

Sunday July 31, 2022
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “God Whose Giving Know No Ending” #678 ELW

Please rise on the last verse



- 1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

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.

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.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Please be seated

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM: “Here I Am to Worship”

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Colossians 3:1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that

renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12 (Read Responsively)

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

² **both low and high, rich and poor together.**

³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

⁶ **those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

⁷ Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it.

⁸ **For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,**

⁹ that one should live on forever and never see the grave.

¹⁰ **When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.**

¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.

¹² **Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.**

Please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Glory to you, O Lord

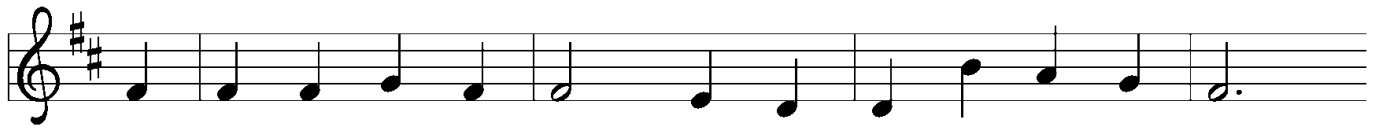
¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then 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.
¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But 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?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “O Living Bread from Heaven” #542 ELW



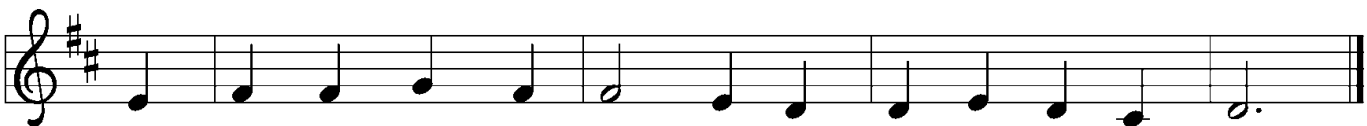
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
 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;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 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,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress (*especially*). Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees

and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place (*specific ministries may be named*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints (*especially*). Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Take My Life That I Might Be"

#583 WOV

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas Last time



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

que_a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

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pul - so de tu_a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
 Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Bell Choir
 Ushers: Janice Olson & Nancy Hansen
 Greeters: Denny & Lynne Meidlinger
 Hospitality: Mary Braun & Jenny Schuett

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, July 24, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 60 Online: 10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Judy Wuorio, Ruth Jaszczak, Barb Westerlund,
 Randy Zahradka.

SAVE THE DATE Corn Feed – August 20th, 4:30-7:00pm. Pulled Pork on a
 bun, Corn, Baked Beans, Coleslaw & Beverage. \$10 Adults, 10 and under \$5

NEED VOLUNTEERS!

COORDINATOR Looking for someone to take over coordinating Ushers & Greeters for our Sunday services. Please contact Jim Christensen or the office if you are willing to take over this position.

ALTAR CARE could use a few more people to help prepare Sunday communion, if you are interested, contact Dianne Jones. Thanks

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY if you can't sign up to serve, please bring treats for the freezer so others can serve.

2022 SUMMER OUTDOOR GOSPEL CONCERTS

EVERY SATURDAY 7:00 P.M. Malmo Free Church, near Jct. of Hwy 18 & 47, NE. Free will offering taken. Full schedule posted in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

August 1, 2022 – August 7, 2022

Monday	8/1	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/2	4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team
Wednesday	8/3	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	8/4	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Saturday	8/6	7:30 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/7	9:00 am	Worship in person and live stream
