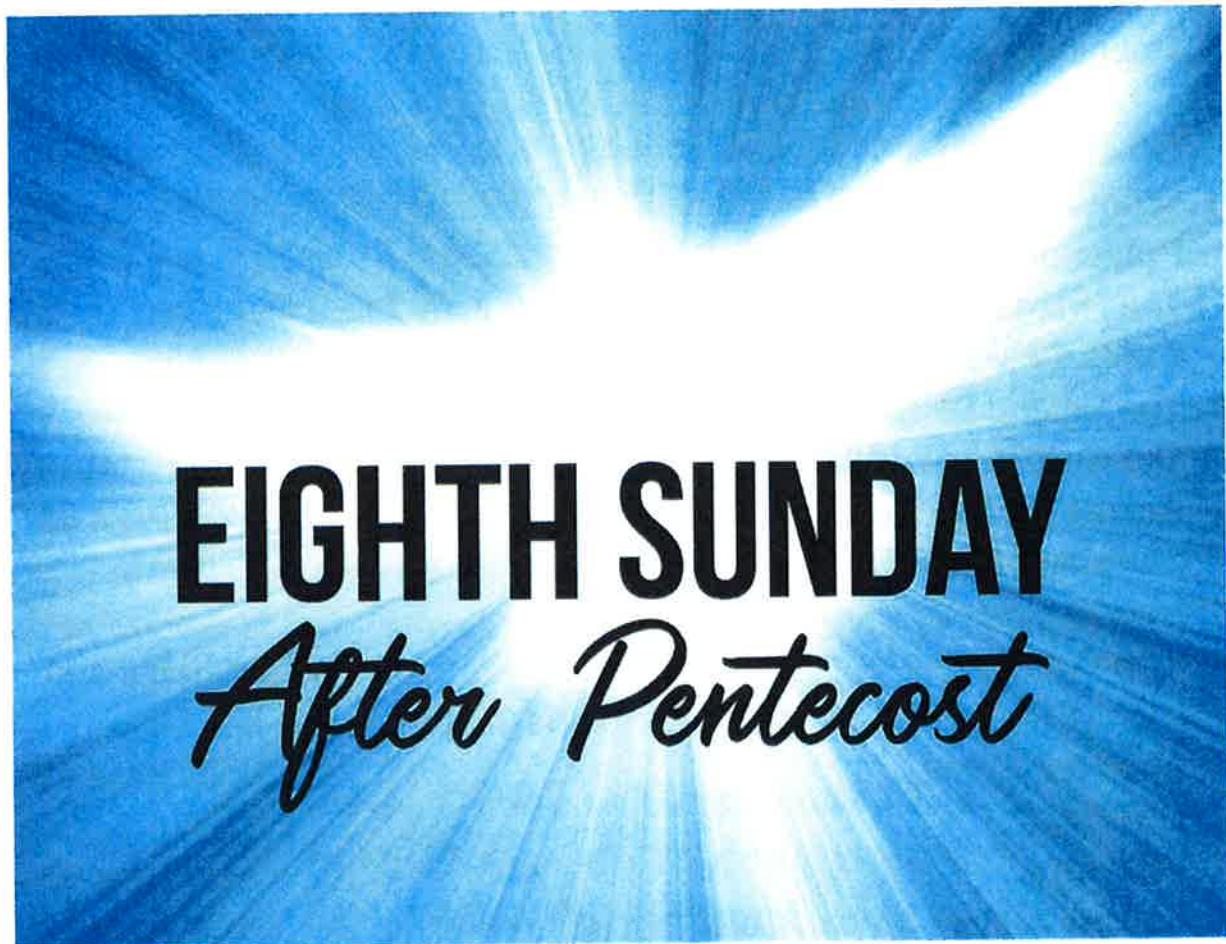


*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!
"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"*



Today's Readings

Sunday, July 31, 2022

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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.**

First Reading

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

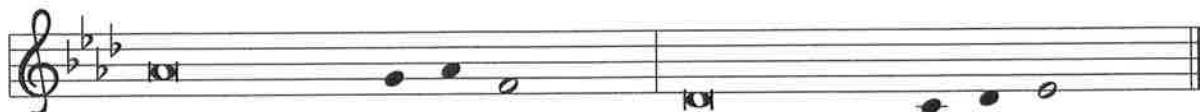
¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹— and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalm



Hear this, ¹ all you peoples;
give ear,
all you who dwell ¹ in the world,
²**you of high de- ¹ gree and low,
rich and ¹ poor together.**
³My mouth shall ¹ speak of wisdom,
and my heart
shall meditate on ¹ understanding.
⁴**I will incline my ear ¹ to a proverb
and set forth my riddle
up- ¹ on the harp.**
⁵Why should I be afraid in ¹ evil days,
when the wickedness
of those at my ¹ heels surrounds me,

Psalm 49:1-12; tone 3

⁶**the wickedness of those
who trust in ¹ their own prowess,
and boast of ¹ their great riches?**
⁷One can never re- ¹ deem another,
or give to God the ransom
for an- ¹ other's life;
⁸**for the ransom of a life ¹ is so great
that there would never be
e- ¹ nough to pay it,**
⁹in order to live forev- ¹ er and ever
and never ¹ see the grave.
¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stu- ¹ pid they perish
and leave their wealth
to those who come ¹ after them.**

continued

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to ¹ generation, though they had named lands af- ¹ ter themselves.

¹²Even though honored, they cannot ¹ live forever; they are like the ¹ beasts that perish.

Second Reading

So 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

Colossians 3:1-11

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!

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Someone 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.’

We pray always for . . .

The Family of Art Thompson

Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Eric Fass, & Haleigh Werner

We also remember in our prayers . . .

*Anna, Vanessa, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring
in Tanzania.*

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Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of
Worship Duty – sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

*Noisy coin offering will be collected Today.
All loose change will be designated for
Neon Cross repairs.*

Today 7/31/22

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 8/7/22

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

School Kit items for Lutheran World Relief are being collected until the end of August. The items needed are:

70 sheet spiral notebooks (4 each school kit)

Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons,

Ball point Pens,

and Unsharpened #2 Pencils.

School Sales are happening! Donations are welcome to help purchase the items and Thrivent Action team funds will help fill these back packs.

