

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3, 2025

St. John Lutheran Church Sycamore, IL

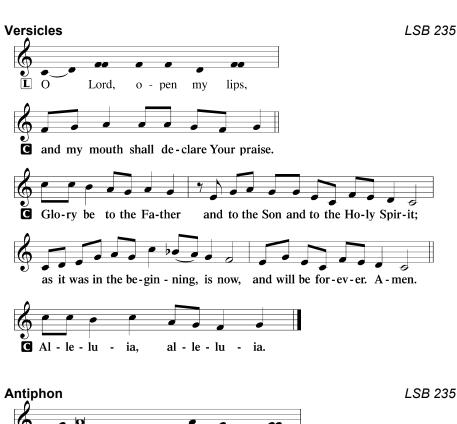
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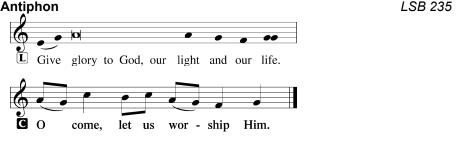
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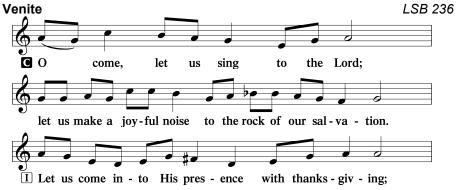
P The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



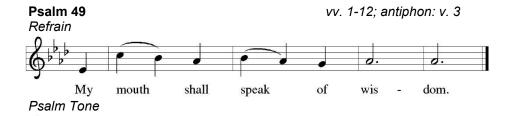












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- A Refrain
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- A ¹Hear this, all | peoples!*

 Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
- 2both | low and high,* rich and poor to- | gether!
- A 3My mouth shall speak | wisdom;*
 the meditation of my heart shall be under- | standing.
- 4 will incline my ear to a | proverb;*

 I will solve my riddle to the music | of the lyre.
- Refrain
- My should I fear in times of | trouble,*
 when the iniquity of those who cheat me sur- | rounds me,
- G those who trust | in their wealth* and boast of the abundance of their | riches?
- Truly no man can ransom an- | other,* or give to God the price | of his life,
- 8 for the ransom of their life is | costly* and can nev- | er suffice,
- A ⁹that he should live on for- | ever* and never | see the pit.
- Refrain

- The sees that even the | wise die;* the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to | others.
- 11Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all gener- | ations,* though they called lands by their | own names.
- A ¹²Man in his pomp will | not remain;* he is like the beasts that | perish.
- 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.
- **R**efrain

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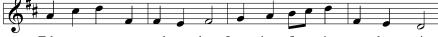
Sit

Office Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to Thee; 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love;
- 2 Take my nands and let them move At the 1m pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on ly for my King; 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with hold;



Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- Take my will and make it Thine,
 It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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First Reading

L A reading from Ecclesiastes, chapter 1.

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

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

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

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, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? 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.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

L A reading from Colossians, chapter 3.

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

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of

these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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Third Reading

Luke 12:13-21

L A reading from Luke, chapter 12.

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

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Final Reading Response

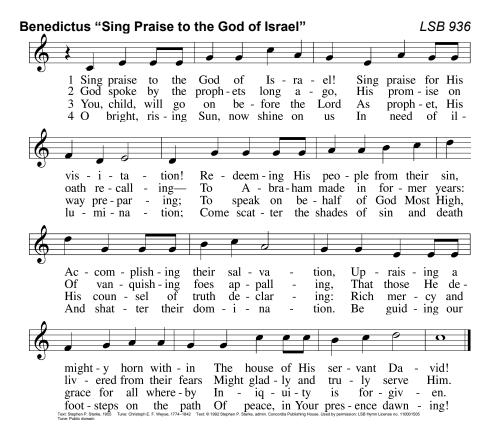
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- L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Children's Message

