# The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



# Worship Service Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Guest Preacher, The Reverend Dr. Thomas Thorstad 10:15 AM, Sanctuary August 3, 2025

#### **Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:**

Welcome! You'll find announcements, contact information, and more on the back of this bulletin. If you'd like to speak with Pastor Justin and/or request prayer, let him know, contact him directly, and/or fill out a Card and place it in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

All those who are baptized, in good standing with their home congregation, and who hold that the bread and the wine are the Lord's body and blood are welcome to partake of Holy Communion. All others may come forward for a blessing.

### About Our Lessons on this Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

We begin by hearing that everything is vanity, a chasing after the wind—futile! We eat, drink, work, play, die. What we work for, we don't keep. The same fate – death – takes the good and the bad, the righteous and the unrighteous. Is this the way things are supposed to be?

This is the lament of the preacher in Ecclesiastes. Our Lord Jesus reframes this lament. All that we have been given are gifts from God. All that we have is his, for his sake. Rather than holding fast to that which is "ours," what shall we do with the gifts we have been given?

There is treasure for the keeping, but this kind of treasure is only gained through *giving*. The labors of the righteous – the generous, humble labors – produce fruit and treasure in heaven. The labors of the unrighteous – proud, accumulative, selfish – are only fruitful in this life.

Holy God, make us rich towards you and our neighbor, and make us ever and always more like your Son. Bless us and keep us with faith that is fruitful and flourishes unto life everlasting, through the Name of Jesus we ask, Amen.

+ Pastor Justin Baker

# + Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two +

**Prelude** ORGAN

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

### **Invocation & Order of Confession**

- **P** In the Name of the Father, and of the **→** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence follows for confession.

- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen

### Processional Hymn | Open Now Thy Gates

ELW 533



Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

### **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.





# Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray,
- Almighty God, judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own. Give us such wisdom by your Spirit that our possessions may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### The First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from Ecclesiastes, beginning with the first chapter.

- 1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
- <sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.
- <sup>18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.
- **A** The Word of the Lord.
- **©** Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 49:1-12 (congregation responds with the bold text)

- <sup>1</sup>Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
- <sup>2</sup>both low and high, rich and poor together!
- <sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
- <sup>4</sup>I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.
- <sup>5</sup>Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,
- <sup>6</sup> those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?
- <sup>7</sup>Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,
- <sup>8</sup> for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice,
- <sup>9</sup> that he should live on forever and never see the pit.
- <sup>10</sup> For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others.
- <sup>11</sup>Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names.
- <sup>12</sup> Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.

### The Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from Colossians, beginning with the third chapter.

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your

life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

- **A** The Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Children's Sermon

**P** Moses, in Deuteronomy 6, records the following:

<sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

When the children's sermon is concluded, the people stand for the Holy Gospel.



# The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

- **▶** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

- **P** The Gospel of our Lord.
- **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon	The Rev. Dr. Thomas Thorstac			
A large print copy of this sermon may be available from the ushers.				



- 1 Je sus, price-less trea sure, source of pur est plea sure,
- 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo lest me
- 3 Hence, all fears and sad ness, for the Lord of glad ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, though the storms may



faint - ed, quak-ing, Lord, for thee!
quak-ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
gath - er, still have peace with - in.

Thine I am, O spot-less Lamb; Sin and hell in con-flict fell Yea, what-e'er I here must bear,



I will suf - fer nought to hide thee, nought I ask be - side thee. with their bit - ter storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me. still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

# The Apostles' Creed

- **P** People of God, in whom do you believe?
- 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

# The Prayers

A O Holy God, all wisdom, good counsel, and understanding come from you. Make us to know and seek your ways. Give us faith, as we lift these prayers to you:

A brief silence is kept.

Me lift up, silently or aloud, those names and things and requests which you, O Lord, have heard and answered. A pause is kept that thanksgiving for answered prayers may be offered.

Thank you for always hearing us and thank you for answering us. Give us faith for those responses which we have not yet understood or heard,

or in which you have answered differently than our understanding allows. Lord, in your mercy,

### • hear our prayer.

A Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Church. Bless this congregation, her people, and her work. Cause all things to be done for your glory and for the benefit of your people. We pray for the North American Lutheran Church, area congregations, and today for Christ Lutheran Church of DuBois and for the Reverend John Miller and Reverend Amy Godshall Miller. Lord, in your mercy,

### **G** hear our prayer.

A Deliver your persecuted servants from evil. Help them to pray for their enemies. Help us to pray for them and with them. Guide and strengthen all missionaries. Help them find and use ways to introduce unbelievers to your dear Son, until all hearts are tuned to your praise. Lord, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

