please sign our guest book. It is located in the Narthex.

**Style:** For those not familiar with the historic liturgical worship style, the interactive nature of the service may seem quite different. We agree with the ancient church that this style allows us to receive the blessings of God's word and offer thanks in response.

**Service of Word and Sacrament:** Today's service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. This order may be used as an alternate to "The Common Service" when Holy Communion is celebrated.

**Amplifiers:** Personal sound enhancement receivers are available to help the hearing impaired. An usher will be happy to assist you.

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### ✘ ✘ ✘ Before participating in Communion ✘ ✘ ✘

We welcome all people to our services, those who are fully united with us in Christ's teachings as well as those who do not yet share our confession of the Faith. However, it is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to all Christians to receive Communion with us. Our Lord teaches (1 Cor. 10:17 and elsewhere) that Communion is an action of the celebrating community that declares their oneness in the Faith, life, and worship. Communing with Christians not in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS] or our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS], would imply a oneness that does not truly exist, but for which we pray. Our pastor will gladly talk with you about establishing communion fellowship here at Peace.

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**TODAY'S THREAD** – *Faithfully sow the word of God, confident that God makes it grow.*

*STAND as directed*

**HYMN**

**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty | 255**

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

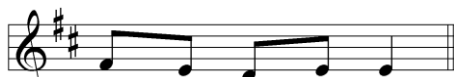
**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



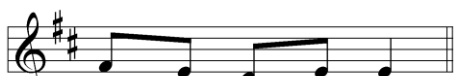
C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

PENTECOST SONG OF PRAISE

God, We Praise You | 277



1 God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we  
2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who  
3 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er -  
4 Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will



name you sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom  
set their world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un -  
last - ing Son of God, Hum - ble was your  
judge the world you made; Lord, in mer - cy



an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your Church a -  
known, un - heed - ed, Join one grow - ing song of  
vir - gin moth - er, Hard the lone - ly path you  
help your ser - vants For whose free - dom you have



dored: All cre - a - tion shows your glo -  
praise, While your Church on earth con - fess -  
trod: By your cross is sin de - feat -  
paid: Raise us up from dust to glo -



ry; Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,  
es One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty:  
ed, Hell con - front - ed face to face,  
ry; Guard us from all sin to - day.



Sing - ing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Heav - en o - pened to be - liev - ers,  
King en - throned a - bove all prais - es,



Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"  
God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.  
Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.  
Save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**BE SEATED**

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 55:1-13**

- <sup>1</sup>“Come, all you who are thirsty,  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without cost.
- <sup>2</sup>Why spend money on what is not bread,  
and your labor on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
- <sup>3</sup>Give ear and come to me;  
listen, that you may live.  
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
my faithful love promised to David.
- <sup>4</sup>See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,  
a ruler and commander of the peoples.
- <sup>5</sup>Surely you will summon nations you know not,  
and nations you do not know will come running to you,  
because of the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has endowed you with splendor.”
- <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.

<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.  
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

<sup>8</sup> “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,”  
declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> “As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> You will go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and hills  
will burst into song before you,  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,  
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.  
This will be for the LORD’s renown,  
for an everlasting sign,  
that will endure forever.”

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 65

*Refrain*

The earth is full of the good-ness of  
 God, the good-ness of our God.

*Psalm tone*

Praise awaits you, O God,\*  
 you call forth songs of joy.  
 You care for the land and water it;\*  
 you soften it with showers and bless its crops.  
 The streams of God are filled with water\*  
 to provide the people with grain.

*Refrain*

You crown the year with your bounty,\*  
 and your carts overflow with abundance.  
 The grasslands of the desert overflow;\*  
 the hills are clothed with gladness.  
 The meadows are covered with flocks  
 and the valleys are mantled with grain;\*  
 they shout for joy and sing.

**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.**

*Refrain*

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**SECOND LESSON**

**1 Corinthians 3:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

<sup>10</sup> By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

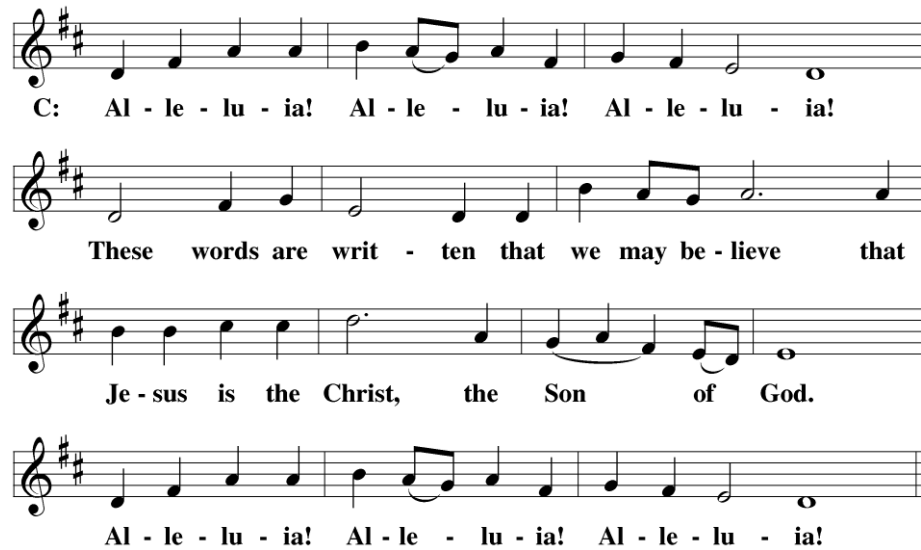
**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**STAND**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14 cf.)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

**M:** The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 13



<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

<sup>18</sup>“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup>But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup>The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

**M:** This is the Gospel.



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## REFORMATION 500 - CATECHISM REVIEW

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Preach You the Word | 544**

**SERMON** – *See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.*

**STAND**

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the  
Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not  
made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy  
Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was  
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He  
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again  
in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**BE SEATED**

**OFFERING**

**STAND**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C:** **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**M:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C:** **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** ... Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
           your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
           now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



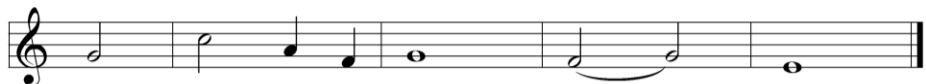
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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**DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

Good News of God Above | 568

## THANKSGIVING

STAND

### THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

### CLOSING HYMN

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast | 324

*Silent prayer*

*Announcements after the close of Service*