

GRACE

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 26, 2020

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

Flowers

The flowers are given by Dick and Susie Calhoun in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

As We Gather

True wisdom begins with the acknowledgement that that we have none; true strength emerges when we see how weak we are. Offered anything he wanted, Solomon was wise enough to know he needed wisdom. Too weak even to pray, Paul lets the Holy Spirit lift him up. The world tells us that we can find what we need within ourselves, but our readings today proclaim that what we need is hidden elsewhere, a priceless treasure hidden in the earth. True life begins where it ended for Jesus, the One buried in the earth for our sake. We are invited to give up everything else and to put our faith in Christ, the Word of God from whom comes wisdom in our confusion and power in our weakness.



+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Wilhelm Friedemann Bach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

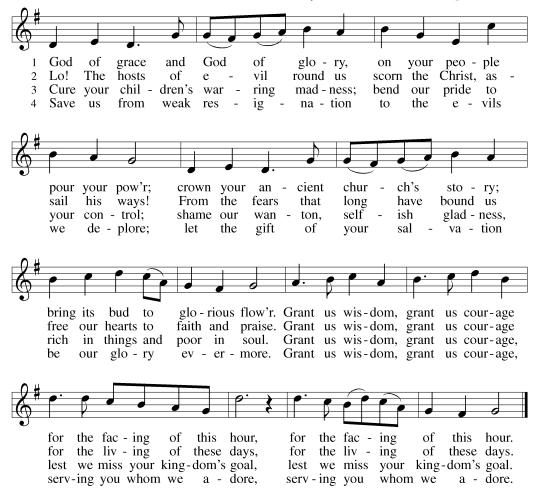
- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.
- Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are in bondage 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.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory





Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ▶ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136

ANTIPHON: When your word goes forth, you word gives light and understanding.

- Your de- | crees are wonderful;* therefore I obey them with | all my heart.
- When your word goes forth | it gives light;* it gives understanding | to the simple.
- I open my | mouth and pant;* I long for | your commandments.
- Turn to | me in mercy,*as you always do to those who | love your name.
- Steady my footsteps | in your word;* let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
- Rescue me from those | who oppress me,* and I will keep | your commandments.
- Let your countenance shine up- | on your servant* and teach | me your statutes.
- My eyes shed | streams of tears,*because people do not | keep your law.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: Isaiah 55:11



- Many will come from east and west and will eat in the kingdom of heaven.
- **G REFRAIN** (above)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

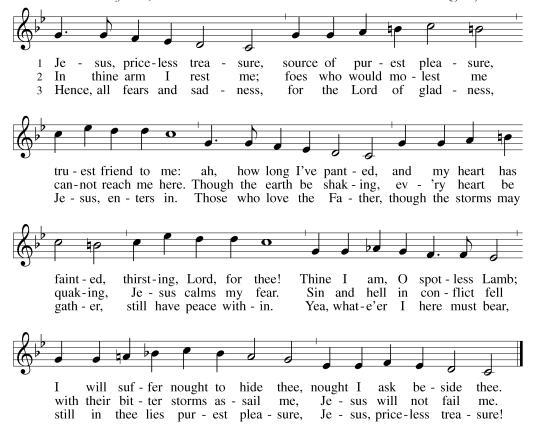
⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Buried Treasure

Pastor Dave Lyle Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52 HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus, Priceless Treasure



Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

APOSTLES' CREED

- **P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- 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.

ANTHEM: So Art Thou to Me

As the bridegroom to his chosen, as the king unto his realm, as the keep unto its castle, as the pilot to the helm, so art thou, dear Lord, to me.

As the fountain in the garden, as the candle in the dark, as the treasure in the coffer, as the manna in the ark, so art thou, dear Lord, to me. As the music at the banquet, as the stamp unto the seal, as the medicine to the fainting, as the wine cup at the meal, so art thou, dear Lord, to me.

As the ruby in the setting, as the honey in the comb, as the light within the lantern, as the father in the home, as the sunshine in the heavens, as the image in the glass, as the fruit unto the fig tree, as the dew upon the grass, so art thou, dear Lord, to me.

John Tauler, 1300-61; tr. Emma F. Bevan, 1858

K. Lee Scott

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

• hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **G** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- **G** Amen.



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DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Jesus, Priceless Treasure, BWV 610

Johann Sebastian Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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LET US PRAY...

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For those who mourn

Marjorie Gockel (wife of Galen Gockel)

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus) Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout) Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks) David Danford (son of John and Karen) E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting) Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz) Brent Knop (great-nephew and godson of Martha Rohlfing)

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Those studying abroad

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