



Undivided Attention On Useful Resources

Pentecost 8

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

Money. Possessions. Perhaps more than anything else, those things have the power to turn our attention away from what is truly important. Christ wants us to understand that it is our heavenly Father who provides us with those useful resources. But we need to know why our Father gives them: what they are useful for, and what they are not useful for. This week let us give our undivided attention to what Christ says about the useful resources our gracious Father provides to us.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave. If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Heyn or one of the elders.

If you have small children, please note there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages.

Holy Communion: We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion," communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. Peter Heyn
Organist	Sandy Swoboda
Elder on Duty	Sunday: Paul Koch / Monday: Dan Lindquist
Ushers on Duty	David Diestler, Charles Hartwig, ?
Altar Guild	Lila Barlament & Jan Johnson

The Order of the Holy Communion

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

OPENING HYMN

All Depends on Our Possessing | 425, vv. 1-3

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

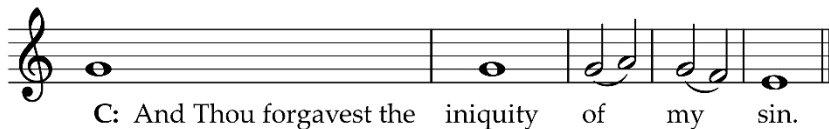
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



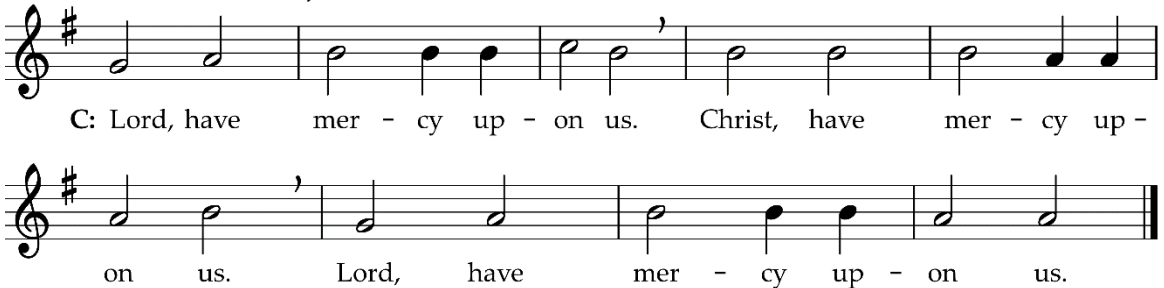
THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

M: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord Most High is awesome. He will subdue the temples under us, And the nations under our feet.



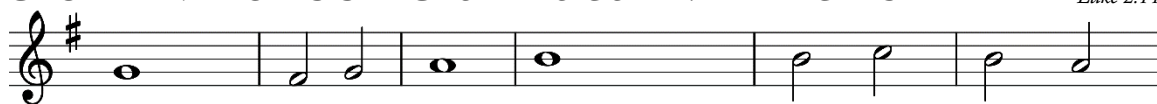
THE KYRIE—*LORD, HAVE MERCY*

Psalm 123

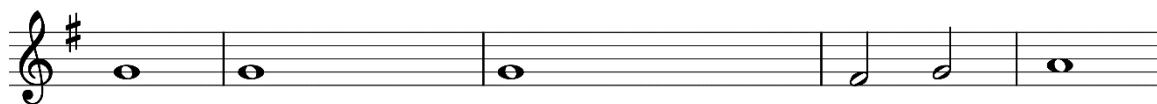


GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

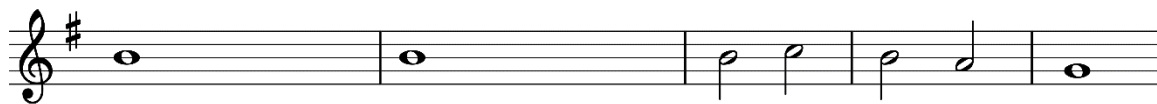
Luke 2:14



C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the



world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the



world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Let us pray: O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14, 2:18-26

The words of Ecclesiastes, David's son, king in Jerusalem.

