



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS



Sunday, August 3, 2025
Hope Worship - 11:00am

WELCOME!

AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY

You are encouraged to pray silently, reflect upon God's Word, and consider aspects of your life that could be enriched with the Grace of God.

A number of appropriate prayers for all occasions can be found in the Lutheran Service Book on pages 305-318 and front inside cover. We welcome our guests and hope you are blessed in our worship. Guests and members are asked to complete a member/visitor card, located in the pew and place the card in the offering plate. Please introduce yourself to our pastor and members after service, so that we may greet you and answer any questions you may have.

CHILD CARE

Our caring Nursery Attendant, **Victoria Lankhorst**, is available for children ages 2 and under. The Nursery is located in the main hallway for Sunday Services from 9:30am to Noon and for those attending New Member classes on Sunday from 12:30pm to 2pm. If nursery attendant is not available, parents are more than welcome to use the nursery, worship service is can be viewed in the nursery.

Also, we provide Children's Activity Bags located on the small racks as you enter the Sanctuary. Please return them after the service to enjoy for future use.

ETERNAL FLAME

The Eternal flame burns during the month of **AUGUST IN CELEBRATION OF OUR FAITH AND SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.**

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.

If you have any questions, concerns, prayer requests or would like to speak with Pastor Rob Harbin or Pastor Clayton Sellers, please contact the church office at 901-853-4673 or email: **office@faithcollierville.com**. We hope you will join us again.

Blessings to you!

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION

The Holy Scriptures teach that Holy Communion is a sacred act, established by Christ Himself and given to His Church. As members of the **Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**, we hold the doctrine of the *Real Presence*, meaning that Jesus really gives His Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and the wine, as He Himself says, "*This is my body ... This is my blood ... for the forgiveness of sins*" (Matthew 26:26ff.). To be clear, this is **not** a symbolic presence, but as the Bible declares – and the ancient church taught – a *Real Presence*.

The Holy Scriptures also teach us to receive this meal in a way that is responsible and healthy. As overseer, St. Paul wrote – "*Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself*" (1 Cor.11:28-29). Out of genuine care for God's people we ask that you **refrain from communing if** (1) you have not been baptized, (2) have not received basic instruction in the Christian Faith, (3) or you come from another church body, differing from these Scriptural teachings (mentioned above). If you have questions, please speak with the pastor or elder that we might further discuss the right reception of this sacred meal.

To prepare ourselves for the gifts our Lord gives, Luther encouraged us to ask 3 questions:

Do I **REPENT** of my sins, desiring to turn away from them, back to the Lord?

Do I **BELIEVE** Jesus died and rose for me and gives me His Body and Blood this day "*for the forgiveness of sins*"?

Do I **INTEND** to use this means of grace to change my life, following His will & way?

PLEASE NOTE

- 1. If you receive the chalice please only take hold from the base and let the pastor guide it to your lips. Thank You**
- 2. If you have difficulty kneeling due to surgery or chronic issues please feel free to stand at the communion rail.**

FOR CHILDREN

Your children are Welcome at the Communion rail to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
A Sermon Series: The Book of Hebrews
Sunday, August 3, 2025
Hope Worship – 11:00am

WELCOME & GREETINGS

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE - “Open the Eyes of my Heart”

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51*

Pastor: “O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.”

People: **“You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.”**

Pastor: “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;”

People: **“A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”**

Pastor: Friends, let us examine our life in the light of God’s Word and confess our sins.

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination)

Pastor: Most Merciful God...

People: **I come to confess to You the hardness of my heart, the meanness of my thoughts, the coldness of my spirit, and the sinfulness of my life. Instead of laboring for Your Kingdom, I have worked to build up my own little empire. Instead of being thankful and glorifying You in any and every circumstance, I have selfishly grumbled and complained. Instead of meeting the needs of others, I have put my own wants first. I am sorry. I know it was for me – and because of me – that Jesus lived, suffered and died. Forgive me of all my sins, and by Your grace, help me to lead a Godly life, in Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.**

Pastor: The Scriptures teach us, *“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Through the life, death and resurrection of His Son Jesus, God has done all the work necessary for our salvation.

It is my joy and privilege as a called and ordained servant of the Word to announce the grace of God in the midst of sin. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ***Amen. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."***

SONG OF RESPONSE - "*Christ Above Me*"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray,

O Christ, as You entered, once for all, into the holy places by means of your own blood, You secured eternal redemption and became the Mediator of a New Covenant for all people. As we have been called to faith, may we receive the promised eternal inheritance your blood avails for us and glorify you in all we think, speak and do; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Apostles' Creed

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Leviticus 16:11-16a

Lector: "Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself. And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil and put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die. And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times. "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins.

This is the Word of Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 8:1-6 & 9:11-22

Lector: Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things.

For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING: John 19:31-37

Pastor: Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON SONG - “By His Wounds”

SERMON - “Jesus, the Better Blood” by Pastor Rob Harbin

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray....

(Please repeat after each petition)

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, You have not withheld from us anything needful for this body and life, help us now to trust in You to answer our prayers and give to us such confidence in Your fatherly wisdom that we may be content and at peace with Your answer; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: **Amen.**

THE GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Members, please fill out the white attendance cards and

Guests, please fill out the blue attendance cards at this time.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Come to the Altar"
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG - *"Jesus Paid it All"*

Embracing our Community...Connecting as Christ's Family

Faith Lutheran Church & Preschool - LCMS
507 New Byhalia Rd., Collierville, TN 38017
901-853-4673 www.faithcollierville.com