



Sverdrup Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 3, 2025 : Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Tammy Jacobson
Visiting Pastor Melissa Pickering

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

(ELW 658, All)

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, **you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SONG

"The Gift of Love"

for Anne and Dan Stenoien's 50th Wedding Anniversary

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

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

¹²I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to

humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

PSALM: 49:1-12

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

² **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

⁷ One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

⁹ in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-11

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

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being

renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR MELISSA

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

MESSAGE BY PASTOR MELISSA

SONG OF THE DAY *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast* (ELW 516, All)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High* (ELW 857, sing through once)

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING and JESUS' WORDS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION CENTERING SONG, "SANCTUARY", SING THROUGH TWICE

COMMUNION SONG #1 *Come, Let Us Eat* (ELW 491, All)

COMMUNION SONG #2 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* (Plum 376, All)

COMMUNION SONG #3 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* (Plum 371, All)

COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, **that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING BLESSING BY PASTOR MELISSA

SENDING SONG *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

(ELW 774, All)

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you to the following people for helping with our worship service today:	
Accompanist	Valerie Sohl
Reader	Steve Beckman
Prayers of the People	Stacy Hammes
Ushers	Betsy Miller, Stacy Hammes, and Steve Beckman
Communion Asst.	Michelle Jevne
Projection & Sound	Gary & Tereasa Link
Fellowship Coffee	Betsy Miller and Amy & Brian Meder

Date	7/27/2025
Offering	\$759.48
Auto Giving	\$765
Total	\$1524.48
Service Group	\$39
Youth	\$50
Food Shelf	\$68.98
Friends of Friends	\$30
Attendance	69

Please pray for: Else and Jim Andersen's son-in-law Brett Pixton, Jim Andersen, and Dan Borgos, son of John and Linda Borgos.

Coming up at Sverdrup Lutheran Church

Sun.	8/3	9 am 10 am 9:45/10:30am	Sverdrup Worship Service – Holy Communion Fellowship Tingvold Fellowship/Worship Service
Tues.	8/5	1:30 pm 2 pm	WELCA Afternoon Circle WELCA Evening Circle
Wed.	8/6	8:45 am 11 am	Morning Watch: Pastor Tammy, KBRF 1250AM Yoga
Thur.	8/7	7 pm	AA Meeting
Fri.	8/8	10 am	Yoga
Sun.	8/10	10:30 am	SHARED WORSHIP SERVICE WITH TINGVOLD – outdoors at Tingvold, with picnic lunch afterward

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*Visitors, please fill out the orange card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.
Thank you for joining us today and please join us for coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall following worship.*