²"Nothing but vapor," Ecclesiastes said. **"Totally vapor. Everything is just vapor that vanishes."**

¹²I, Ecclesiastes, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my heart to seek out and explore with wisdom everything done under the sky. (What a burdensome task God has given the children of Adam to keep them busy!) ¹⁴I have seen all the actions done under the sun, and, look, it is all nothing but vapor. It is all chasing the wind.

^{2:18}I also hated all the results of my hard work, for which I worked so hard under the sun, since I must leave it all to the man who comes after me. ¹⁹And who knows—will he be wise, or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the results of my hard work, for which I worked so hard and so wisely, under the sun. This too is vapor that vanishes.

²⁰So I changed my course, and my heart began to despair over all my hard work at which I worked so hard under the sun. ²¹Sure, there may be a man who has worked hard—wisely, aptly, and skillfully. But he must hand over whatever he accumulated by all his hard work to a man who has not worked hard for it. This too is vapor. It's so unfair! ²²For what does a man gain through all his hard work, through all the turmoil in his heart as he works so hard under the sun?

²³Bah! Pain fills his days. His occupation is frustration. Even at night his heart does not rest. This too is vapor.

²⁴There is nothing better for a man than to eat and to drink and to find joy in his work. This too, I saw, is from God's hand. ²⁵For who can eat or enjoy himself apart from him? ²⁶Yes, God gives wisdom, knowledge, and happiness to the man whom he considers good, but to the person who goes on sinning God gives the task of gathering and collecting, but only so that he can give it all to a person whom God considers good. This too is vapor, nothing but chasing wind.

SECOND LESSON: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵So put to death whatever is worldly in you: sexual immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. ⁷You too once walked in these things, when you were living in them.

⁸But now, you too are to rid yourselves of all of these: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to each other since you have put off the old self with its practices, ¹⁰and put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in knowledge, according to

the image of its Creator. ¹¹Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but rather Christ is all and is in all.

Matthew 6:20, 21

M: Alleluia! Store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, because where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Alleluia!



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 12:13-21



Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But Jesus said to him, “Man, who appointed me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?”

¹⁵Then he said to them, **“Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because a man’s life is not measured by how many possessions he has.”**

¹⁶He told them a parable: “The land of a certain rich man produced very well. ¹⁷He was thinking to himself, ‘What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸He said, ‘This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and goods. ¹⁹And I will tell my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry.’”

²⁰“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared?’

²¹“That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



THE NICENE CREED

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The only-begotten Son of God
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light from Light,
Very God of Very God,
Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation
Came down from heaven
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary
And was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried;
And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;
And ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead
And the Life of the world to come. Amen**

You may be seated.

HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past | 123

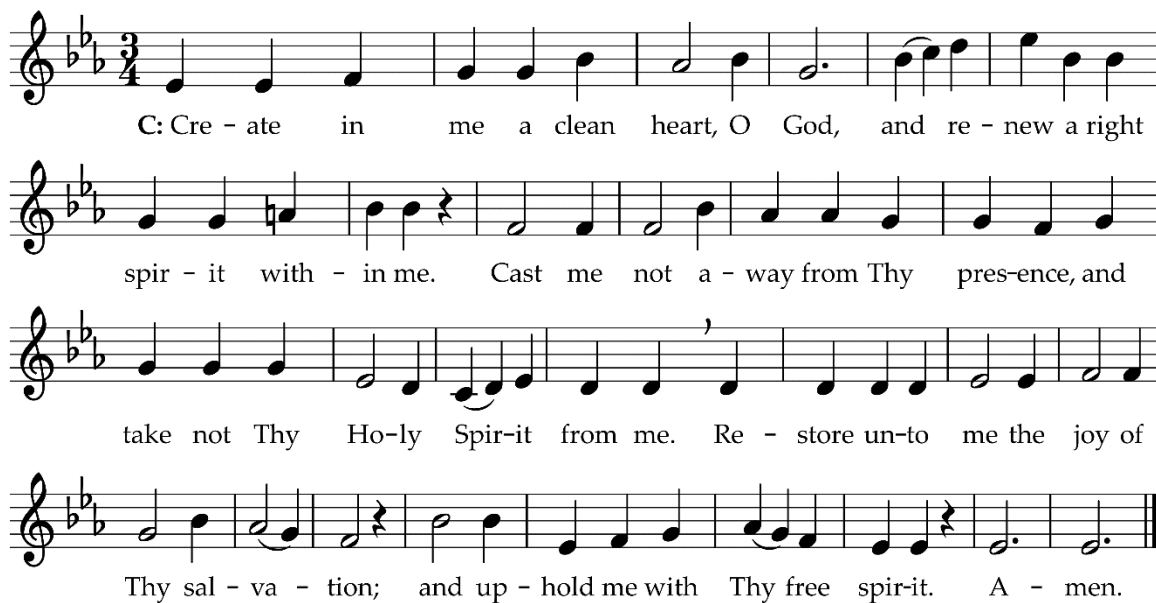
Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON – LUKE 12:13-21