A Lord God, bless the ministry of the Reverend Thomas Thorstad and his family; the ministry of Dure Negassa; and the ministry of the Reverend Dagaga Gemachu and his family. Lord, in your mercy,

### **G** hear our prayer.

Almighty God, give your gifts of faith, wisdom, and righteousness to all people, especially to those who take counsel for the nations. Bless those who hold office in the United States, in Pennsylvania, in Murrysville, and in all the towns from which we hail. Lord, in your mercy,

### **©** hear our prayer.

Equip parents and families to nurture faith and discipleship within their homes. Lord, in your mercy,

### **G** hear our prayer.

Me pray that you will fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. We pray that you make us one people united in prayer. We pray that you will send families, children, widows & widowers, the

elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy,

### **G** hear our prayer.

Me lift up before you those whom we know are in need of your healing, your comfort, your presence, and our prayers, especially:

David Weihe, Linda Casper, Vince Berardinelli, George & Donna Campagna, Gary Kral, Mary Lou McDonald, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Debbie Pritts, Dick & Sandy Lester, Ray, Don, Jeff, David, Cathy, Leila, Grace, Darin, Alice, Keith, Victoria, Zachary, Kevin, Levi, Mervin, Shawn, Lynn, Ginny, Roger, Betty, Zac, Les, Kenny, Gary, Linda, Michael, Missy, Jim, Bonnie, Tony, Sarah, Denise, Harry, Millicent, Stephanie, and Ruthie We also lift up the names of those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud. A pause is kept that other names and supplications may be offered.

Pour out your Spirit upon them, that they may be granted the faith to endure. Lord, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

- A Most Blessed and Holy God, we implore you to remember *the family of Rob Greenleaf, the family of Lois, and the family of Beverly.* Fill the families with faith, comfort, and the strength to grieve. Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **G** Amen

Anyone who desires healing for the sick through the anointing of oil may request this from Pastor Justin. This may be done during Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

### THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

A Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. (Prov. 3:9–10)

### The Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **G** And also with you.

The assembly makes peace with one another.

Offertory

"Fugue" from First Violin Sonata

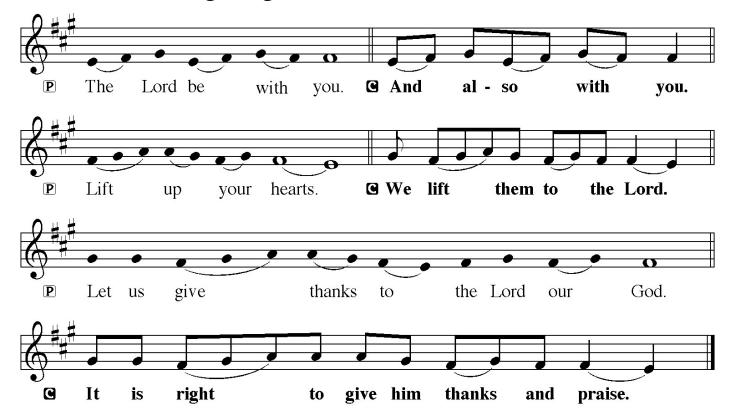
VIOLIN, *ILANA ARONOVICH*J S Bach (1685-1750)



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

- **A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given usourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

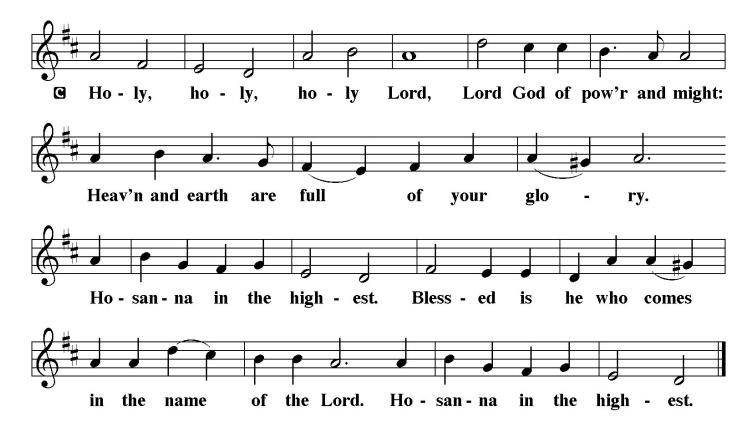
# The Great Thanksgiving



### **Preface for Sundays after Pentecost**

- P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;
  - who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
  - And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### The Sanctus



#### **Eucharistic Canon**

P Wondrous are your deeds, gracious Father, and mighty are your acts.

You fashioned all of life and created mankind in your image.

