

The Gathering

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† The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost †

Divine Service III ~ *Lutheran Service Book* page 184, adapted

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord’s Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in!

AS WE GATHER ~ God calls His people to lives that include showing respect for the authorities placed over us. At the time Paul wrote to his coworker Timothy, “I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions” (1 Timothy 2:1–2), the Roman world had been ruled by a series of tyrannical and cruel emperors for decades. When Jesus spoke of the duty of people to “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s” (Matthew 22:21), the Roman emperor was Tiberius Caesar, portrayed by noted historians of his time, Tacitus and Suetonius, as a mean-spirited tyrant and a man ever ready to spill blood. Sometimes, in His providence, God shows His dominion in ways not readily understood and chooses to work through untoward and unlikeable people. He may even use non-Christian leaders and unchristian nations to further His gracious plans. In living as faithful citizens, we are called to carry out the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, including paying taxes. At the same time, we are to demonstrate our highest allegiance to God by being people of faith who evidence our eternal hope in Christ in all situations and who offer prayers for those who rule over us.

PRE-SERVICE ~ *Homesick for Heaven*

My heart belongs to a country and a King

Of a land I've always known but I've never seen.

Some call it paradise or the land of the living,

Well, I call it home - and I'm homesick for Heaven.

Chorus: **I wanna walk with Moses on streets of gold,
And dance with David before Your throne,
To thank You face to face for the grace You've given.
I wanna see my children run into Your arms
And worship the Savior who wears my scars.
There's an ache in my heart - I'm homesick for Heaven.**

In my Father's house there are many rooms,

Enough for everyone, enough for you.

I know it takes some faith but today you can know without question

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Believe in the power of Jesus' name and you're going to Heaven.

Hallelujah, in Jesus' name we're going to Heaven. *Chorus*

Bridge: **No more fear, no more pain, every tear wiped away, crying, “Holy, Holy!”
Every knee on the floor, every voice evermore crying, “Holy, Holy!”
Oh, I wanna go home. Oh, I wanna go home.**

To see the ones I love, who've gone before,

When death is a memory and tears are no more.

To hear the angels praise. Can you even imagine?

I'll run as fast as I can into Your arms,

'Cause I was created to be where You are.

There's an ache in my heart - I'm homesick for Heaven.

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG ~ *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use ev’ry power as You choose.

Bridge: **Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it’s all for Thee**

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee. *Repeat bridge*

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

INVOCATION ~ page 184

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

(Matthew 28:19b; 18:20)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ page 184

Pastor: 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. (Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: 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.

Pastor: 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.
People: Amen. (John 20:19-23)

PSALM 96:1-9

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Pastor: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
People: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE ~ page 186

(Mark 10:47)

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
All: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE ~ 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus: **Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul, worship His holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
 It's time to sing Your song again.**

**Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
 Let me be singing when the evening comes.** *Chorus*

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
 Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
 For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.** *Chorus*

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
 The end draws near and my time has come,
 Still my soul will sing Your praise unending.
 Ten thousand years and then forevermore.** *Chorus x 2*

**Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name. Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.
 Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name. I'll worship Your holy name.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY~ page 189

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

People: And with Thy spirit.

Pastor: O God, the protector of all who trust in You,
 have mercy on us
 that with You as our ruler and guide
 we may so pass through things temporal
 that we lose not the things eternal;
 through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
²“I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the Lord, who does all these things.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (ESV)

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our
prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love

Isaiah 45:1-7 (ESV)

and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by
God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also
in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men
we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the
Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so
that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not
only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but
your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they
themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you
turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from
heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.
¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And
they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know
that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about
anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you
think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice,
said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And
they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription
is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the

things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED ~ page 191

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Us men means all people.

Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

SONG OF THE DAY ~ *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* ~ LSB 940

**Holy God, we praise thy name! Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on Earth thy sceptre claim, all in Heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.**

**Hark! the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord; holy, holy, holy, Lord!**

**Lo! the apostles' holy train join thy sacred name to hallow!
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.**

**Thou art King of glory, Christ! Son of God, yet born of Mary;
For us sinners sacrificed, and to death a tributary;
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened Heav'n to faith.**

**Holy Father, holy Son, holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery.**

SERMON

Our Citizenship Here

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 51:10-12)

**Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within me. Repeat
Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord, and take not Thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, 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, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

As we prepare for the presence of Christ in this sacrament, we rise.

PREFACE ~ page 194

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. (Psalm 136)

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy ~ LSB 507 (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

LORD'S PRAYER ~ page 196

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. (Matthew 6:9-13)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~ page 197

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my † body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord ~ page 197

(John 20:19)

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God ~ page 210

(John 1:29)

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

COMMUNION SONGS ~ *Jesus Messiah*

He became sin, who knew no sin, that we might become His righteousness.

He humbled Himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing.

Chorus: **Jesus Messiah, name above all names, blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.**

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven,

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body, the bread; His blood, the wine, broken and poured out all for love.

The whole earth tremble and the veil was torn. Love so amazing. *Chorus*

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You,

All the glory to You, God, the light of the world. *Chorus*

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.

He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

**To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me, through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!**

**To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: yet not I, but through Christ in me!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! Yet not I, but through Christ in me!**

DISMISSAL ~ page 199

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in
body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

People: Amen.

THANKSGIVING ~ page 200

(Psalm 107:1)

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us
through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would
strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward

one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS ~ page 201-202

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION ~ page 202

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG ~ All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely; when you feel afraid, you're not the only.

We are all the same in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.

It's all you got to lean on but thank God it's all you need!

Chorus: And all the people said Amen, whoa oh, and all the people said Amen!

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends! And all the people said Amen!

If you're rich or poor, it don't matter;

Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.

We're all broken but we're all in this together. God knows we stumble and fall.

And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all. *Chorus*

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.

Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.

Blessed are the people hungry for another start.

For this is the Kingdom, the Kingdom of God! *Chorus twice*



*Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the
offering plate as you leave.*