



Fool! This night
your soul is required of you.

Luke 12:20

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025 • 10:30AM

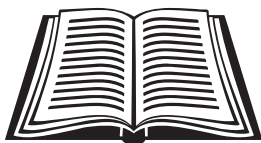
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This Week's Memory Verse

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love
endures forever,
and his faithfulness
to all generations.
Psalm 100:5



Memory Verse Aid

FTLIG;
HSL
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PI005

Welcome and Announcements

Special Presentation to Lindsey Whisnant

Prelude: “We Give Thee but Thine Own” Clay Christiansen

Stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Ten Commandments

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.

³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.

⁴Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.

⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.

¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.

Confession and Absolution

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Hymn: “Seek Ye First”

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness.
And all these things
Shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

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

And also with you.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

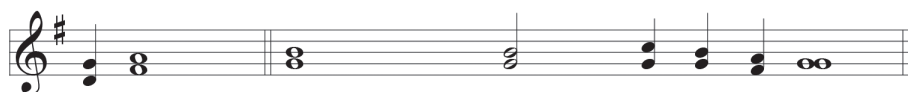


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



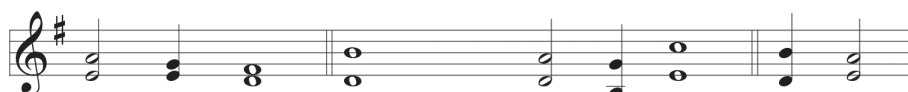
we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,



Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy



on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

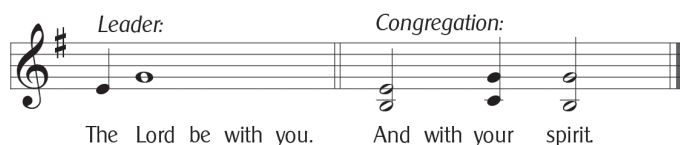


For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the



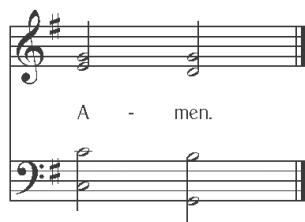
Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray—through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated



First Lesson: 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.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 100

¹Be joyful in the LORD, | all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness and come before
his presence | with a song.
²**Know this: The LORD him- | self is God;**
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep | of his pasture.
³Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his | courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call up- | on his Name.
⁴**For the LORD is good; his mercy is | everlasting;**
and his faithfulness endures from | age to age.

Second Lesson: 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 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹⁰Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “10,000 Reasons”

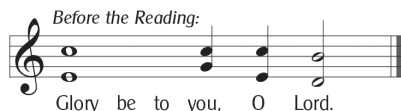
Contemporary Ensemble

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel according to the twelfth chapter of Luke.

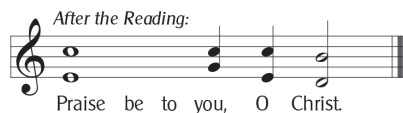


Gospel: Luke 12:13–21

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.”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Confession of Faith

Let us together profess our faith in God using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection from the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Riches in Christ"

Hymn: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and good for us that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which 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 for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now let your servant depart | in | peace,
ac- | cording | to | your | word.
For my eyes have seen | your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face | of | all | people:
A light to lighten | the | Gentiles
and the | glory | of your | people | Israel.
Glory be | to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and | to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it was in | the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world with- | out | end. A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Passacaglia"

Gordon Young

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



*The altar flowers are placed in memory of loved ones
gone before us, and in honor of the descendants
of J. C. Bernhardt, who are having their reunion here today.*



Funeral Assistants Needed

We need **acolytes, crucifers, ushers, and soundboard techs for funerals**. We have a very short list of people who volunteer to help with funerals. The same people are called on time after time and are not always available, especially during vacation months. We need a longer list. **Please call the church office and let us know** that you are willing to help so we can put your name on our call list.

When one of our church or family members dies, we need to be sure we are providing the best possible service for the family. Please consider adding your name to the list. This is a great way to be of service to the Lord.

Youth & Family Night in August

The Youth & Family committee will go to the Cannonballers game in Kannapolis, **August 15th, at 6:45pm**. Please let Jennifer Aldridge know that you are going ASAP so she may include you with the group when she purchases the tickets. Contact Jennifer at 704-223-1696, or email at jaldridge81@gmail.com.

Senior Project—Disaster Relief

Salem Lutheran church is making disaster relief buckets and asking for help. **Sheridan Drew** is taking this on as her senior year volunteer project. She and her mother Jamie will be volunteering at the **bucket assembly event on Saturday, August 23rd**. Sheridan is asking for your help with item donations, and to volunteer to help pack the buckets. The following items are requested: **half-gallon bleach, dishwashing gloves, Comet/Pinesol, scrub brushes, paper towels and cotton rags**. A donation bin has been placed in the narthex. Jamie will pick up the donations Thursday, August 21st. Cash donations can also be made. Sheridan and Jamie will purchase items needed with the money (mark envelope 'buckets'). The event will be from 10am –2pm. Salem will provide lunch.

2025 Rally Sunday—August 24

Rally Sunday is the day we kick off the new Sunday School year at St. Paul's. The morning will start with **breakfast at 8:30am**. Listen for important announcements at 9:15am. **Sunday School starts at 9:30am**. Be sure to stay for worship at 10:30am. We will enjoy fellowship later at the **Congregational Ice Cream Supper in the picnic shelter at 5:30pm**.

