

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 26, 2020**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C 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.**
- P** 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.  
**C Amen.**

**Introit:** *Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
**make known his deeds among the peoples!**  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
**tell of all his wondrous works!**  
Glory in his holy name;  
**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
**seek his presence continually!**  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
**his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
**children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
**make known his deeds among the peoples!**

**Kyrie:** *LSB 152*

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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: Deuteronomy 7:6–9**

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual: Romans 11:33, 36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
**How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**  
For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
**To him be glory forever. Amen.**

**Epistle Reading: Romans 8:28–39**

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

- C** Alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44–52

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Psalm: Psalm 125

- <sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
**which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**
- <sup>2</sup>As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
**so the LORD surrounds his people,  
from this time forth and forevermore.**
- <sup>3</sup>For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
**on the land allotted to the righteous,**  
lest the righteous stretch out  
**their hands to do wrong.**
- <sup>4</sup>Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
**and to those who are upright in their hearts!**
- <sup>5</sup>But those who turn aside to their crooked ways  
**the LORD will lead away with evildoers!**  
Peace be upon Israel!

## Sermon

## Apostles' Creed

- C** 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

## 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 † give you peace.
- C** Amen.

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