

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORSHIP 9:30 a.m., JULY 31, 2022
Tree of Life—Marty Haugen



Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Welcome to all who are virtually visiting us today. Please sign in on the Comments section of your Facebook Live page. If you would like to be put on the Advent email list to receive bulletins and Advent updates please send your email address to adventwestminster@gmail.com or contact us through the adventwestminster.org web site. Please join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning by having some bread and wine or grape juice available for the blessing on page 6

**Stand if able, P- Pastor, AM- assisting minister, C-congregation,
ELW-red songbook, W&P-purple songbook*

CALL TO WORSHIP—WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God, C: **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. C: **Amen.**

* OPENING HYMN ELW #669 *“Rise Up, O Saints of God”*

1. Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
2. Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.
3. Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's tasks embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.
4. Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.
5. Commit your hearts to seek the path which Christ has trod; and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

*GREETING

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

***KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 1. For the
 2. For your
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.
 reign of God, and for peace through - out the
 peo - ple here who have come to give you
 world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
 thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the
 Lord:
 Lord: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, and de -
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.
 fend us, O God: A - men.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,
 glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple,
 peace to God's peo-ple, peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: Let us pray. **C: 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.**

PSALM 49:1-12 (Read responsively)

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,² **both low and high, rich and poor together.**³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,⁶ **those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**⁷ Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it.⁸ **For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,**⁹ that one should live on for ever and never see the grave.¹⁰ **When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.**¹¹ Their graves are their homes for ever, their dwelling-places to all generations, though they named lands their own.¹² **Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.**

READING Colossians 3:1-11

³So 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.⁵ Put 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 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!

After reading: L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For
you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -
ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 12:13-21 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’¹⁴ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’¹⁵ And 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.’¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly.¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”¹⁸ Then 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.¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”²⁰ But 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?”²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.

After reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Vicar Kaari Nieuwlandt

*** HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #695**

“As Saints of Old”

1. As saints of old their first fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield, so we today first fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give; to make our life an offering to God, that all may live. The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

PRAYERS *(please be seated)*

AM: Merciful God C: **Receive our prayer.**

AM: *through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.* C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Vicar Kaari Nieuwlandt

***GREETING OF PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. God of abundance, C: **you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God .C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

The gifts of God are always FREE! All are welcome at the Lord's table. Prefilled cups of wine and grape juice will be offered at the rail. The grape juice is clear and located in the center of the tray. Children are welcome at the meal, and may commune with parent's permission. If you are communing in your seat or at home online, the Pastor will tell you what to do.

ELW #531

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

Refrain: Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight. Come and revel in heaven's love and light. Take your place at the table of the King. The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin. The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside. **Refrain.**
2. Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. **Refrain.**
3. The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. **Refrain.**

ELW#685

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

BLESSING *(please remain seated)*

P: Now may this body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace now and forever. **C: Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. Life - giving God, **C: through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord's face shine on us and be gracious to us. May the Lord look upon us with favor and +give us peace. **C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN ELW#705 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown your ancient church's story' bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
3. Cure your children's waring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

***DISMISSAL** AM: Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Servant Stock -- Urban Servant Corps 35th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, July 31 from 11am-4pm
Advent Lutheran Church (7979 Meade St, Westminster)**

Get ready to boogie like it's 1987 (USC's founding year) at this Music Festival Event! Live music by USC alumni and supporting band "The Hip Replacements" (members of Bethany Lutheran!) will be sure to put you in a great mood! The SAME Cafe food truck will be there, too, along with yard games, bubbles, and friends galore! Where would you rather be on a sunny summer day? AND in celebration of the meaningful and faithful service of USC volunteers -- even better! RSVP by July 15: <https://www.urbanservantcorps.org/news-events>

Volunteer Bible School Needs YOU! August 1st through August 5th.(Update)

1. Once again, VBS counselors will need to have meals made available to them during the week of August 1 - 5. (1 dinner, 1 lunches and 2 breakfasts per counselor) We are looking for meal sponsors, donations of any kind are truly very welcome!
2. *We are also in need of a few volunteers AND GOOD STEWARDS :*
 - a. set up and manage the snack times, 10:00 to 10:45 a.m Monday thru Thursday.
 - b. one or two adults to be on hand while working with our preschool kids- 9a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Thursday.
 - c. lunch hour supervision while counselors take their own lunch break. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
 - d. someone to shop for necessary supplies and run errands/lunch for the week.
 - e. one or two persons to assist with Monday morning registration. 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. August 1st.

