

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2020

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**Welcome!** We are happy that you have joined us for the Divine Service of our gracious God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, and we pray that your time here will be blessed. Please indicate your presence with us by completing the Friendship Register that is in the narthex. If you are a visitor please sign the guest register in the narthex as well.

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**Lectionary Summary—** *The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood*

The Lord our God has chosen us to be "*his treasured possession,*" not because of any strength in us, but solely "*because the LORD loves*" us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He "*keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments*" (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us "*great value*" by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His Kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are "*hidden in a field,*" covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but "*to be conformed to the image of his Son*" (Rom. 8:29). Since we "*are called according to his purpose*" (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us "*at the right hand of God*" (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from "*the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Rom. 8:39).

## Opening Hymn

"In Thee Is Gladness"

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1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him

To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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*Stand*

**Opening Versicles**

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
  
- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** Teach me Your paths.
- P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is truth.
  
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
  
- C** 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.

**Old Testament Canticle**

*Refrain*

**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up-on His name,  
make known His deeds a-mong the peo-ples, pro-  
claim that His name is ex-alt-ed."

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be-come my sal-va-tion.

Sing prais-es to the Lord, for He has done  
glo-rious-ly; let this be made known in all the  
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in-

hab-i-tants of Zi-on, for great in your midst is the  
Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be-come my sal-va-tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
 be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

*Sit*

**Readings From Holy Scripture**

**First Reading:** *Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

**P** A reading from Deuteronomy, the seventh chapter.

<sup>6</sup>“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the

LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

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

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:28–39*

**P** A reading from Romans, the eighth chapter.

<sup>28</sup> We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

<sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of

his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is

written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**Psalm** *Psalm 125 (antiphon: v. 2)*

**L** A reading from Psalm, the one hundred twenty-fifth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
**which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

<sup>2</sup>As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
**so the LORD surrounds his people,  
from this time forth and forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup>For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
**on the land allotted to the righteous,**  
lest the righteous stretch out  
**their hands to do wrong.**

<sup>4</sup>Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
**and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

<sup>5</sup>But those who turn aside to their crooked ways  
**the LORD will lead away with evildoers!  
Peace be upon Israel!**

**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.**

**Third Reading:** *Matthew 13:44–52*

**P** A reading from Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of

great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.

<sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad.

<sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will

come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They said

to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

### Responsory

**P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

*Stand*

### Ten Commandments

**C** **You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

### Apostles’ Creed

**C** **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.

### Lord's Prayer

**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.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Sit*

### Sermon

### Hymn

“From God Can Nothing Move Me”

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1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side  
2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure  
3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?  
4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.  
5 Praise God with ac - cla - ma - tion And in His gifts re - joice.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.  
Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.  
In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.  
He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.  
Each day finds its vo - ca - tion Re - spond - ing to His voice.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,  
He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.  
So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it  
He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en  
Soon years on earth are past; But time we spend ex - press - ing



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.  
I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.  
His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.  
Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!  
The love of God brings bless - ing That will for - ev - er last!

6 Yet even though I suffer  
The world's unpleasantness,  
And though the days grow rougher  
And bring me great distress,  
That day of bliss divine,  
Which knows no end or measure,  
And Christ, who is my pleasure,  
Forever shall be mine.

7 For thus the Father willed it,  
Who fashioned us from clay;  
And His own Son fulfilled it  
And brought eternal day.  
The Spirit now has come,  
To us true faith has given;  
He leads us home to heaven.  
O praise the Three in One!

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## Offering

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### Prayer

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### Collect for Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..

**C** Amen.

## Collect for the Word

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Evening Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## New Testament Canticle



**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He  
lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to  
sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.  
*Refrain*  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Blessing

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

### Closing Hymn

#### “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

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1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!  
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,  
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,  
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,  
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,

O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -  
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -  
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the  
For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -  
May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:  
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.  
joys we know, All that we can de - sire:  
self in - flame To seek You more and more!  
lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

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