

*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*July 22 & 23, 2023*



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**PRESERVICE MUSIC** "A Mighty Fortress" & "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" (*arr. Raney*)

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you**

**822 ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING**

- 1 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
To God the Father let us bring  
Our songs of adoration.  
To Him through everlasting days  
Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise,  
Whose hand sustains creation.  
Singing, ringing:  
Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story  
Of our God, the Lord of glory.
- 2 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
In whom we are elected.  
He bought His Church with His own blood,  
He cleansed her in that blessed flood,  
And as His bride selected.  
Holy, holy  
Is our union And communion. His befriending  
Gives us joy and peace unending.
- 3 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto the Holy Ghost we sing  
For our regeneration.  
The saving faith in us He wrought  
And us unto the Bridegroom brought,  
Made us His chosen nation.  
Glory! Glory!  
Joy eternal, Bliss supernal; There is manna  
And an endless, glad hosanna.
- 4 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto our triune God we sing;  
Blest be His name forever!  
With angel hosts let us adore  
And sing His praises evermore  
For all His grace and favor!  
Singing, ringing:  
Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story  
Of our God, the Lord of glory!

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**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.  
*Mark 10:45*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **We confess, gracious God, that we groan not only because of sin in the world, but our failure to trust You for all that we need. We have not waited patiently; we have demanded reasons from You; we have sought to excuse ourselves. Yet You have given us the Spirit, who intercedes for us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to hope not in ourselves but in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**P** The promises of God are sure; one day creation will be set free from corruption. Your sins were taken to Christ's cross, where you were redeemed as God's beloved children. 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment,

**C** **we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter;**

**P** 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

*Isaiah 44:6–8*

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. <sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 8:18–27*

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for

adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . . <sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### 656 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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**SERMON** “Moaning and Groaning” Romans 8:18-27

**CREED** Saturday Service – Apostles' Creed Sunday Service – Nicene Creed  
*(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)*

## **COMMISSIONING OF VBS STAFF**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

***Saturday service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 161

**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.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

**C** 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 HYMNS +

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "How Beautiful" (arr. Raney) Flute & Piano

## 496 HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away,  
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior's face,  
Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me  
Which are only known to Thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me,  
From sin's bondage set me free.

4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace,  
Let it grow and still increase.

5 Holy Spirit, all divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,  
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

Text: Andrew Reed, 1787–1862, alt.

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## 761 ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## 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.

## 665 BE STRONG IN THE LORD

1 Be strong in the Lord In armor of light,  
With helmet and sword, With shield for the fight;  
On prayer be dependent, Be belted and shod,  
In breastplate resplendent: The armor of God.

- 2 Integrity gird You round to impart  
The truth of His Word As truth in your heart;  
His righteousness wearing As breastplate of mail,  
His victory sharing, Be strong to prevail.
- 3 With eagerness shod Stand firm in your place,  
Or go forth for God With news of His grace;  
No foe shall disarm you Nor force you to yield,  
No arrow can harm you With faith as your shield.
- 4 Though Satan presume To test you and try,  
In helmet and plume Your head shall be high;  
Beset by temptation Be true to your Lord,  
Your helmet salvation And Scripture your sword.
- 5 So wield well your blade, Rejoice in its pow'rs,  
Fight on undismayed For Jesus is ours!  
Then in Him victorious Your armor lay down,  
To praise, ever glorious, His cross and His crown.

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE “Prelude in C” (*J.S. Bach*)

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## Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\text{✠}$ , 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](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

### *Daily Scripture Readings*

Sunday: 1 Samuel 6:19-7:17; Acts 19:1-22  
Monday: 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Acts 21:15-36  
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 9:1-27; Acts 21:37-22:16  
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29  
Thursday: 1 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 22:30-23:11  
Friday: 1 Samuel 13:1-18; Acts 23:12-35  
Saturday: 1 Samuel 14:47-15:9; Acts 24:1-23

### *In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)*

Herb, health issues	William, a child with leukemia
Hannah, health issues	Sally, recovery
Mary, recovery	Pierce, an infant with leukemia
Jack, ongoing health issues	Georgia, recovery
Lauren's mother, Phyllis	Woody, recovery
Shirley, health issues	Erin, healing and strength
Don, health issues	Blake
Georgia, recovery	Nate, cancer
Jim, recovery	Jim, Parkinson's
Tom, cancer	Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome
Lauren, cancer	Szymon, cancer
Judi and Don	Rick, cancer
Floyd, health issues	David, hospital
Dave, health issues	Lois, recovery
Grace, healing	Del, recovery
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues	
For VBS staff, children, and the families we will be serving.	
For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God's comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.	
For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God's kingdom would come and rule over their life.	

**Our Savior Families:** John & Nancy, Tony & Kristen, Tim & Lauren, Sally, Bill & Karen

**Hymn of the Week** "Rise, My Soul to Watch and Pray" LSB 663

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**