We encourage all of you to come to Sunday School each Sunday, and bring a friend. There are classes for all ages.

Confirmation Classes

New classes begin on Wednesday, **September 3**. Classes are held from 7pm–8pm. **Those in 7th grade or older** are welcome. Please call the church office to register your child.

God Is Our Treasure

Find the 27 bold words from Luke 12:13–21 KJV.

T C S E R U S A E R T Q P E P
G O J H T E S S E S S O P D R
O M W V C B H M E A J Y S I O
D P K A E P S T B L L A R V V
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R I X G R R E Q U I R E D N S

And one of the **company** said unto him, **Master**, **speak** to my **brother**, that he **divide** the **inheritance** with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a **judge** or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take **heed**, and **beware** of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the **abundance** of the things which he **possesseth**. And he spake a **parable** unto them, saying, The **ground** of a certain rich man brought forth **plentifully**: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to **bestow** my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build **greater**; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, **Soul**, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine **ease**, **eat**, **drink**, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou **fool**, this night thy soul shall be **required** of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast **provided**? So is he that layeth up **treasure** for himself, and is not **rich toward God**.

The Calendar this Week

*Monday–Friday, we meet for morning prayer in the chapel at 8:30am.
Everyone is welcome to join us.*

Sunday, August 3

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Bernhardt reunion, fellowship hall, Noon
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, 11:45 in the parlor
- Autumn Care worship, 2pm
- Contemporary Choir rehearsal, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- College Ministry, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, August 4

- Facility Accessibility Committee, 6:30pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, August 5

- No Bible Study this week

Wednesday, August 6

- Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, August 7

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Sunday, August 10

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- First Communion for Gracelyn Ziegler, 10:30am
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship and Music Committee, 3pm (*note time change*)
- No Vespers this evening

August Blood Drive

The next blood drive at St. Paul's will be on **August 18**, from **1:30–6pm**. This will be our **last blood drive** until the church renovations are completed.



Pentecost 8C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Eccles. 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26; Psalm 100; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

1. Don't be obsessed with it.
3. Apart from him who can eat or who have enjoyment?
5. We are the sheep of God's what?
7. Your life is hidden with him.
9. "There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and..."
11. The rich man wanted more space to store these.
14. Do not do this to one another.
16. The Preacher applied himself to find this quality.
17. This part of God's character endures forever.
19. The Preacher also held this position in the kingdom.
20. Put off the old one.
21. We are being renewed after the image of him.
23. Jesus asked who made him this over family disputes?
24. Enter them with thanksgiving.

DOWN

2. If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things from there.
4. This part of God's character endures to all generations.
6. All vanity is striving after this elusive element.
8. Jesus told a parable about a rich...
10. Be this toward God.
12. Tonight this could be required of you.
13. Bless God's...
15. Make it joyful.
18. What did the Preacher cry?
22. Christ is seated at this hand of God.

Stats

General Fund Offering (7/27)	\$12,259
Other Offering (7/27)	\$1,986
Sunday School Attendance reported (7/27)	73
Worship Attendance (7/27)	162

Children's Change Collection

During the third quarter of 2025, the children's change collections will benefit Friends of Madagascar Mission.

Last Sunday: \$203.00 Total so far: \$655.00

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$20,078.62 for missions.

The total collected for The Table Ministry
during the second quarter of 2025 was \$2,022.

The total collected for Lutherans for Life
during the first quarter of 2025 was \$1,951.00.

In 2024, our children collected for the following:

- Dept. of Lutheran Studies, Gordon-Conwell – \$1,929.50
 - Lutherans for Life – \$1,976.00
 - St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$1,869.50
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,945.12

In 2023, they collected for the following missions and ministries:

- Lutherans for Life – \$1,855
- Spiritual Orphans Network – \$1,981
- St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$2,019
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,901



Reminder: Information for weekly bulletins should be turned in to the church office by Wednesday morning before Noon. Information for monthly newsletters needs to be in during the 3rd week of each month or earlier. Please email, call, or bring information. **Also, please be sure you and your family have signed the friendship register.** This helps us know how many are worshipping today.

Recent Prayer Needs

- Cindy Alligood – home; recovering from surgery
- Eric Barringer – upcoming surgery
- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Betty Camerlin – home; health concerns
- Jan Dolan – health concerns
- Frank Giambastiani, father of Lisa Lord – health concerns
- Myralyn Goodman – health concerns
- Sarah Goodman – health concerns
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Tommy Huffman – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruchkow, Tiffany Holland's grandmother – health concerns
- Alan Lyerly – recovering from surgery
- Betty Niedens – health concerns
- Cory Orbison – health concerns
- Susie Page – health concerns
- Susan Page (Susie's daughter-in-law) – health concerns
- Dawn Peeler, Bonnie Bernhardt's daughter – health concerns
- George Reese – health concerns
- Linda Shirley – health concerns
- Barbara Upright – Novant/Rowan Hospital, room 444
- Kim Wilhelm – recovering from surgery
- Jane Wilhem – health concerns; home

For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

Cookbooks for Disaster Relief

The Outreach Committee is **collecting cookbooks** for kitchen kits September 7–21. They do not need to be new—gently used will do—and no larger than **6x9 inches** to fit into a 2-gallon bag. A handwritten Bible verse or encouraging words inside could be added to personalize the book. Fifty books are needed.



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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Next weeks lessons: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-40

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