

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Cloud of Witnesses

August 4, 2019

11:00 am



## AS WE GATHER

Our world enjoys labeling people. Whether by skin color, gender, economic status, ethnic background, political affiliation, age, or whatever else it may be, labels are popular. This sort of labeling divides people into categories and causes much strife and argument. There was labeling going on in Colossae as well: Greek, Jew, circumcised, uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free. But in Colossians, Paul gives us a label that we share and a label that leads not to divisive evil but to amazing generosity and love. Paul writes, “You have been raised with Christ.” Imagine that. He doesn’t say that you will one day in the future be raised with Christ (although that is also true), he says, “You have been raised with Christ.” That is the label we are marked with in Holy Baptism. This comes to us by grace and calls forth from us a life abundant with generosity.

## PRE-SERVICE

*Instrumental*



**WELCOME**

## ✘ PREPARATION ✘

**OPENING SONG** “10,000 Reasons”

Redman

**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**

*Interlude*

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 X2**

**Worship Your holy name**  
**Lord I'll worship Your holy name**

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## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
People: **let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,**

Pastor: and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,  
People: **looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.**

All: **Amen!** *Hebrew 12:1-2a*

*(Please Stand)*



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

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

People: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

People: **Amen.**

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: **Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: O Lord God, the light of minds that know You, the life of souls that love You, and the strength of hearts that serve You, give us strength to follow the example of Your servant Augustine, so that knowing You we may truly love You and loving You we may fully serve You—for to serve You is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26* (All is vanity.)

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .<sup>12</sup> I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And 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. <sup>14</sup> I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .<sup>18</sup> I 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, <sup>19</sup> and 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. <sup>20</sup> So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because 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. <sup>22</sup> What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup> For 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. <sup>24</sup> There 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, <sup>25</sup> for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup> For 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



**EPISTLE** *Colossians 3:1–11* (You have been raised with Christ.)

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 12:13–21* (Be on guard against covetousness.)  
*The congregation is invited to read the words in bold*

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And 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.” <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, ‘**What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?**’” <sup>18</sup> And 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.**’ <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”” <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
 People: Praise to You, O Christ.

13भीड़बाट एक जनाले उहाँलाई भन्यो, “गुरु, मेरा दाज्यूलाई भनिदिनुहोस्, र तिनले अंशबन्डा गरिदेऊन्।” 14तर उहाँले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, “मित्र, कसले मलाई तिमीहरूमाथि न्याय गर्ने अथवा तिमीहरूको सम्पत्ति बाँडिदिने तुल्यायो?” 15उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “होशियार रहो, सबै किसिमका लालचबाट जोगिने काम गर, किनकि मानिसको जिन्दगी उसको धन-सम्पत्तिको प्रशस्ततामा रहँदैन।” 16उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई एउटा दृष्टान्त भन्नुभयो, “कुनै एक जना धनी मानिसको जमिनमा प्रशस्त उब्जनी भयो। 17त्यसले मनमनै गुनन लाग्यो, ‘मेरो अन्न राख्ने ठाउँ मसित छैन, अब म के गरूँ?’ 18तब त्यसले भन्यो, ‘म यसो गर्नेछु— आफ्ना ढुकीहरू भत्काएर झन् ठूला-ठूला बनाउनेछु, र मेरा सबै अनाज र मालसामान त्यहीं राख्नेछु। 19अनि म आफ्नो प्राणलाई भन्नेछु, ‘ए प्राण, धेरै वर्षसम्म पुग्ने प्रशस्त सम्पत्ति तेरो निम्ति थुप्रिएको छ। सुख-चैनमा बस्। खा, पि, र मोज गर्।’” 20 “तर परमेश्वरले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, ‘ए मूर्ख, आज राती नै तेरो प्राण तँबाट लिइनेछ, र जे कुराहरू तैले आफ्नो निम्ति थुपारेको छस्, ती कसको हुने?’” 21 “आफ्नो निम्ति धन-सम्पत्ति थुपार्ने, तर परमेश्वरको दृष्टिमा धनी नहुने मान्छेको अवस्था यस्तै हुन्छ।”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
 People: Praise to You, O Christ.



