

*Life does not consist
in the abundance of
... possessions*



LUKE 12:15

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN

August 3, 2025

8:30 am

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Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship. May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill your life with the lively hope and lasting joy. Please take time to sign the worship attendance cards and place them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher.

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Divine Setting One

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Invocation: "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" LSB 851 v1

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Stand

Confession and Absolution LSB 151

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

C **Amen.**

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways 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. 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.**

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2

P Hear this, all peoples!

C **Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,**

P both low and high,

C **rich and poor together!**

P Truly no man can ransom another,

C **or give to God the price of his life,**

P for the ransom of their life is costly

C **and can never suffice.**

P This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;

C **yet after them people approve of their boasts.**

P Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;

C **death shall be their shepherd.**

P But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,

C **for he will receive me.**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Hear this, all peoples!

C **Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,**

P both low and high,

C **rich and poor together!**

Kyrie LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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*

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . .

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

¹⁸I 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, ¹⁹and 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. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because 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.

²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For 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.

²⁴There 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, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?

²⁶For 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

P How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

C **who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

P Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

C **and their words to the ends of the world.**

Epistle *Colossians 3:1–11*

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

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

(sing) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Luke 12:13–21*

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

C (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And 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.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

All: 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 of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB 782 v1-4

Sermon

Offering

Offertory Hymn: "Praise and Thanksgiving" LSB 789 v1-3

Prayer of the Church

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 160 (sing)*

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 (sing)*

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **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 body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C (sing) **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 163 (sing)*

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.

Sit

Distribution Hymn:

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" *LSB 618 v1-4*

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" *LSB 611 v-5*

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" *LSB 809 v1-3*

"Take My Life and Let It Be" *LSB 783 v1-6*

Stand

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

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.

C (sing) **Amen.**

Benediction *LSB 166*

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 (sing) **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart: "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" *LSB 937 v1-3*

Coffee/Fellowship: You are invited to join in on fellowship time following the service.

3rd-6th Grade Youth: Meet at the church this afternoon and we will go to Arnold's Park Beach and Mini Golf at Pirate's Cove. Parents are needed to drive.

Baby Shower for Options Pregnancy Center: The LWML will again this year collect items for the Options Pregnancy Center during the month of August through Labor Day. Baby items and bathing/personal items for mothers can be placed in containers in the front entry.

Items Most Requested Include For Mothers

Nursing pads	Maternity Clothes all sizes
Gift Cards	Pajamas and Bath Robes
Lanacane cream	

Items Most Requested For Babies

Baby Bible	Enfamil Formula yellow or purple
Clothing 12-18 months, 2T	Baby crib sheets and pads
Diapers & wipes size 4,5,6	Pull ups size 2T and 4T
Hooded towels, wash cloths	Outlet covers
Grooming kits	

Call Committee Update The St. John's and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches Call Committee met July 29 with Pastor Reimers and Pastor Richard Bremseth (outgoing and incoming Circuit Visitors) to start the process for calling for a new Lead Pastor for both churches. It was decided at that meeting to move forward with the process of calling a pastor "from the field". The call committee is made up of: St. Paul's – Dennis Bremer, Mick Thiesse and Dwayne Ehlert. St. John's – Pastor Hagen, Ryan Baker, Tammy Smith, Sheri Markquart, Jeremy Howard, Ryan Kahler, Bush Krumwiede, Dennis Larson, Clint Cole, Brad Ringnell, Guy Rudolph, and Steve Roben.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 9 at 6pm. Keep watching the church bulletins for further updates as we continue on in the process.

Mission Speaker and Youth Gathering Recap Next Sunday during the worship service. Make sure to attend our service next Sunday as Tanzania Missionary, Rev. Jonathan Clausing will be sharing the sermon message. He will also have a PowerPoint presentation after the service in the overflow room downstairs.

Also during the service our youth will be sharing and telling their experiences of the National Youth Gathering they attended.

Sweet Corn: The youth are selling sweet corn. Watch the church website and face book to see times of corn sales.

Tuesday Bible Study: August 12 & 26 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday Morning Coffee Hours hosted by our LWML here at St. John's for the month of August, 8:30-10:00 am. All are welcome!

Register For Sunday School Online - Go to sjlsherburn.com

Sr. High FFF: Wednesday, August 6, 6:00 pm. (location TBD), Sunday, August 10, 4:00 pm kickball and Hands Park, Fairmont, Thursday, August 14, 8:30 pm at Martin County Fairgrounds—We are Messengers Concert, Wednesday, August 20, 6:00 pm (location TBD)

Area Events

Blood Mobile—Monday, August 4, 1-6:00 pm at Sherburn Regional Worship Center. Call Dorothy at 507-236-5764 to schedule an appointment.

Take My Moments and My Days

Sunday, August 3 8:30 am Worship @ St. John's, 3:00 pm 3-6 Grade

Tuesday, August 5 8:30 am Coffee Hour at St. John's

Wednesday, August 6 6:00 pm Sr. High FFF

Thursday, August 7 1-4pm Pastor Jeff at Wilbert Office

Friday, August 8 3:00 pm Lakeview Chapel

Sunday, August 10 8:30 am Worship - Tanzania Missionary Speaker and Youth Gathering Recap



- ◆ **In Our Prayers:** Carter Cole
- ◆ **Coping With Cancer:** Scott Peterson, Nancy Bliesmer, Bev Roben, Dee Holm, Ross Bettin, Greg Gerdes, Kasey Kleve, Wanda Douglas, Shelly Callahan, Cyndi Johnson, Harv Baird, Todd Klukow, Paul Swanson, Dale Wohlrabe, David Krumwiede
- ◆ **Care List:** Lynn Thate, Leo Morris, Cara Henkleman, Janet Klug, Jim Hybbert, Ron Bettin, Robert Anderson, Harvey Amborn, Jazlyn Geerdes, Kathy Haas, Janice Franck, Jeanne Nelson, Ryan Bettin, Terri Schultz, and those we name in our hearts.
- ◆ **Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** Mike Brolsma, Knox Larson, Abigail Bednarek, Doyle Moeller, Brian Vanden Berg, Marla Anderson, Josh Eisenmenger, Brock Lange, Makena Larson, Beulah Rosenberg, Lynn Thate, Derek Behrens, Whitney Phillip, Tracy Steele, Marlene Kuntz, Kathleen Potts, Verna Jans, Kent Meyers
- ◆ **Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:** Kurt & Deb Jans, Jerry & Val Gaalswyk, Dick & Janet Lepird, Ron & Lana Morris, Randy & Terri Stahn, Chris & Macy Kahler, Ross & Cindy Bettin, Ross & Melissa Cutler, Nate & Sara Klima, Jeff & Sheri Markquart