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## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*August 3, 2025*

### **Our mission:**

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,  
honor God, serve others*

**Welcome!** Joy...and misery. We can find both attitudes on display in today's readings, along with an important lesson from Jesus about the sources of both. King Solomon groaned in frustration over his efforts to govern the temporal affairs of a nation and ensure a lasting legacy for its people (Eccl 2). In our Gospel, a man tries to draw Jesus into a nasty inheritance dispute with his brother (Lk 12). Both men's minds and hearts are so wrapped up in worries about wealth and legacy that they cannot see the greater destiny God desires for them. By contrast, today's psalm exudes joy which comes from being in God's eternal presence and knowing that we belong to Him (Ps 100). Baptized into Christ, we have a new and holy identity, one that is being daily renewed and restored into the image of our Creator. Now that is something to rejoice about! (Col 3)

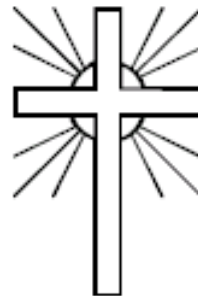
**Welcome guests!** We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

**Communion Note:** We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

# ***Divine Service, Setting Three***

***LSB page 184***

## ***The Preparation***



**Prelude:** “Cornet Voluntary” – Anonymous

### **Words of Welcome**

### **Invocation, Confession and Absolution** page 184

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

**Kyrie** page 186 (*sung*)

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Hymn of Praise:** Gloria in Excelsis page 187 (*sung*)

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Service of the Word**

**Prayer of the Day** page 189

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

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.**



**Old Testament Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26 (see back cover)

**Psalm:** Psalm100



<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all  
the earth!\*

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness! Come  
into his presence with | singing!

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, | he is God!\*

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of  
his | pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and  
his | courts with praise!\*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his steadfast love  
endures for- | ever,\*

and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

**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.**

**Epistle Reading:** Colossians 3:1-11 (see back cover)

**Triple Alleluia** page 190 (*sung*)

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

***Luke 12:13-21*** (see back cover)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** (page 191 or the inside back cover of the hymnal)

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

**Sermon**



**Prayer** Response after each petition P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer Request List** (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

***For those in need of comfort:***

Hayes family	death of Bob	Teschke
Henderson family	death of Peggy	deDufour
Lemp family	death of Josh	Van Hise

***For those with health concerns:***

Tom Dorsett	Sandy Hammond	Carla Behnfeldt	Greg	Sid
Hank Van Beuzekom	Bill Akers	Lolly Hoagland	Noah	Susan
Fran Byrzkinsky	Pete Serone	John Tarlo	Grant	Chris
Claudia Zucker	John O'Neil	Claire Haenisch	Adel	Rose
Gordon Anderson	Marge Keen	Terry Farley	Claire	Beverly
George DiCostanzo	Freda Potts	Rick Wright	Barbara	Mary
Katherine Eccleston	Kay Compton	Ursula Chirico	Zane	Joanne
Linda Wright	Pat Dietz	Phil Unetic	Anna	JoAnne
Kay Compton	Pat McCann	Mary Cobriere	Irene	Kristin
Monica Benesch	Drew Klesat	Tony Shiron	Brennan	

***For those with cancer:***

Keith Watson	Aaron Kline	Terry Dunbar	Tom Sullivan	Trudy
Rich Knechel	Karen Shevchuk	Gerry Campbell	Mary Anne	Lance
Carol Tezla	Steve Saumsiegle	Brad Hoppe	Dana	Linda
Kim McCollough	Nancy Gilliland	Aunt Jean	Jason	Jerry
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Kaleigh Moore	Sally Ashmen	Dora	Lynn
Rich deDufour	Logan Mattessich	Frank Cignus	Doris	Dawn
Jane Fry	Frumi C	Judy Bacorn	Barbara	
Joan Rawls	Rosalie Reinbacher	Dave Bond	Joe	

***For those serving in the armed forces:***

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Emily Arndt	Jake Grube	Jim Buckman
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Harper Usiskin	Jesse Sowell	Mike Bahney

***For those with needs around the world:***

Persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ	For protection, strength, comfort, spread of Gospel
Government officials and people of our nation	For peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Those coping with disasters/flooding	For provision and help
Those in need of employment	For provision of jobs
Wars in Europe and Middle East	For peace, forgiveness, and guidance
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	For health, safety, and provision
Those who are traveling	For safety and provision

***For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:***

For staff and families

for '25-'26 school year enrollment

**Birthdays:**

Joseph Heebner

August 5

Shirley Yost

August 9

**Anniversaries:**

Bob and Lillian Maguire

August 3

**Gathering of the Offering and Offertory**

**Instrumental Offertory:** “Air” – H. Purcell

**Congregational Offertory:** Create In Me page 192 -193 (*sung*)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.**

***The Service of the Sacrament***

**Order of Holy Communion** page 194

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right and salutary....evermore praising You and saying:

**C: (*sung*) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**C: (*spoken*) Our Father who art in heaven...**

Words of Institution (Consecration)

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace (please greet one another with the words: “The peace of the Lord be with you.”,  
responding “And also with you.”)

