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E-Mail: washing54@gmail.com**Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.****Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.****President:** Mr. Edwin Peeples**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****July 31, 2022****Given to Eternal Life****As We Gather**

The three Readings today all tell of the contrasts between people who have faith in Christ and those who do not. The important message is that we recognize God's gracious blessings and so reflect them as we live. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that "one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15) and warns about one who is "not rich toward God" (v. 21). When in Ecclesiastes "the Preacher" sees vanity all around, he writes, "to the one who pleases Him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy" (Ecclesiastes 2:26). In the Epistle, Paul promises that we who, in our Baptism, "have been raised with Christ, . . . will appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:1a, 4b). We have been given not only physical life but also eternal life.

PREPARATION**903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made***sts. 1-4*

- 1 This is the day the Lord has made;
He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad
And praise surround the throne.
- 2 Today He rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread
And all His wonders tell.
- 3 Hosanna to the anointed King,
To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from Your throne.

4 Blessed is He who comes to us
 With messages of grace;
 He, in the Lord's name, comes to us
 To save our fallen race.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Remembrance of Baptism

Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1–4

P In his Epistle to the Church in Rome, Paul wrote, "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

And in today's Epistle, Paul writes, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

Let us therefore remember our Baptism.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing the washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

C **We give thanks that according to Your boundless mercy, You have beheld us and have blessed us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam, has been drowned and died. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we could be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Confession of Faith

P Do you renounce the devil, all his works, and all his ways?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted us new birth in Holy Baptism and made us members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom.

C We humbly implore You that, as we are Your children, You would keep us in our baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure we may faithfully lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Peace be with you.

C Amen.

WORD

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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

C but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace;

P 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

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

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

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

²⁴There 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, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle*Colossians 3:1-11*

¹If then 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 appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

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Holy Gospel*Luke 12:13-21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

869 With the Lord Begin Your Task*sts. 1-4*

- 1 With the Lord begin your task;
Jesus will direct it.
- For His aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.

Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
 And when day is ended,
 In His name then close your eyes;
 Be to Him commended.

- 2 Let each day begin with prayer,
 Praise, and adoration.
 On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
 He is your salvation.
 Morning, evening, and at night
 Jesus will be near you,
 Save you from the tempter's might,
 With His presence cheer you.

- 3 With your Savior at your side,
 Foes need not alarm you;
 In His promises confide,
 And no ill can harm you.
 All your trust and hope repose
 In the mighty Master,
 Who in wisdom truly knows
 How to stem disaster.

- 4 If your task be thus begun
 With the Savior's blessing,
 Safely then your course will run,
 Toward the promise pressing.
 Good will follow ev'rywhere
 While you here must wander;
 You at last the joy will share
 In the mansions yonder.

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

**C 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 worshiped 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.**

Prayer of the Church

P Remembering our Baptism does not necessarily mean recapturing the moment, for many of us were baptized as infants. But it does mean a willingness to follow our Lord each day. We sing "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" to guide our prayers to God.

P "One's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15b). For all who are deceived by the world's valuing property over people and power over service, that God would open their eyes that they serve Him above all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who focus on themselves, trusting their own efforts rather than relying on the mercy and blessings of our heavenly Father, that God would move them to loving service for the people around them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church around the world, wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, calling people to follow our Lord as pilgrims treading toward the gracious and eternal promises of Christ, that God would protect and direct her, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P "I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 2:18). For all who languish, working in joyless jobs, those who are underemployed or unemployed, and each person who awakens to another day of discomfort and pain, that God would provide strength, endurance, and solace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who call out to God for relief from illness, pain, or difficult circumstances, [*especially* . . .], that God would hear their prayers and graciously answer them in His almighty wisdom and love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the leaders of the nations, that God would guide them to provide decent food, clothing, and shelter for their citizens and protection both from enemies outside their borders and from lawlessness within, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P "Apart from [God] who can eat or who can have enjoyment?" (Ecclesiastes 2:25). For all who do not know Christ's resurrection, but see the grave as the end of life, that the Holy Spirit would grant them faith to trust in our Lord's victory, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For health care workers, first responders, and all who minister to people nearing the end of this mortal life, that God would sustain them in their ministry and use them as His instruments for Jesus' sake, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For ourselves, that we look beyond the grave in our daily living, anticipating our entry into heaven and living in the light of God's love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Offering

Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

Benediction

P 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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

sts. 1-3

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;

Your truth direct and keep us
 From error's gloomy night.
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Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME – A warm welcome to everyone! If you are our GUEST, it is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us. **BLESSINGS!**

PASTOR'S VACATION – Pastor will be taking the month of July off, except for the second Sunday. We will change our Communion schedule for the month. Both the first and second Sundays will be Communion Sundays, none more for the month. Dr. Ramsey and Dr. Madison will fill in for Pastor on Sundays he is away.

VACATION WORSHIP SCHEDULE –

1st Sunday – Dr. Ramsey

2nd Sunday – Pastor Washington

3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays – Dr. Madison

"Thanks" to Rev. Dr. McNair Ramsey for leading Sunday School and Worship Service for 1st Sunday in July.

"Thanks" to Dr. Major Madison, Jr. who will serve as Worship Leader for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays in July.

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"Thanks" to respective members of our Elder Board who will serve as Sunday School discussion leaders:

3rd Sunday – Mr. George Rhodes

4th Sunday – Mr. Gary Steen

5th Sunday – Mr. Eugene LeSure

UPDATE– New monitors and computer have been purchased. Our prayer is that everything would be back in order come August. **PRAISE GOD!**

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY –Mid-Week Bible Study will restart in August.

SENIOR DAY OUT – Senior Day Out will restart in August.

PRAYER HOUR – Please join us each Saturday at 11 a.m. for prayer. Dial 1/681-999-0264; Access Code 391959#. Also, I invite you to go on our website and view our monthly newsletters and other information. On there you will also see a complete listing of prayer requests/concerns.

VERSE OF THE WEEK – Each week there will be a different verse in the bulletin. Members are encouraged to memorize and meditate on the verses.

VERSE OF THE WEEK – Isaiah 12:2 (K J V)

*“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid:
for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song;
he also is become my salvation.”*

“Happy Anniversary”

August 4th Dr. Major, Jr. & Mrs. Benita Madison

“Happy Birthday”

August 6th Edward Coles

August 6th Bertha Durry