Don't Play the Fool!

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence, and
take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

You may be seated.

THANK-OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spirit.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C: It is meet and right so to do.

M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

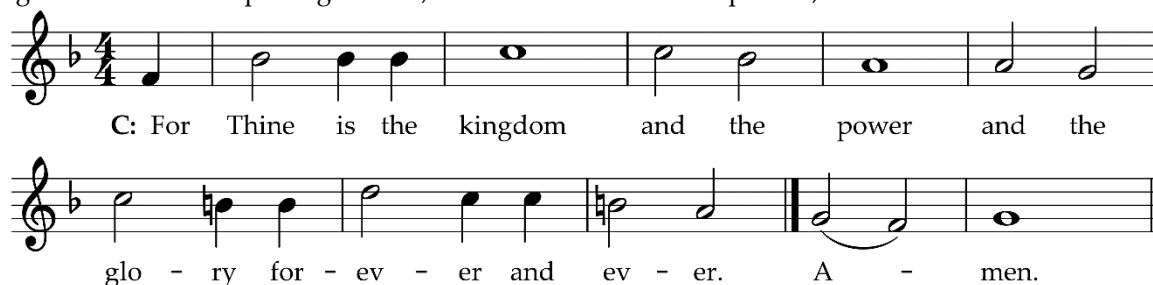


Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the



THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: 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.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI (Peace of the Lord)

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

You may be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness | 305

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*“Now Dismiss”*)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord-ing to Thy
word, For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast pre -
pared be - fore the face of all people,
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the
Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now, and
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

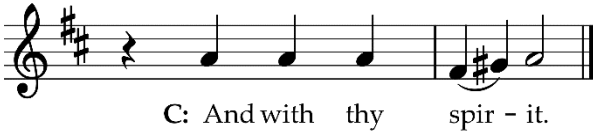
C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

M: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

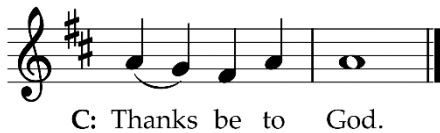


THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us bless the Lord.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

What is the World to Me? | 430, vv. 1-4, 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS – If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the fellowship hall.

SNACK SPONSORS –Today’s snacks are provided by Charles & Barbara Hartwig and Barb Schnese. If you’re interested in sponsoring and serving snacks, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall!

VBS – After fellowship today, we will have a short meeting for those who are assisting with Vacation Bible School this week, Aug. 4-6 from 5:30-7:30.

MISSION FESTIVAL – We hope you can join us Sunday, August 10th for our 2025 Mission Festival. Rev. Thomas Heyn, administrator for the ELS Board for World Outreach will preach and give a special presentation and update on the world mission work being conducted by our synod. We’ll have a special meal following the presentation.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY 8/03)	Divine Service w/Comm., 9:00 a.m. Fellowship, 10:05 a.m.
MONDAY (8/04)	Vacation Bible School, 5:30-7:30 p.m .
TUESDAY (8/05)	Brookview Meadows Service, 2:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (8/06)	Vacation Bible School, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
SUNDAY 8/10)	Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Fellowship, 10:05 a.m. ELS BWO Presentation, 10:30 a.m. Mission Festival Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION

Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.