

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R **Amen**

Apostles' Creed

Psalm

Psalm 100; antiphon: v. 3

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

²Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³Know 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.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

THE READINGS

Sun	August 3	1 Samuel 17:48-18:9; Acts 27:9-26
Mon	August 4	1 Samuel 18:10-30; Acts 27:27-44
Tue	August 5	1 Samuel 19:1-24; Acts 28:1-15
Wed	August 6	1 Samuel 20:1-23; Acts 28:16-31
Thu	August 7	1 Samuel 20:24-42; 1 Corinthians 1:1-25
Fri	August 8	1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16
Sat	August 9	1 Samuel 25:1-22; Corinthians 3:1-23

PRAYER OF THE WEEK: 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

Welcome to Worship! Today's readings all touch upon the concept of treasure, and the impact that treasure has on our relationship with God. In the Introit, the Psalmist states that God will provide the costly price of ransoming his soul. The collect prays that we receive God's "wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven." The Old Testament reading speaks of the futility of acquiring earthly treasure. The Gospel brings up the peril of lacking heavenly treasure. The Epistle enjoins us to keep our minds on heaven where our true treasure is stored.

Today's worship challenges you to examine what you really treasure in this world. Can a person tell that God is first place in your life by looking at the portion of earthly treasure you return to Him? Do you always place the value of your salvation above the tinsel and glitter of earthly fortune? Do you have the wisdom to recognize the treasures God has stored up for you? Sinful people can only answer, "Sadly, no."

The Good News is that a Man by the name of Jesus emptied Himself of His treasures and died and rose again so that we could be forgiven caretakers of the treasure trove of all God's blessings. Let the joy of that thought fill you as we repent, believe, and then go out and live as forgiven caretakers.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

August 3 - Pentecost VIII

The Lord our God has made human lives His business (Psalm 100:3; Luke 13:20). That makes the sanctity of every human life the Church's business. Crucified and ascended Jesus Christ invites us to press even death into service – never the death of the neighbor's body, but rather the death of the sinful and selfish desires (Colossians 3:5) that lie behind abortion and assisted suicide.

LSLC Things to Know

-Our annual **Congregational Picnic** is **TODAY!** Join us for food, fun and fellowship (and **BINGO**)! Enjoy the delightful music of **The Come Back Choir** following worship while the food is being prepared.

-**Welcome back Come Back Choir** and thank you for enhancing our worship service with your music. We are glad you came back!

- **Here's something new...**Midweek Worship on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Come join us at 7:00pm beginning August 27 and every fourth Wednesday each month following. We're doing this on a trial basis until December, when Midweek Advent Services begin. Each Midweek's content will be entirely different than Sunday morning. Put it on your calendar beginning August 27.

SAY A PRAYER, SEND A CARD, OR GIVE A CALL

Please Pray For:

*Lenora Allert, Karen Lehmann, Wayne Bahr, Don Engel,
Bob Schweitzer, Norman Gerard*

August Birthdays

*6 Norm Gerard, 11 Janet Lorenzen, 12 Rick Huedepohl,
16 Lenora Allert, 17 Aaron Rosenberg, 20 Phyllis Hanke,
22 Don Engel, 29 Kim Bahr, 29 Bennett Schaab*

August Baptismal Anniversaries

14 Rigo Jimenez, 26 Rick Huedepohl, 30 Phyllis Hanke