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The Eighth Sunday
After Pentecost
August 3, 2025

Life does not consist in the abundance of possessions



LUKE 12:15

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Welcome to Immanuel! May our worship together provide an opportunity for you to experience God's love and grace in Christ. We invite you to return and share in our mission and ministry of our Savior.

Our Mission To share God's love in Jesus Christ by word and deed with all people.

As We Gather True wisdom proceeds from God and embraces the riches of knowing and confessing Christ. Our minds need not be fixated on earthly wealth or possessions; our behaviors should oppose earthly immorality, selfishness, and desire. Constant fixation on our labors, accomplishments, and assets is no more than vanity, leading to despair. Our image, knowledge, and actions ought to be shaped by Christ Jesus, for He alone is everything for those who believe in His name.

About the Cover: It is foolish to reduce our lives to procuring possessions just to let them go when we die. These things do not compare to the eternal treasures Christ won for us. We can let go of our need to store up earthly treasures because we know what the Lord promises in the life to come (Romans 8:32).

The Color Green: The season of Pentecost highlights the events and teachings of Jesus' early ministry that reveal Him to be the Son of God, the Savior of the World. Green reminds us that as Christians, we are always growing and maturing as disciples of Jesus through the power of the Word.

About the Lord's Supper Scripture teaches that in this sacrament Christ gives us His body and blood with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of Christian faith. Our Lord invites to His table baptized Christians who are sorry for their sins, believe in Jesus as their Savior, and seek God's help in amending their sinful lives. If you have any questions or concerns, please visit with Pastor Wehling. Children and those who prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. For further preparation, review *Christian Questions with Their Answers* on pp. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. *Matthew 26:26-29, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:17-34*

Families with Young Children We are pleased you and your children are worshipping with us today. We encourage you to keep your children with you in church to worship as a family. If needed, a supervised nursery is available in Room 218 (east hallway). An usher can direct you. There is a changing table in the family restroom on the 2nd floor and in the nursery.



Entrance

P Pastor C Congregation

Stand, as you are able. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **©** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 100

- **P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- **P** Know that the LORD, he is God!
- It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

- P Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
- **C** Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- **P** For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
- **C** and his faithfulness to all generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

Ps. 95

Come, let us praise the Lord, With joy our God acclaim, His greatness tell abroad And bless His saving name. Lift high your songs Before His throne To whom alone All praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth, Our King beyond compare, The deepest bounds of earth, The hills, are in His care. He all decrees,

Who by His hand Prepared the land And formed the seas.

In worship bow the knee, Our glorious God confess; The great Creator, He, The Lord of Righteousness.

He reigns unseen:

His flock He feeds And gently leads In pastures green.

Come, hear His voice today, Receive what love imparts; His holy will obey And harden not your hearts. His ways are best And lead at last, All troubles past, To perfect rest.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

("There is nothing better for a person than that he should . . . find enjoyment in his toil.")

A The Old Testament Reading is from Ecclesiastes, chapter 1.

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity....

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Colossians 3:1–11

("Seek the things that are above.")

A The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter 3.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the

old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel Luke 12:13–21

(Parable of the rich man)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 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.

Catechism Review

Luther's Small Catechism

- **P** What is the Eighth Commandment?
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- **P** What does this mean?
- We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Sit

Children's Message

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

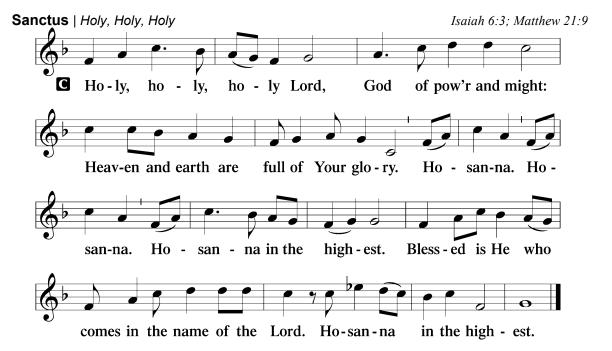
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

- P 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.

