

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25 & 26, 2020



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AS WE GATHER

Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God’s own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“You Are My All in All” (arr. Ham) & “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (arr. Mayo)

CALL TO WORSHIP “You Are My All in All”

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all;
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool,
You are my all in all.

CHORUS

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again, I bless Your name,
You are my all in all;
When I fall down, you pick me up,
When I am dry, you fill my cup,
You are my all in all. **CHORUS 2X**

ENDING Worthy is Your name!

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God. *Romans 11:33a*

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Do good, O Lord, to those who hold fast to Your name
C and to those upright in heart.
P But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,
C the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Silence for self-examination

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. 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.

P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“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. ⁷It 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, ⁸but 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. ⁹Know 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He 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? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who 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. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

⁴⁴[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. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And 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 Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

573 LORD, 'TIS NOT THAT I DID CHOOSE THEE



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could

2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened

△ 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy

heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thrall'd me, To Thy

bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and



grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me

heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;

King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,



Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this

For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,

Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed



end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.

if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

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SERMON “Why me?” Deuteronomy 7:6-9

CREED Saturday – Apostles’ Creed Sunday – Nicene Creed (*Creeds can be found on the screens.*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord have mercy.**

At the end of the prayer:

C **Amen.**

Saturday service please continue with the Lord’s Prayer and Benediction

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

- ☐** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION**821 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS**

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.”
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
“I am with you evermore”?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. O Lord, You have richly fed us the holy gifts of Christ's body and blood in this bread and wine. Keep us by Your Spirit's power that we not depart from Christ but be brought into the eternal joy of Your kingdom and into the blest reunion of the saints before Your glorious presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

G Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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.

G Amen.

643 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (arr. Stoldt)

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: 1 Samuel 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29
Monday: 1 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 22:30-23:11
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 13:1-18; Acts 23:12-35
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 14:47-15:9; Acts 24:1-23
Thursday: 1 Samuel 15:10-35; Acts 24:24-25:12
Friday: 1 Samuel 16:1-23; Acts 25:13-27
Saturday: 1 Samuel 17:1-19; Acts 26:1-23

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Don, Thanksgiving	Al, health issues
David, cancer	Terri, Cancer
Larry, heart issues	Marilyn, recovering
Becky, back pain	Jean, health issues
Camilla, 6-year-old with brain cancer	Chris, sick
Jack, ongoing health issues	Denise, addictions
Debbie, recovering	Linda, brain cancer
Eunice, Health Issues	Jackie's mother
Kathy's mother	Jim, Alzheimer's
Roger, recovering	Vonna's mother
Lois, recovering	Bill, recovery
Terry, dealing with lymes disease	Jeanette
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinkes with medical issues	

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

Our Savior Families: Stephen & Family, Anthony, Elmer & Diane, Shane, Dave & Shari, Mary, Robert & Tina, Nathan

Hymn of the Week "Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee" LSB 573

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction