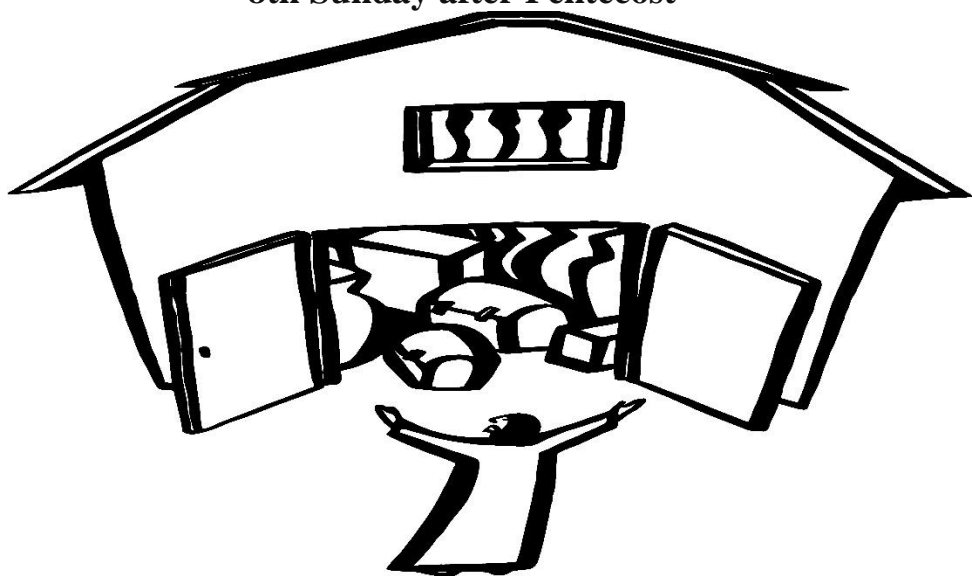


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**8th Sunday after Pentecost**



### **Introduction to the day**

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

**Food pantry need: cereal and peanut butter**  
**Attendance for July 13, 2025- 36**

## PRELUDE

*(please stand if you are able)*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

(ELW 650)

**IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST**

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

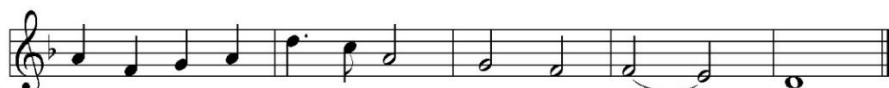
## KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    ☩ Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

# HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



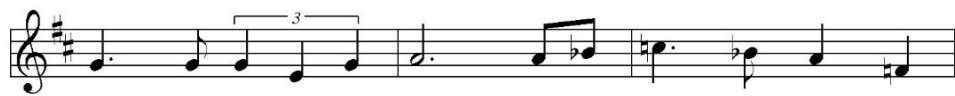
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.

☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I  
II 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.

☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied 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 humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? 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 and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because 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. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun?

<sup>23</sup> For 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 49:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell <sup>1</sup> in the world, you of high degree and low, rich and <sup>1</sup> poor together.

<sup>2</sup> **My mouth shall <sup>1</sup> speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on <sup>1</sup> understanding. R**

<sup>3</sup> I will incline my ear <sup>1</sup> to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

<sup>4</sup> **Why should I be afraid in <sup>1</sup> evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my <sup>1</sup> heels surrounds me,**

<sup>5</sup> the wickedness of those who put their trust <sup>1</sup> in their goods,  
and boast of <sup>1</sup> their great riches?

<sup>6</sup> **We can never ransom ourselves,  
or deliver to God the price <sup>1</sup> of our life;**

<sup>7</sup> for the ransom of our life <sup>1</sup> is so great,  
that we should never have enough to pay it,

<sup>8</sup> **in order to live forever and ever,  
and never <sup>1</sup> see the grave. R**

<sup>9</sup> For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they  
perish and leave their wealth to those who come <sup>1</sup> after them.

<sup>10</sup> **Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling  
places from generation to <sup>1</sup> generation,  
though they call the lands after <sup>1</sup> their own names.**

<sup>11</sup> Even though honored, they cannot <sup>1</sup> live forever;  
they are like the <sup>1</sup> beasts that perish.

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

A reading from Colossians.