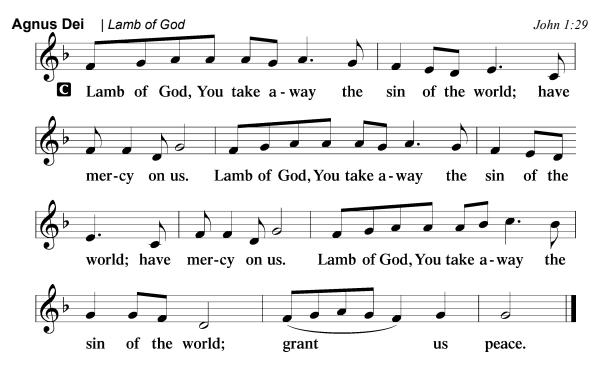
The Words of Our Lord

Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25

Pax Domini | The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Sit

Distribution Hymns: 611, 732, 848

Stand

Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness 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 God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

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 H give you peace.

C Amen.

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. *Refrain*

Yes, Jesus loves me! ... The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide. He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me, Oh how blessed In His love, there's peace and rest He has paid a price for me I am His eternally. *Refrain*

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Announcements for August 3, 2025

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 3	9:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship Service, Communion-Sanctuary/Zoom Pickleball – Activity Center Blind Outreach Board Meeting
Monday, August 4	All Day	Set-up for Election Polling – Activity Center
Tuesday, August 5	All Day 6:30 pm	Election Polling – Activity Center Property & Grounds Committee – Room 205
Wednesday, August 6	9:30 to 11:30 am 12:00 pm	Youth Coordinator's Office hours House Prayer Meeting at Caryn Scott's home
Thursday, August 7	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study-Room 205
Ninth Sunday after F	Pentecost	
Sunday, August 10	9:00 am	Worship Service, Communion-Sanctuary/Zoom

IN OUR PRAYERS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Families to attend worship and Bible Study, and to faithfully bring children to Sunday School. Boldness in our mission for Jesus to our community and world.

For our Campus Ministry and the students and staff of Kansas, Haskell and Baker Universities.

For children and families of missionaries, pastors, and church leaders all over the world.

For Rev. Bryan Payne, his wife Deaconess Keah and their children, Rory and Dalton, as they serve as missionaries in Tanzania.

Protection and care for those serving in the military.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN RETIREMENT HOMES/NURSING HOME/AT HOME

Annette Larson—at home; Phyllis Legler—at Vintage Park, Baldwin City; Geri Fordice—at Pioneer Ridge; Lew Llewellyn — Meadowlark Estates.

COMFORT

For the family of Kathy Buffington, on her death.

FOR HEALING

Andy Hause, friend of Alex and Julia Weston.

John, Jane Hoyt's nephew, waiting for a kidney.

Dudley Karstensen, a recent cancer diagnosis.

June Floyd, during chemotherapy.

Kelly Smith

Candice Lahm

McCain Kellerman, undergoing chemotherapy.

Kim Varnadore (friend of Sheila Couchman), awaiting results of cancer testing.

Peter (Kelly Smith's brother), recovering from a fall.

Jerry (June Floyd's nephew), recovering from back surgery.

Maggie Bowman, friend of Julia Rose-Weston.

Carol Grammer, June Floyd's cousin, at KU Med with a brain aneurysm, recovering from surgery.

Tim Hetzler's brother, Greg, during cancer treatment.

David Lahm, recovering from knee surgery.

Clair McLintock, recovering at home.

Bob Roseberry (Kate Clemmons' brother), during chemotherapy.

Nancy Lahm, recovering from surgery.

Sharon Colvin, (a friend of the Couchmans), diagnosed with a fast-moving cancer.

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME COLLEGE STUDENTS We are glad you're here, and we look forward to growing together in Christ! Please plan to join us at our church picnic on Sunday, August 24 at 6:00 pm. If you'd like to be added to our GroupMe and be notified of upcoming activities, leave your cell number in the registration folder in your pew.

