

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

*Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*Fargo, North Dakota*

♦ **Service of Prayer and Preaching** ♦ (pages 260 - 267)

*Pre-Service Music - Welcome*

**Opening Versicles** (Common)

**LSB 260**

(11am) **Hymn** “*Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings*”

**LSB 782**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26*

R: The Old Testament reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from Ecclesiastes, chapters one and two.

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading**

*Colossians 3:1-11*

R: The Epistle is written in Colossians, chapter three.

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 12:13-21*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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 Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Common Responsoy**

*(LSB 263)*

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.**

### **Catechism**

*LSB 264*

### **Children’s Message**

### **Sermon**

*“Red Light, Green Light”*

*Luke 12:13-21*

### **Hymn of Response**

*“All Depends on Our Possessing”*

*LSB 732*

**+ Service of Holy Communion – 8:15 am +**

(Guests and visitors please refer to guideline “Preparation for Holy Communion”, printed on the inside of the bulletin cover.)

**Prayers of the Church**

**Offering**

(Please *sign and pass* the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.)

**Corporate Confession and Absolution**

**LSB 290-291**

**Words of Institution**

**Hymns during Distribution**

**“Oh Lord, We Praise Thee”**

**LSB 617**

**“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”**

**LSB 782**

**“What Is the World to Me”**

**LSB 730**

**New Testament Canticale** (sung)

**LSB 266-267**

**Blessing**

**LSB 267**

*Announcements*

**Closing Hymn** **“Praise and Thanksgiving”**

**LSB 789**

**Service without Holy Communion – 11 am**

**Offering**

(Please *sign and pass* the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.)

**Prayers of the Church**

**Luther’s Morning Prayer**

**LSB 266**

**New Testament Canticale** (sung)

**LSB 266-267**

**Blessing**

**LSB 267**

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