Sermon

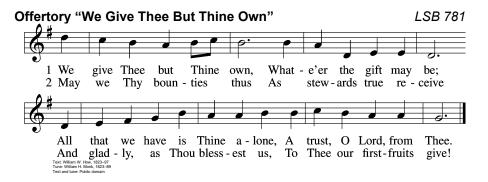
Stand



Sit
Offering Take My Life and Let It Be

William Brusick

Stand



Collect of the Day

P O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our

petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Church

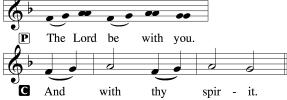
After each petition:

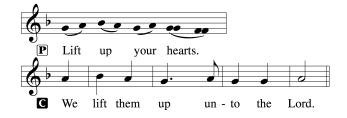
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- Hear our prayers

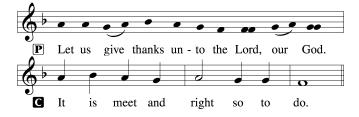
After final petition:

- **P** one God, now and forever
- C Amen.





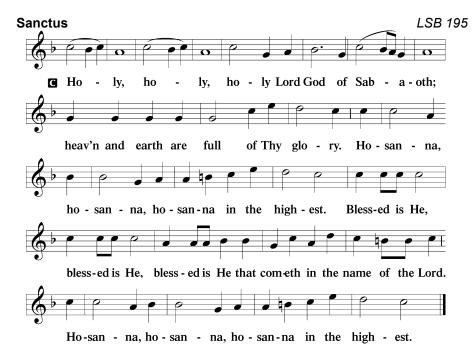




Proper Preface

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P It is truly meet, 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P Our Father
- 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

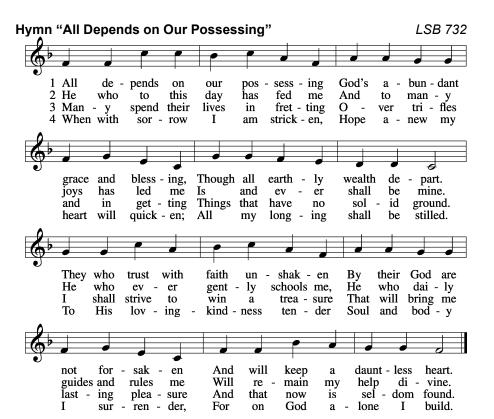
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same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



Sit

Distribution



- Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me, Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never; As God wills, so be it ever; I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen; All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace.

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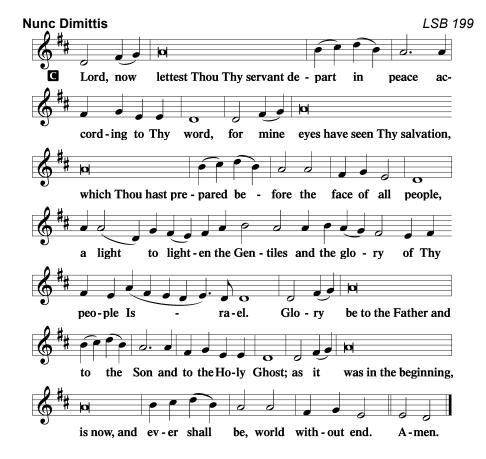


- 5 Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day When all the dead are waking, Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking. Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame, And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

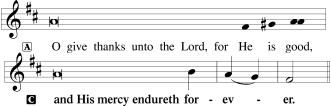
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- Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
 Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
 Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
 That our whole life is offered to Your will.
- We give our minds to understand Your ways; Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design; Hearts with the flame of Your own love ablaze— Thus for Your glory all our pow'rs combine.

Stand



Thanksgiving LSB 200



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 in 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.

Amen



Thanks

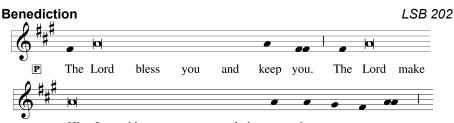
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God.

His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.





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Announcements

Postlude Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

Wilbur Held