ALTAR FLOWERS If you are interested in providing flowers for your special occasion, please sign up in the narthex and talk to Elois Allan 785-550-3779. Thank you.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Our next Men's Bible Study is scheduled to meet at Immanuel on Saturday, August 16th, at 8:30 AM in classroom 205. We will continue our study of the Nicene Creed, on this the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

THANK YOU Kim Varnadore thanks everyone for their prayers during her illness. The prayers are very much appreciated.

LWML MITE BOX is displayed prominently in the Narthex. We will be putting it out the first Sunday of every month as a reminder to bring your Mites. Mark 12:42-43. "But a poor widow came and put two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.'"

CHRISTMAS IN JULY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE -- A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that donated items to the sale and to those that purchased items. We would not be successful without everyone's participation! We cleared \$1,176.00. LWML will schedule a business meeting in the near future, to decide where best to spend our funds.

LUTHERAN WITNESS AND PORTALS OF PRAYER SUBSCRIPTIONS Forms to renew, start, or cancel subscriptions for the Lutheran Witness and Portals of Prayer have been placed in your church mailboxes. There are a few extra forms on the table by the volunteer notebook. The deadline for responding is Sunday, August 10.

Please put your name on the form! There have been a couple of forms turned in without names. There is a list of those who have returned their forms on the office door. If your name is not on the list, and you have returned your form, please let me know – Lisa

NEW DIRECTORIES are available in the church office. Thank you to Kate Clemmons for all her hard work getting updated photos for the directory!

L.I.N.K. Immanuel volunteers will serve at LINK on Tuesday, August 12. Have you signed up to prepare food or serve? There is a volunteer notebook on the back table in the Narthex. "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matt 25:40. For more information contact Sharon Leggott, 785-749-7400, or Margaret Peterson, 785-550-3339.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. If you are a "people person," we have a volunteer position for you at the Red Cross Immanuel Lutheran Church Blood Drives! Volunteers ensure blood donors have a pleasant and fulfilling experience, from the moment they arrive to when they leave. You could create a favorable impression encouraging ongoing donor support. Baked goods for our blood donors are always welcome! Interested? Call Judy Green, 785-766-2346, with questions or to volunteer. The next Red Cross blood drive will be at Immanuel on August 14 and 15.

PASTOR INSTALLATION AT CHRIST LUTHERAN You are invited to join us in worship and celebration! Pastor Avery Hjulberg will be installed at Christ Lutheran Church (3509 SW Burlingame Road, Topeka) on Sunday, August 31 at 3:00 PM. A meal and fellowship will follow the installation service.

BALLARD CENTER NEWS: The Ballard Center extended a HUGE thank you for your generous donations in June. Summer months can be stressful for parents trying to make ends meet. Immanuel came through with flying colors. Thank you!

It is almost back to school time & we have been asked to provide backpacks & supplies for the kiddos headed to kindergarten. There are 13 students- 9 girls and 4 boys. We are pre-buying backpacks this year. Since we were given a preliminary list from the school district it has changed. They are NOT requesting Headsets or Dry Erase Markers. If you took a tag to purchase these please disregard. Glue Sticks & Liquid glue were also eliminated but can be used in the classroom, we will take any donations to the school. The response was heartwarming last week. Please place your supplies in the basket on the table in the narthex! All supplies must be delivered to the church by August 3. Jesus Loves the Little Children!

Blessings Barb Riley

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Students of all ages, bring your backpacks to church on Sunday August 17! We will be blessing the backpacks and praying for the school year.

CHURCH PICNIC Mark your calendar for our annual church picnic on Sunday, August 24 at 6 pm. Pulled pork, games, and prizes are all on the menu. More information is coming soon.

GROCERY BUCKS The youth are still selling grocery bucks! These are \$50 or \$100 gift cards to Checkers, Hy-Vee, and The Merc. The youth earn \$5 of every \$100 sold to Hy-Vee, and \$6 of every \$100 sold to Checkers and The Merc. This is a great way to support the youth, by just buying groceries! If you would like to purchase, please contact Tiffany McCandless. You may reach her at (785)218-9944 or ilcyouthcoordinator@gmail.com. When you order ahead of time, we will have them ready for you on Sunday morning! Tiffany is also able to sell them on Sunday.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) we are continuing our study of the Psalms. This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 50, 57, 67, 73, and 80. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we begin a new study of the book of Galatians! Don't forget to join us for the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT)! This week is Bach week, and we have some special episodes lined up to celebrate! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

SNACKS! We are looking for people to provide snacks for our fellowship time after the services. Crackers, cheese, fruits, sweets are just some examples. Anything is appreciated! The sign-up sheet is near the coffee pot in the kitchen. If you have any questions, contact Tiffany McCandless.