Agnus Dei page 198 (*sung*)

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution Hymn: 730      What Is the World To Me

Post Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis page 199 *(sung)*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving page 200

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,      **C: and His mercy endureth forever.**  
P: (Prayer of Thanksgiving)      **C: Amen.**

**Salutation and Benedicamus** page 201

P: The Lord be with you.      **C: And with thy spirit.**  
P: Bless we the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction** page 202 (spoken)

P: The Lord bless you...      **C: Amen.**

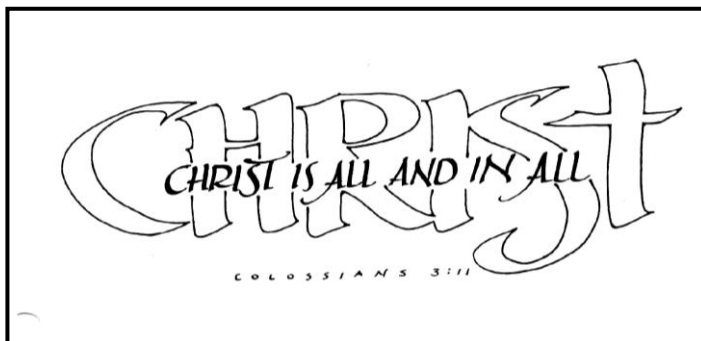
**Closing Hymn:** 850 God of Grace and God of Glory

**Announcements**

**Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!  
**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** "Trumpet Finale" – F. Manfredini





Set your minds  
on things that are  
above.  
not on things that  
are on earth

C O L O S S I A N S 3 : 2



## **Announcements – Week of August 3, 2025**

**Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week**

**\*MON, TUES and WED from 1:00 - 3:00\***

### **Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study**

**Welcome!** Serving in worship today are: Jason Bloom (Communion Assistant), Jenna Bloom (Reader), Lydia Bloom (Acolyte), Joey Dunbar and Bill Kianka (Ushers), Jesse Dunbar (Live-streaming), Audrey deDufour and Jeanne Hoppe (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up).

**Today's service will be live streamed** on You Tube at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/PiL4B39mfg8> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted to the church's website.

**Bible studies and Sunday School on break for the summer.** Wednesday and Sunday morning bible studies and children's Sunday School are on break now through the month of August. You're encouraged to continue growing in God's Word by using Portals of Prayer or another favorite devotional.

### **Weekly Schedule:**

SUNDAY (8/10)

9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group

### **Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry**

**The Operation Christmas Child packing party was a huge success!** Thanks to all of you who came to help fill the 100 boxes we will be donating. Your enthusiastic participation makes a huge difference as we spread the love of Christ to so many.

**Prayer Chain.** The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

**The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry.** Join us in making special blankets to bless those in need of comfort or in celebration of a life event! Please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

### **Service and Other**

**Lambertville Food Pantry.** Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. August's theme is *fruit, juices, and condiments*: canned fruits, fruit juices, mayo, mustard, ketchup, canned tuna, lunch bag items.

**Faithfulness Report:**

Attendance 7/27: 51/ 7 online      Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$3980  
Flowers: \$25      Op Ch Child: \$728.30      NS payroll fee reimb: \$643.98

**Flowers.** If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God's grace, or for a special occasion, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to do so. Suggested donation is \$25. You may take the flowers home following the service on the day you select.

**Flowers are placed on the altar today in honor of Bob and Lillian Maguire's anniversary and Bob's baptismal birthday!**

**Website and Facebook.** Come online to check us out! Our website is at [www.stpeternj.org](http://www.stpeternj.org), and our Facebook page is Saint Peter Lutheran Church – the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Peter-Lutheran-Church/337705479662612> .

**St. Peter YouTube Channel.** Increase St. Peter's online visibility by liking and subscribing to our YouTube channel (where we live-stream and record our worship services and Wednesday Zoom bible studies. It is linked to our church website, or go to YouTube and search "Saint Peter Lutheran Church".

**Important web links:**

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod   [lcms.org](http://lcms.org)  
NJ District LCMS   [njdistrict.org](http://njdistrict.org)  
LCMS World Relief and Human Care   [lcms.org/ca/worldrelief](http://lcms.org/ca/worldrelief)  
The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast   [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)



## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Old Testament Reading:

#### Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

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

<sup>2:18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>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.

<sup>24</sup>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, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>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.

### Epistle: Colossians 3:1–11

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand

of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

### Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13–21

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