

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3, 2025

Divine Service Setting Four *LSB pg 203*

## Confession and Absolution

### 736 Consider How the Birds Above

*LSB 736*

- 1 Consider how the birds above  
Feed day by day with carefree ease—  
Does God not keep them in His love?  
Are we not worth much more than these?
- 2 The lilies grow, they do not toil;  
How fair is their fragility—  
If God clothes these, which quickly spoil,  
Will He not clothe both you and me?
- 3 Set not your heart on food or drink,  
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;  
About such things the godless think,  
Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.
- 4 Be on your guard against all greed,  
For life is more than what we own.  
Our Father knows our ev'ry need  
Before our needs to us are known.
- 5 Be not afraid to suffer loss  
Of all the things for which you pray,  
For He who faced for you the cross  
Will give you strength to live each day.
- 6 Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,  
His holy name in all you do:  
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;  
All else will then be given you.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us

take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**G Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: Ps. 49:1–2*

Hear this, all | peoples!  
Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,  
both | low and high,  
rich and poor to- | gether!  
Truly no man can ransom an- | other,  
or give to God the price | of his life,  
for the ransom of their life is | costly  
and can nev- | er suffice.  
This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;  
yet after them people approve | of their boasts.  
Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;  
death shall be their | shepherd.  
But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,  
for He will re- | ceive me.

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

Hear this, all | peoples!  
Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,  
both | low and high,  
rich and poor to- | gether!

### Pew Edition

### Kyrie

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**G Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

### Gloria in Excelsis

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**G To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy,  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

<sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>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.

<sup>24</sup>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,

<sup>25</sup>for apart from Him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?

<sup>26</sup>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.

### Gradual

*Rom. 10:15b, 18b; Is. 52:7b, alt.*

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,  
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.  
Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,

and their words to the ends | of the world.

## Epistle

Colossians 3:1–11

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>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

## Alleluia and Verse

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**C** These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup>But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'

<sup>18</sup>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.' <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>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

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**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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782

- 1      Gracious God, You send great blessings  
         New each morning all our days.  
         For Your mercies never ending,  
         For Your love we offer praise. Refrain
- ref     Lord, we pray that we, Your people  
         Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
         Through the sharing of Your blessings  
         May bring glory to Your name.
- 2      By Your Word You formed creation  
         Filled with creatures large and small;  
         As we tend that endless treasure  
         May our care encircle all. Refrain
- 3      In His earthly life, our Savior  
         Knew the care of faithful friends;  
         May our deeds of dedication  
         Offer love that never ends. Refrain
- 4      Heav'nly Father, may our caring  
         Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
         With the Son and Holy Spirit,  
         Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*Sit*

## Offering

# Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

## Preface

*LSB 208*

- 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.**  
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 208*

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 209*

- 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Pax Domini**

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

## **Agnus Dei**

LSB 210

- C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## **Distribution**

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.  
**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.  
**C** Amen.

## **842 Son of God, Eternal Savior**

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- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted;  
Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of Peace;

Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling,  
By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing  
That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
Here on earth Your will be done.

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### 730 What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

- 1 What is the world to me  
With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone,  
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord,  
My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest.  
What is the world to me!
- 2 The world seeks to be praised  
And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects  
That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize  
Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone.  
What is the world to me!
- 3 The world seeks after wealth  
And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content  
Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good,  
Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth.  
What is the world to me!
- 4 What is the world to me!  
My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth,  
My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all,  
My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare:  
What is the world to me!

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### 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;



All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

- 2      May we Thy bounties thus  
         As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
         To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3      Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,  
         And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
         Are straying from the fold.
- 4      To comfort and to bless,  
         To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless  
         Is angels' work below.
- 5      The captive to release,  
         To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
         It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6      And we believe Thy Word,  
         Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
         We do it unto Thee.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

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**G O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G Amen.**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** 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 ☩ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## 795 Voices Raised to You We Offer

LSB 795

1       Voices raised to You we offer;  
          Tune them, God, for songs of praise.  
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute  
          For Your gifts through all our days.  
          Alleluia! Alleluia!  
          Triune God, to You we sing!

2       All creation joins to praise You;  
          Earth and sky Your works display.  
Art and music, gifts You lend us,  
          We return to You today.  
          Alleluia! Alleluia!  
          God, Creator, source of life!

3       Christ, the song of Love incarnate,  
          Touching earth with heaven's grace,  
For Your living, suff'ring, dying,  
          For Your rising, hear our praise!  
          Alleluia! Alleluia!  
          Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!

4       Spirit, flaming through creation,  
          Kindle faith within each heart.  
Lift our voices high in chorus;  
          Through our hands Your love impart.  
          Alleluia! Alleluia!  
          Spirit, Helper, breath of life!

5       How can any praise we offer  
          Measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices—  
          Gifts of love we can bestow.  
          Alleluia! Alleluia!  
          Triune God, to You we sing!

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## *In Our Prayers*

### Health concerns:

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Janalee Gutierrez  
Missy Montgomery

Art & Lisa Jern  
James Welch

JoAnn & Anson Wing  
Steve & Julie Brandt

Lynn Oberg-Robertson— lymphoma  
Gill, friend of Nichols, cancer treatments  
Sam Stoner, awaiting organ transplant

JoAnn, Robert Nichols's sister  
Ryan, grandson of Dale & Donna Bolin, brain tumor

### Others:

Kathy& Ken Webb, Terri Clark's grandchildren, on a mission trip to Mexico  
Staff returning to prepare for Preschool  
Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna and the Kenya Mission  
Pastor Omolo and Hope for the Destitute  
Our Armed Forces  
Jesse, Melanie's nephew on vicarage in Romania

*Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory to God*

### **Stewardship Corner**

**TIME-** Attendance last week: Worship Services 106

**TREASURE-** Gifts received for budget: July 27th: \$3,067.00 (Env/plate)

**\*\* Monthly amount needed for operating budget: \$19,041.09- for July current offering total: (4/4) \$13,291.26**

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Apr income: \$20,793.49  | Apr expenses: \$16,965.75  |
| May income: \$18,020.24  | May expenses: \$18,347.02  |
| June income: \$16,318.24 | June expenses: \$16,132.25 |

**\*\* Currently our Building Renovation Fund has \$130,350.61**

### **Announcements**

*To the best of our ability, all Worship Services and Bible Studies will be recorded and placed online on our Facebook page, YouTube page and on our website.*

**Blessing Bags** are in need of socks, washcloths, shampoo, deodorant, band aids and lotion. Any donations can be placed in the tub in the entryway.

Mt Calvary's **Fall Craft Fair** will be on Saturday, November 1st. Do you know someone interested in being a vendor? Contact the church office!

**Our Preschool staff** will be returning to prepare the classrooms for orientation and the beginning of school. Please pray for guidance, patience and opportunities this year to share the love of Jesus' with all who walk in our doors.

Leah will return to **office hours** 5 mornings a week (Mon-Fri) starting tomorrow, Monday, August 4th.

**Elders will meet NEXT SUNDAY**, August 10th for their monthly meeting.

**Mark you calendar** for card-making on Sunday, Aug 24th. These will be thinking of you cards for our shut-ins.

**Sunday School Memory Verse:** Deliver me from my enemies, O my God. Psalm 59:1