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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand for the Confession and Forgiveness)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

(Remain Standing)

OPENING HYMN: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LBW 482

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Please Sit)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Located on the Today's Readings Insert)

GOD'S WORD

Psalm 49:1-12:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

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

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Sing: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

P: The gospel reading is from Luke Chapter 12 verses 13-21.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please sit)

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

LBW 364

(Please stand for the Nicene Creed)

NICENE CREED:

Green, LBW page 84

(Please sit for The Prayers of the People)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

P: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

(Please Stand)

THE PEACE:

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

C: **And also with you.**

Let us share signs of peace with one another.

The OFFERING is RECEIVED AND WE STAND and SING
“Create in Me” Green, LBW Page 96

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good, and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

(Remain Standing)

The WORDS of INSTITUTION

Green, LBW page 90

(Please join hands)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Green, LBW page 91

When we celebrate Holy Communion, guests and members alike need to know that **All Are Welcome At Our Lord’s Table!** We believe Christ is present in the bread and wine. His body and blood are given in the Eucharist for the forgiveness of sins. The Lord invites you and the decision to receive Holy Communion is yours. (We have gluten-free individually packaged sacraments in one unit.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION HYMN: *“This is the feast”* *Green, LBW page 81*

(Please Sit)

COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: May the body and the blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith unto life everlasting.

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”* **WOV 684**

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

Attendance: Last Sunday: 26

Last Sunday Facebook Live: 2

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, July 20th Facebook Plays: 188

Today, Service Schedule, August 3rd, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Wayne Heitmann

Next Week's Schedule, August 10th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Marlene Connell

August 2025 Altar Schedule

Judy Vollbrecht

August 2025 Communion Schedule (August 3rd and 24th)

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND GOODIES THIS MORNING FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP provided by Tammy Briskie.

The Alto Fair will be held this Wednesday, August 6th and Thursday, August 7th, Alto, WI. Please join Tom Rivers at the Alto Fair.

DATE TO REMEMBER:

August Communion Schedule: Sunday, August 3rd and August 24th.

The Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2025, after the worship service. The items that will be discussed at this meeting are the following: The possibility of selling the parsonage, the lawn repair, whether or not to stay with ELCA and Sam Contract. If you cannot be at this meeting on August 10th, please ask a council member for an absentee ballot before August 10th.