<sup>1</sup> So if 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  
the things that are above, not on the 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in  
glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual  
immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is  
idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those  
who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed,  
when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such  
things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your  
mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off  
the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the  
new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the  
image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and  
Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved  
and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

#### **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And 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.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’” <sup>18</sup> Then 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. <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, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## Sermon

*(please stand if you are able)*

## **Hymn of the Day**

**(ELW 393)**

. **A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!**

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

## **THE PRAYERS**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words*

## **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Creator God,**

**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.**

## **Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
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 all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever. **Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

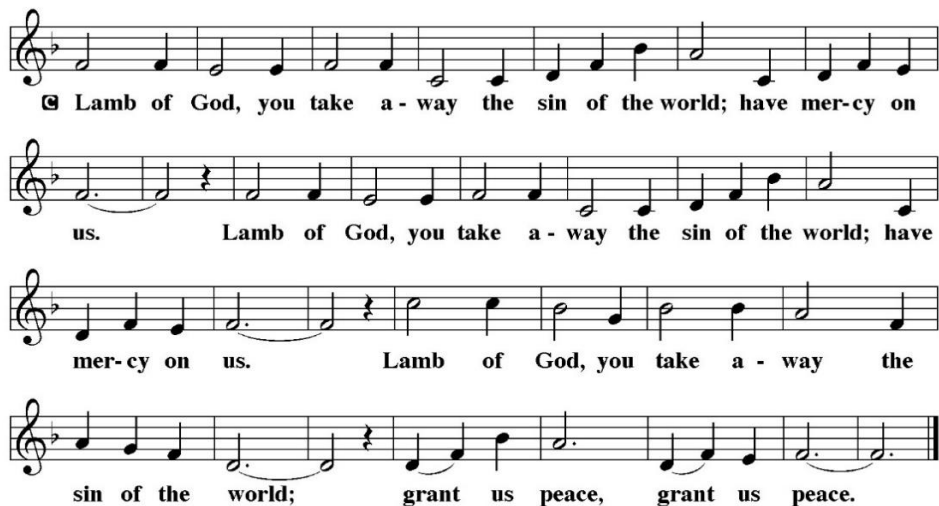
Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

### Communion

*The communion follows. The bread may be broken for distribution.*

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:* The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

### Communion Hymn



**L**amb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Song

### We Come Now to Your Table, Lord

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.  
 We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.  
 You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:  
 and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop

Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932–2013

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## Post-Communion Canticle

☩ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray,  
Mothering God,  
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**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

### Christ Is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive  
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning  
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing  
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the  
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to  
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as  
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all  
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing  
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y  
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor  
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise  
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from  
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.  
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.  
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.  
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931–1991

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **BREAD LOAF OFFERING -AUGUST – Lutheran Senior Care Ministry**

- Our Food Pantry is in need of cereal and peanut butter.

#### **Bread Loaf Offering**

We are making a change to the Bread Loaf Offering for the month of August as the director for the Salvation Army has resigned. For the month of August our bread loaf offering will go to the Lutheran Senior Care Ministry. Lutheran Senior Care Ministry meets weekly and serves over 600 residents in 35 locations with 18 chaplains and has 30 church partners. The chaplain provides a worship service for residents that include hymn singing, scripture, readings, prayers, a sermon and a benediction. These are Lutheran chaplains, and all are in the Fort Wayne area. If you have any questions, see Pastor Matt or Joe Freiburger.

Hope ladies will host the luncheon for Adelphi Tuesday, August 19.

Our guest, September McConnell from Whitley County Foundations will present the on going programs they sponsor for Whitley County.

- Grace Lutheran Church is now participating in First Fridays downtown in Columbia City. We are not selling anything, just promoting what we do well. Talking about our Preschool, Food Pantry and spreading God's word. The next event will be on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm. We meet at church at 4:30 and walk down to the courthouse where we set up on the west side. We need some volunteers each month thru October. If you are interested, please see Pastor Matt, Joe Freiburger or any member on Church Council.

- Adelphi Women have a new project coming up in September. We will be collecting household goods and furnishings for a newly housed families and individuals. Detailed information will be given in the August Newsletter, but in the meantime, please consider items in your own home that would be good donations to this worthy cause. We are looking for bath and bedroom linens, kitchen needs, furniture, tables and chairs, etc. Items should be clean and still functional. Talk with Linda Grawcock, Linda Trowbridge or any of the Adelphi members with your questions and look for details in the August newsletter.

## **Weekly Agenda at Grace Lutheran Church**

### **Monday August 4,2025**

Helping Hands 12:30 pm

Scouting America Troop 84 B/g 6:30 pm

Property team 6:30pm

AA 7:30pm

### **Tuesday August 5,2025**

T.O.P.S 9:30 am

### **Wednesday August 6,2025**

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Food Pantry 12 pm

Food Vouchers 4 pm

### **Thursday August 7,2025**

AA 7:30 pm

Al-non 7:30 pm

### **Friday August 8,2025**

**Pastor's Day Off**

Food Pantry 12 pm

### **Saturday August 9,2025**

### **Sunday August 10,2025**

Worship @ Hope 8:15 am

Worship @ Grace 10:15 am

Fellowship 11:15 am

Worship @ Oakes 1 pm

**We have new sign-up sheets in the parish hall, for coffee hour. Coffee hour will be after church service, for anyone that would like to stay.**