

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service III
July 18, 2021 9:00AM

Prelude (793 2:57)& Announcements

Prayer on entering the church: *“Lord, I love the habitation of your House an the place where your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord.”* (145)

Before Worship: *“O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.”* (146)

Confession and Absolution The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn:

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.
- 3 Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.
- 4 Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Psalmody – Psalm 23

Leader	The Lord is my shepherd;*
	I shall not want.
Congregation	He makes me lie down in green pastures.*
	He leads me beside still waters.
Leader	He re- stores my soul.*
	He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Congregation	Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;*
	your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Leader	You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;*
	you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Congregation	Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,*
	and I shall dwell ^[1] in the house of the Lord for- ever.
ALL	Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
	and to the Holy Spirit;
	as it was in the be- ginning,*
	is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

C SING

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie LSB 186

C SING

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C SING

**and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship
Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God,
heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have
mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou
that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art
holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. ...

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness,
still you provide for all our needs of body and soul.
Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your gifts,
give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

First Reading: *Jeremiah 23:1-6:*

1 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD.

*2 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my
people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to
them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. 3 Then I will gather the
remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back
to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will set shepherds over them who will care
for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares
the LORD.*

*5 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous
Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in
the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by
which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.*

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are His judgements and how inscrutable | His ways!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are | all things.*

To Him be the glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle: *Ephesians 2:11-22*:

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse *John 6:68*[LSB: pg. 190]

C SING

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: *Mark 6:30-44* (Please Stand)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, sixth chapter

C SING

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

30 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. 35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. 36 Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” 37 But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” 38 And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up

to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. 42 And they all ate and were satisfied. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C SING Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Creedal Statement: Nicene Creed (*Please stand as we confess our faith*)[LSB: pg. 191]

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 of 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 the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will 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 worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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.

Hymn of the Day: *"O God of God, O Light of Light"* [LSB: 810]

1 O God of God, O Light of Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To You in heaven's glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

2 For deep in the prophets' sacred page,
And grand in poets' winged word,
Slowly in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night
Rang out the song, "Good will to men!"
Sung once by first-born sons of light,
It echoes now, "Good will!" Amen.

3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,

**That death so steeped in hate and scorn--
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
We lift them up. Amen, amen.**

**4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.**

Sermon

Offering

Offertory*Psalm 51:10-12*.....[LSB: pg. 192]

**C SING Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.**

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

C 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.

Concluding Collect

P Let us Pray
Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Benediction

**P May the Lord bless us and keep us.
May the Lord make His face shine upon us
and be gracious unto us.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon us
And grant us peace.**

Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" [LSB: 819]

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation.
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made,
In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might
All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!

- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

- 4 He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

Postlude