

If we do not feel grateful  
for what we already have,  
what makes us think  
we'd be happy with more?

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Setting Four

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

# Jays & Concerns

## Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C. Amen

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P. Merciful God,

C. **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen**

P. Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C. Amen.

## Gathering Hymn

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

ELW 533

## The Greeting

P. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C. And also with you.

## This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

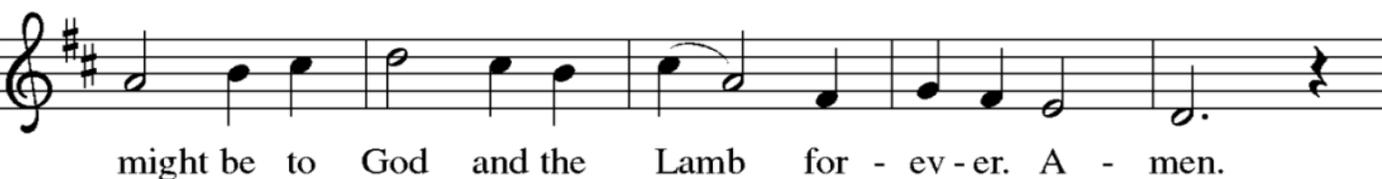


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. 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.



**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.**

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

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

## Second Reading

## Colossians 3:1-11

If 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P. The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter twelve.

## Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 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." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 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. 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, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

### C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

### C. Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

"Look Up"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

ELW 775

# *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

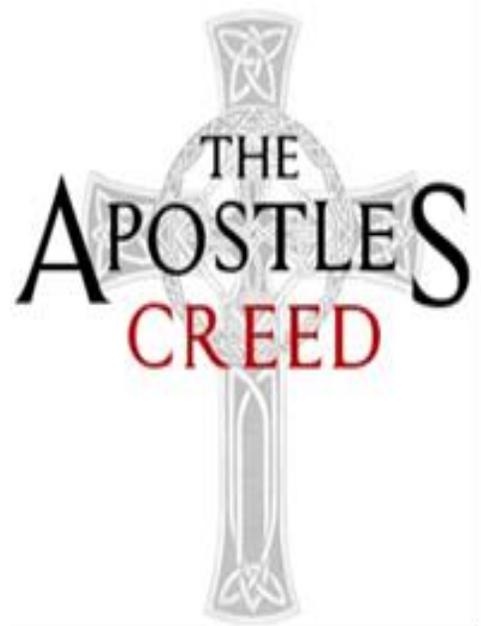
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

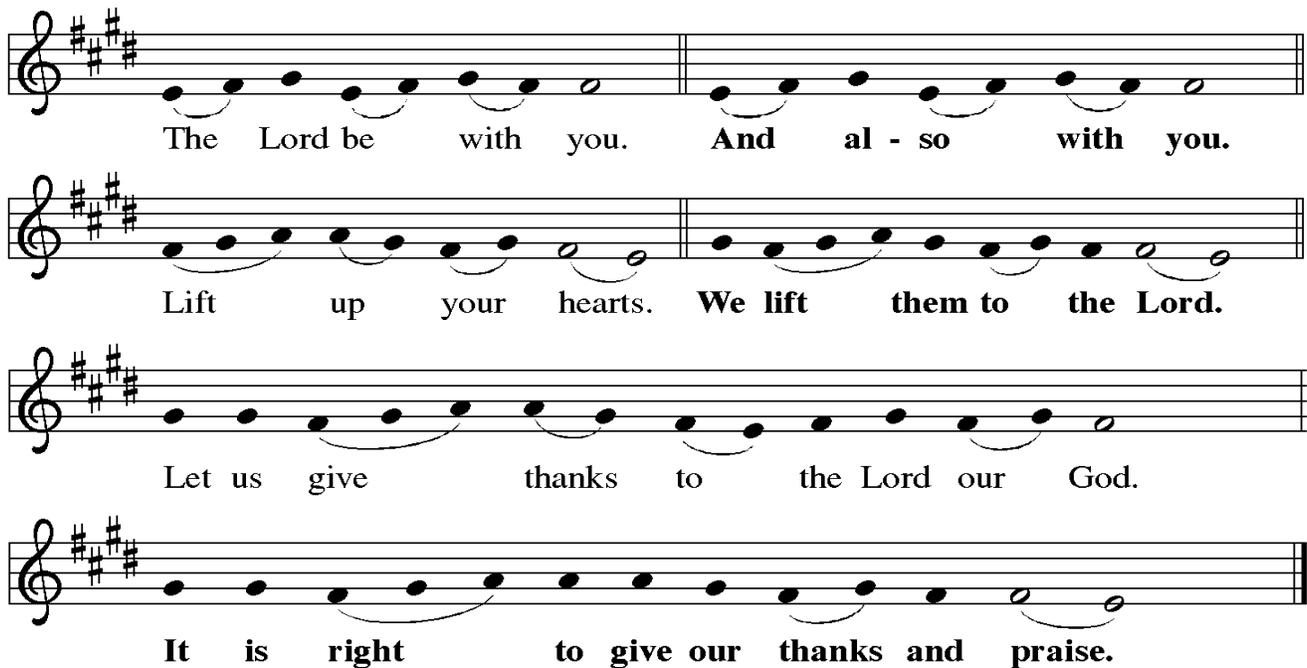




## Offertory Prayer

- A. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
- C. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

