
∞ EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ∞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • JULY 14, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ HYMN

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY
LBW #543

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ the God of manna, the God of mercy, the God of miracles.

All: **Amen.**

WL: Seeking courage to grow as disciples, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

WL: God, our provider,

All: **Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding and rely on our own strength rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Forgive us, gracious God. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and to share your love with the world. Amen.**

WL: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's compassion and mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All: **Amen.**

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace and courage which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may grow daily in following you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

JOSHUA 1:1-9

R: Our first lesson on this Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from the first chapter of Joshua.

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 5:1-8

R: The Second lesson is from the fifth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (FROM ARGENTINA)

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, Lord.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 7:7-12

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

TODAY’S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE SONG

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LBW #507

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

WL: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

AND INSTALLATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

All: 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.

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

✠ COMMUNION HYMN

LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

Music is printed on a separate sheet

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now give us courage to love the world with the gifts you have given to us. In your name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

✠ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH
MY BLESSING
STANZAS 3 & 4

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**“I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”**

✠ SENDING

**WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God.**

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

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