## APOSTLES' CREED

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### विश्वासको सार

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

**And 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.**

**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. Amen.**

म विश्वास गर्दछु एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता,  
 स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।  
 अनि उहाँका एकलो पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि ।  
 उहाँ पवित्र आत्माको शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।  
 कन्या मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।  
 पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।  
 क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।  
 मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो ।  
 आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।  
 तेश्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट बिउँतनुभयो ।  
 स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।  
 सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि  
 बस्नुभएको छ ।  
 जहाँदेखि उहाँ जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको  
 न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।

म विश्वास गर्दछु पवित्र आत्माथि,  
 पवित्र विश्व मण्डलीमाथि,  
 पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,  
 पाप मोचनमाथि  
 शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि  
 र अजम्बरी जीवनमाथि । आमेन ।

*(Please Be Seated)*



## BACK PACK BLESSING

**SONG OF THE DAY** “Because He Lives”

Maher

**I believe in the Son I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome By the power of His blood**

**Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives**

**I was dead in the grave I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away**

**Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends**

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life My future in His hand**

**Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen Let my song join the one that never ends REPEAT**

**Because He lives. Because He lives.**

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## SERMON

*(Please Stand)*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Let us come before God in prayer as His people, the sheep of His pasture, trusting that the Lord is good and His love endures forever For our Synod—our president, district presidents, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the Church, that we not become puffed up with pride or be made timid by our weaknesses, but instead together hold fast to our Head, the Lord Jesus. In mercy,

**People:** **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy; for the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, and serve not themselves. In mercy,

**People:** **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that they receive mercy and healing according to God’s will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ. [*Other petitions may be inserted here.*] In mercy,

**People:** **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*(Special Petitions)*

Pastor: In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. You are good and Your love endures forever; Your faithfulness continues through all generations.  
People: Amen.

*(Please Be Seated)*



## GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

*Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

"Thy Word is a Lamp"

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**REFRAIN: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. REFRAIN**

**I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end. REFRAIN**

**And a light unto my path.**

*(Please Stand)*



## ✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠

*We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.*

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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Pastor: 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.**

हे हाम्रा स्वर्गमा बस्ने पिता,  
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र गरिओस्  
तपाईंको राज्य आओस् ।  
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा भै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस् ।  
हाम्रो दिनभरिको भोजन आज हामीलाई दिनुहोस् ।  
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,  
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं ।  
हामीलाई परीक्षामा नल्याउनुहोस्,  
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस् ।  
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदा सर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन् । आमेन ।

**PAX DOMINI** *The Peace of the Lord* John 20:19

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

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** "My Victory" Mulligan/Crowder/Cash/Bentley

**Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away our sin Who takes away our sin  
The holy Lamb of God Makes us alive again Makes us alive again REPEAT**

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**DISTRIBUTION SONGS** "Do It Again"

Brown/Brock/Redman/Furtick

**Walking around these walls, I thought by now they'd fall But you have never failed me yet.  
Waiting for change to come Knowing the battle's won For you have never failed me yet**

**CHORUS 1: Your promise still stands  
Great is your faithfulness  
Faithfulness  
I'm still in your hands  
This is my confidence  
You've never failed me yet.**

**I know the night won't last Your word will come to pass My heart will sing your praise again  
Jesus you're still enough Keep me within your love My heart will sing your praise again**

**CHORUS 2: Your promise still stands  
Great is your faithfulness  
Faithfulness  
I'm still in your hands  
This is my confidence  
You've never failed me. CHORUS 1**

**I've seen you move You move the mountains  
And I believe I'll see you do it again  
You made a way Where there was no way  
And I believe I'll see you do it again REPEAT BRIDGE**

**I'll see you do it again CHORUS 2, CHORUS 1**

**CHORUS 2: Your promise still stands  
Great is your faithfulness  
Faithfulness  
I'm still in your hands  
This is my confidence  
You've never failed me.**

**CHORUS 1: Your promise still stands  
Great is your faithfulness  
Faithfulness  
I'm still in your hands  
This is my confidence  
You've never failed me yet.**

**You've never failed me yet I never will forget  
You've never failed me yet I never will forget**  
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“Beautiful Savior”

*LSB 537*

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be thine!**

*(Please Stand)*

## **CLOSING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
**People:** **let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,**

**Pastor:** and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,  
**People:** **looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.**

**All:** **Amen!** *Hebrew 12:1-2a*



**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

*LSB 166*

**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** “The Way”

*Peens/Dryden/Camp/Williams*

**All creation cries out with longing  
With groans only You can comprehend  
And with wisdom You always answer  
And give the words of life  
So unfailing**

**And Your glory shines all around us  
Your faithfulness shown for all to see  
When we think of all of Your wonders  
The beauty of Your plan that's been revealed  
When we walk in Your light  
When we walk in it**

**CHORUS: Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land  
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM  
Jesus, You are the Way. You are the Way**

**We can see the works of Your loving hands  
With the hope and peace not made by man  
When You poured out Your grace and Your mercy  
And You held out Your arms  
So we could see You bled for all mankind  
And set the captives free yeah CHORUS**

**Na na na na na nah, Jesus.  
Na na na na na nah You are the Way  
Na na na na na nah, Jesus. Na na na na na nah**

**CHORUS: Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land  
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM  
Shine bright. Let Your glory fill this land  
Lift high the King of kings and great I AM  
Jesus You are the Way. You are the Way**

**Jesus, You are the Way. You are the Way. You are the Way.**  
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**POSTLUDE**

*Instrumental Music*

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