Though we had fallen into fear and despair, you did not abandon us, but sent your Son, our Lord Jesus, born of woman, to take human tribulation to the cross, thereby redeeming us and claiming us as your own, bringing to us holy comfort and joy.

This same Lord Jesus, on the night of His betrayal, took bread; when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said:

Take and eat, for this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for my remembrance.

When supper had ended, He took the cup; when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said:

All of you, drink of this, for this cup is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this for my remembrance.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

- **C** Christ has died.
  - Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

- As we now celebrate our Lord's presence, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation, that we who receive our Lord's true body and blood in this holy communion may be filled with the peace of sins forgiven, and the promise of life and salvation.
- Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

  Amen
- P As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now boldly pray:
- 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,

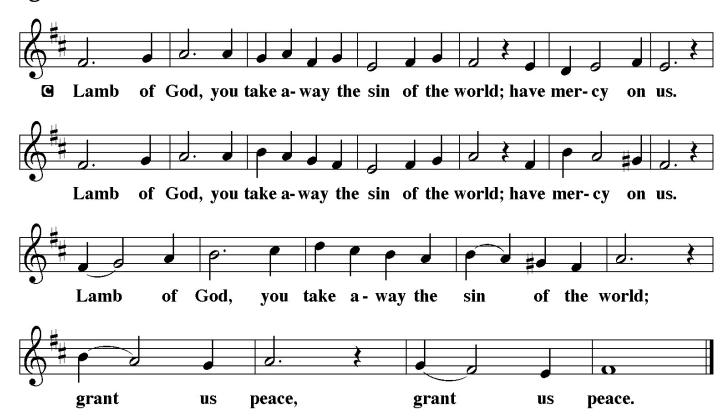
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

### The Breaking of the Bread

- P Our Lord Jesus says, "Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."
- **Q** Lord, give us this bread always.

### **Agnus Dei**



### Opportunity for the Laying On of Hands Healing Prayer

Anyone who desires healing for the sick through the anointing of oil may request this from Pastor Justin. This may be done during Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

### Our Practice of Holy Communion

All those who are in good standing in their home congregations, who are baptized, and who hold that this meal of bread and wine is our Lord's body and blood are welcome to partake of Holy Communion here. All others may nevertheless come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

# Communion Hymn | The King of Love My Shepherd is ELW 502



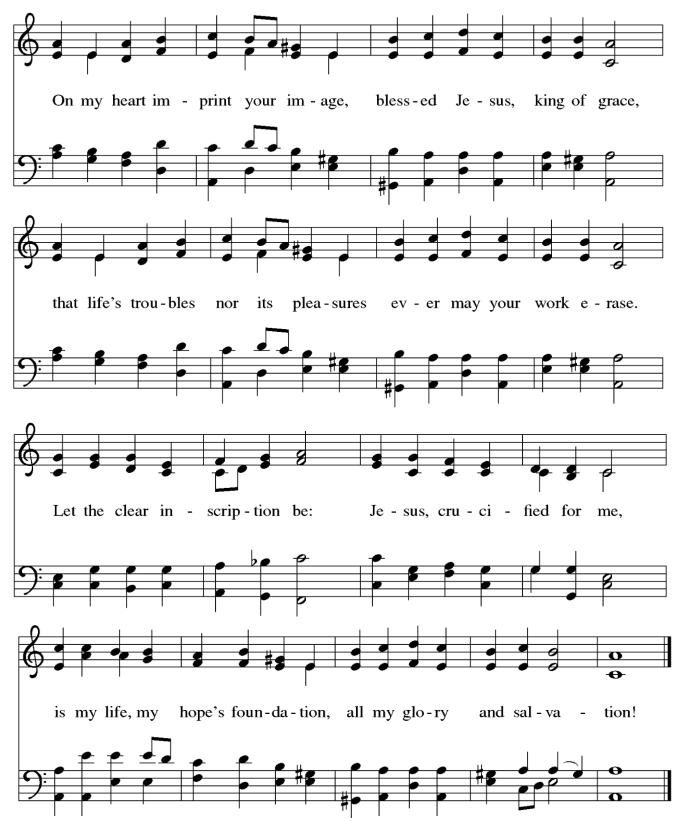
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
   Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

# **Post-Communion Blessing & Hymn**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

#### **G** Amen



Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt. Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