COUNTERS NEEDED: Counters are needed for November 26 (Thanksgiving eve) and 30th, December and midweek Advent services. It's a simple and important task that includes training and would always include Julia to work with. Please consider volunteering and sign up in the notebook in the Narthex.

NOW ON DISPLAY on the south wall bulletin board: : King Josiah Scrolls by the Sunday School children and the Cross Calendar - July by Julia Rose-Weston

LAST WEEK Sunday, July 27: Attendance: 117 Communion: 114; Offering: \$4982

SCRIPTURE NEXT WEEK: Aug. 10: Gen. 15:1-6; Heb. 11:1-16; Luke 12: 22-34.

THIS WEEK——August 3

Organist: Dee Kaczor Acolyte: Kyla Deterding

Ushers: Christi Hansen & Gary Allan,

Trevor Sack & Abby Cothern Lay Reader: Rev. Don Miller

Elders: Marty Couchman and Joel Thaemert

ILC Stream Team: DeAnn Thaemert

Counter: Christi Hansen

Communion Care: Pam Becker

Snack: No Sunday School/Bible Class

NEXT WEEK—— August 10

Organist: Dee Kaczor Acolyte: Evelyn Dwyer

Ushers: Christi Hansen & Gary Allan, Brynn Deterding & Cason Dick Lay Reader: Ruth Ellen Bartels

Elders: Joel Thaemert and Russ Dwyer ILC Stream Team: Volunteer Needed

Counter: Christi Hansen

Communion Care: Carolyn Gil

Snack: No Sunday School/Bible Class

Upcoming events:

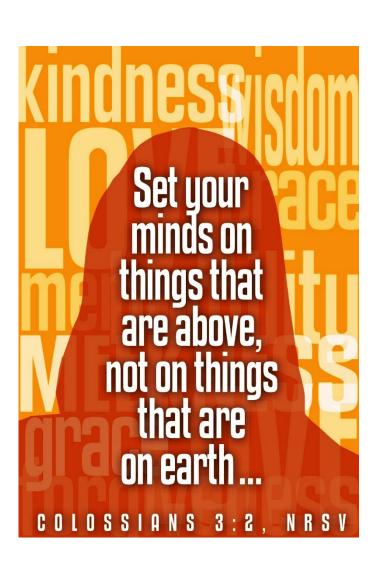
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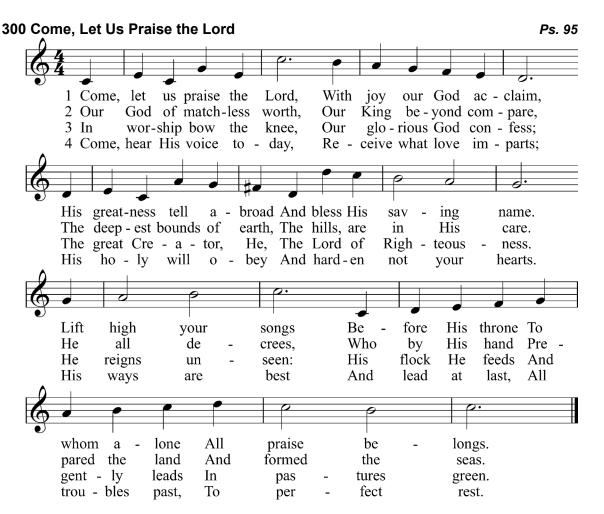
Red Cross Blood Drive - August 13 and 14 in the Activity Center.

Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 17.

National Youth Gathering presentation, Sunday August 24 at 10:30 am

Church Picnic with Returning College Students, Sunday, August 24, 6 pm.





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Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me, Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never; As God wills, so be it ever; I commit to Him my way. If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen; All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace.

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