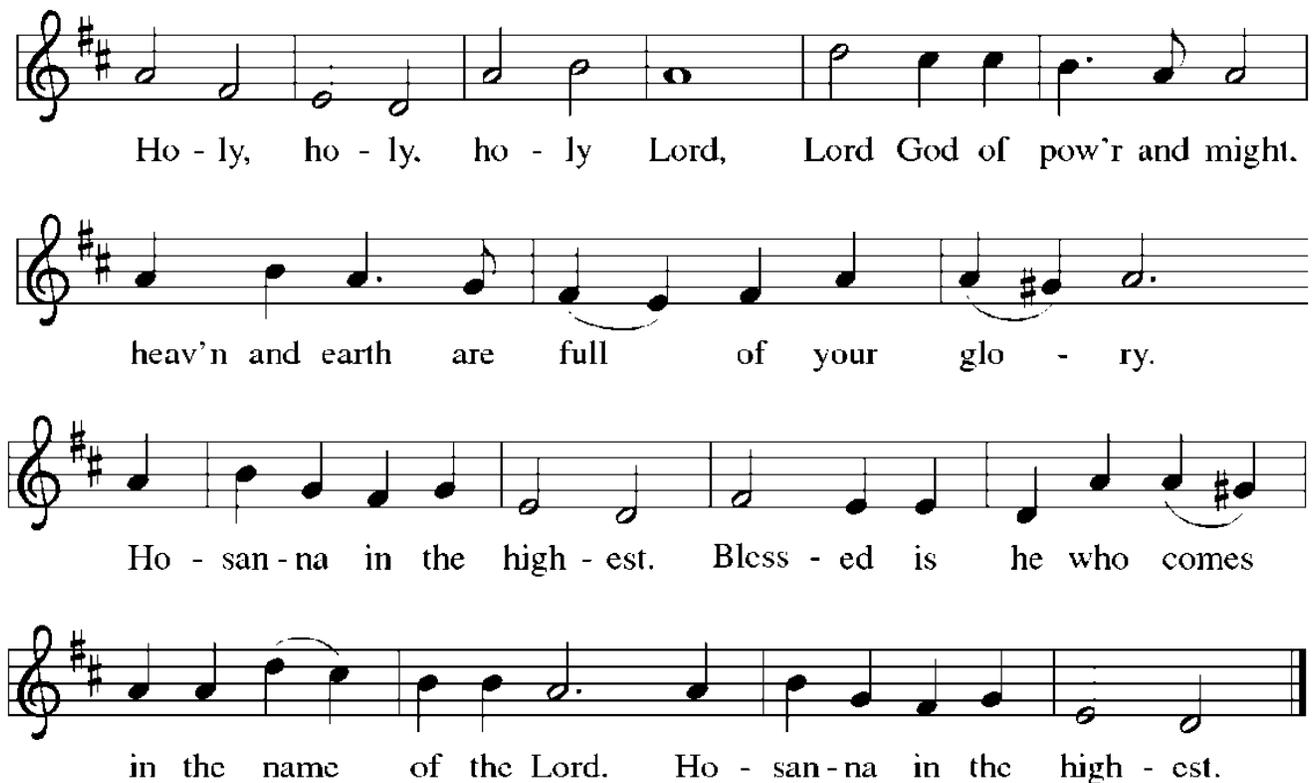
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed....

## The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might.

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

# The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, 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

## Invitation to Communion

P. In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

C. Amen.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymns

*O Living Bread from Heaven* (vs. 1 & 2)

ELW 542

*We Eat the Bread of Teaching*

ELW 518

*Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

C. Amen



3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav' n - ly food, while here



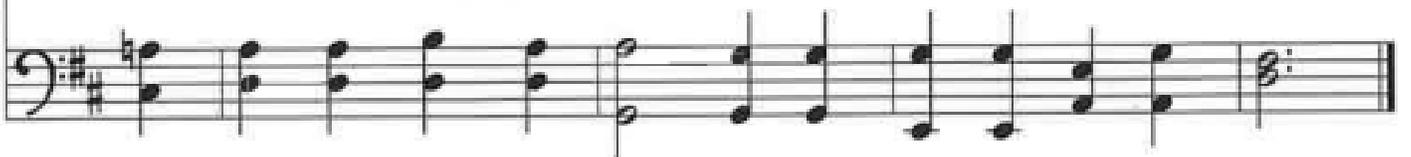
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.



### **Post Communion Blessing**

**P.** Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**P.** The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C. Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

ELW 575

### **Dismissal**

**A.** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

**Servers for Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

Assisting Minister ..... Alecia Harrison  
Reader ..... Sylvia Lambert  
Altar Guild ..... Barbara Kyles  
Greeters/Counters ..... Tess Andrews / Gale Isaacs  
Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith



Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway.  
Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.



**Flowers** this week are given in loving memory of  
Dennis King.

Candles for the month of July are given by Harry &  
Sheryll Albert in thanksgiving for Harry's children and  
grandchildren.



Honor a loved one by making a donation for the  
candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up  
sheet is on the board in the hallway.