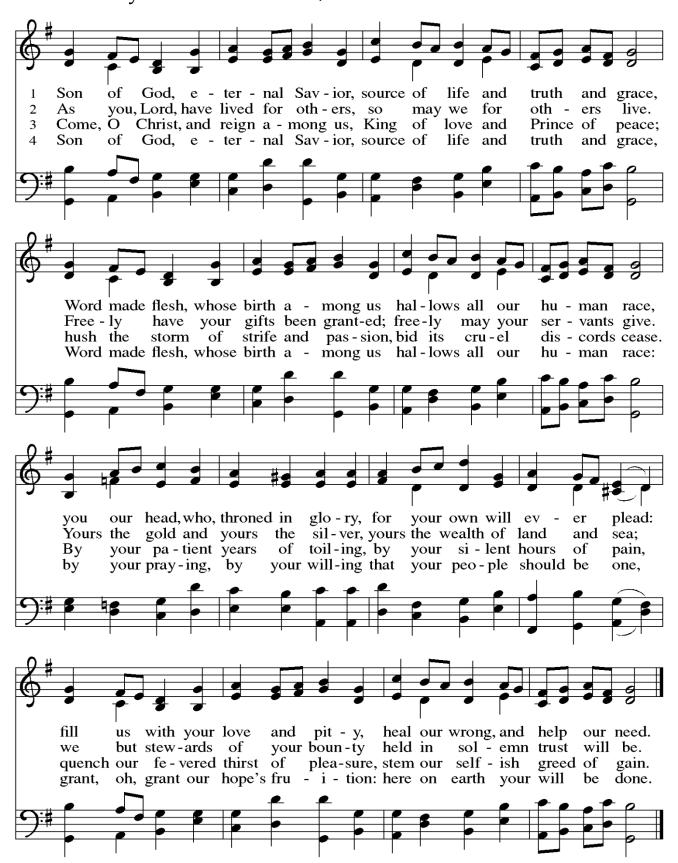
### **Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction**

A Let us pray. O God of steadfast love, in this meal you have nourished us with your Word and Sacrament. Strengthen us to live in faithful love and joyful service in all our relationships. Renew all homes and households in your grace, that they may reflect the communion we share in Christ our Lord.

#### **C** Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### **G** Amen



Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

#### **Dismissal**

- A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen. Let us go forth in this way.

PostludeORGANFugue in E MinorJ S Bach (1865 – 1750)

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The Altar Flowers are given by Ed Zinkan **To Thank God**for the Many Blessings We've Received!

Thank you to **Ilana Aronovich on Violin** for our special music!

LITURGICAL DAY	The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	
DATE	8/3/2025	8/10/2025	8/17/2025 10:15AM	
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ORGANIST	Homer Adams	Homer Adams	Homer Adams	
PASTOR	Presiding: Pastor Justin Baker Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Thomas Thorstad	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker	
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Elizabeth, Hannah, & Lisa Yothers	Steve Cehovin	Lou Hiener	
COUNTER	Cherie Wolovich	Scott Wilson &	Ed Datemasch &	
TEAM	& Jeanne Yargar	Jeanne Yargar	Stan Casper	
GREETERS	Sally Seidling	Ross & Lisa Nese	Arlene Woodward	
USHERS	Stan Casper & Ed Datemasch &	Steve Cehovin & Scott Wilson &	Steve Cehovin & Scott Wilson &	
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ACOLYTE	Faith Palmer Matthew Yothers		Karla Gustafson	
CRUCIFER	Matthew Yothers			
ALTAR GUILD	Donna Berardinelli & Jeanne Yargar	Donna Berardinelli & Carol McDowell	Kathy & Karla Gustafson	
ALTAR FLOWERS	Ed Zinkan	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS	Danette Hunter	Jeanne Yargar	Jeanne Yargar	

# This Week at Emmanuel

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#### **Announcements:**

Special missionary guests and presenters on 8/3 and 8/10

- Office closed for Lutheran Week

- Ilana Aronovich's Violin Concert on 8/1710

Sunday, Aug 3	9:00AM	Special Sunday School Presentation with Rev. Dr.	Luther Hall
	10:15 AM	Thomas Thorstad Worship on the Eighth Sunday After Pentecost with Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Thomas Thorstad	Sanctuary
Office Closed	Mon-Fri	Lutheran Week	
Monday, Aug 4	6:30 PM	AA   Start The Week	Luther Hall
Tuesday, Aug 5		No Staff Meeting	
, ,	6:00 PM	Champion Cheerleading	Heritage Hall
	6:45 PM	Boy Scouts	Luther Hall
Wednesday, Aug 6	7:00 PM	AA   Steps and Stories	Luther Hall
Thursday, Aug 7	6:45 PM	Boy Scouts	Luther Hall
, ,	7:30 PM	Al-Anon Families	Heritage Hall
Friday, August 8 Saturday, August 9			Ü
Sunday August 10	9:00AM	Special Sunday School Presentation with Dure Negassa	Luther Hall
	10:15 AM	Worship on the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary

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