***Just choose a time frame or day you think you can volunteer, no need to work the entire week, responsibilities can be shared. **Contact Mary Ann Bradley at 303-884-2777 or sambi@comcast.net*

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY AUGUST 13TH FROM 4:00-7:00, ADVENT WILL BE HOSTING A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY. WE NEED MANY HANDS TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS. THERE WILL BE MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES, A DUNK TANK, FACE PAINTING, CARICATURE DRAWINGS, AND CRAFT BOOTHS. THERE ARE STILL MANY SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CRAFT BOOTH.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please take your Prayer List home with you and continue to pray for your siblings in Christ.

<p>Michael Adams (<i>Lexi Larson's father</i>) Steve Albert (<i>friend of Virginia Feighner</i>) Arnie Arino Tom Barber Nina Behrendt (<i>neighbor and friend of Elizabeth Meier</i>) Melva Bishop/ * Cheryl Evans-Shirley Frey (<i>Vonda Crow's cousins</i>) Chris Blair (<i>Warren's brother</i>) Christian Bradley (<i>MaryAnn and Bruce's nephew</i>) Donald Brzowsky (<i>Hal Schweitzer's nephew</i>) Wally Campbell (<i>friend of Sandra Sphan</i>) Shawn Cantwell (<i>nephew of Michelle Lamirato</i>) Shelley Carey, Kim Schreiner & Sandra Schreiner (<i>Cheryl Swinhart's cousins</i>) Amber Carolus & family (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) Joann Conrad (<i>Debbie Ezo's mother</i>) Nick Del Hierro (<i>friend of Jan and Sandi Bordner</i>) Jo Dreher Marge Dorsey Martie Essebagggers Baby Everlee (<i>Friend of Trevor Gallegos & Theresa Hornbuckle</i>) Esther Faires Cheri Feighner (<i>Virginia Feighner's sister-in-law</i>)</p>	<p>Wilberta Fleming (<i>Chris Borquez Step Mother</i>) Doyal Furman (<i>Jacob's Father</i>) Tobias Funk (<i>Jan Cole's nephew</i>) Gene (<i>Al Muniz's brother</i>) Julie Gerrish and Family (<i>Friend of Vicar Kaari</i>) Scott Gerhardt (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) Julie Goerend (<i>Pastor Barb's friend</i>) Russ and Bob Goerend (<i>Pastor Barb's friends</i>) Joe Green (<i>friend of Donna Harris</i>) Abbey Hammer (<i>Pam and Jesse Hammer's niece</i>) Andrea Hanson (<i>Chris' sister-in-law</i>) Geraldine Harmon (<i>Ernst Blyt's sister-in-law</i>) Candace Homestead Dale Hundley (<i>Lois'Wyble's son in law</i>) Karen Hutchinson (<i>Friend of Pastor Barb</i>) Michele Hysell Candy Jacobson Brandon and Stacey Jacobson Eric Jacobson Jess Kary (<i>Jill Hartmann's father</i>) **Jessica Kurschner (<i>Pam & Jesse Hammer's daughter</i>) Julie McCawley James McAllister Shirley Nelson Gail Pankow (<i>Shirley Keith's sister</i>)</p>	<p>Don & Merideth Parker (<i>Ann Hibb's Mother and Stepdad</i>) Margaret Pitton (<i>Mary Lamirato's sister in law</i>) Jeannie Prior (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) **Ray (<i>Al Muniz' brother</i>) Harlan Redcay (<i>Jesse Hammer's brother in law</i>) Helen Ritterrodt Reyna Sanchez Marlene Seim (<i>Cousin of Sandi Bordner</i>) Charlie Shaw (<i>friend of Lisa Cook</i>) Jean Shea (<i>Helen Ritterrodt's friend</i>) Mary Stein (<i>Pastor Barb's sister</i>) Stacy Struessel Dean Turner (<i>friend of Tom and Joan</i>) Fred Vargas & Family (<i>Diane Fuhrman's brother</i>) Mike Vaughn (<i>friend of Marren Blair</i>) Ann Vespoli (<i>LaVonne Vespoli's mother-in-law</i>) Tony Zangari Sr., Tony Jr., Roxanne Zangari (<i>family of Kathy Zangari</i>)</p>
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Pecial prayers for Dave and Raynee Price on the death of their Great Granddaughter Ellie.
Special prayers for St Mark's Lutheran Church in Pender, NE. They suffered a catastrophic fire that destroyed their building. The Crow Family attended this church for many years.
Special prayers for the citizens and victims and families who lost loved ones to gun violence.
Special prayers for the citizens of Ukraine.
Special Prayers for the marginalized, people of color, and essential workers.
Special Prayers for all of our military.
Special Prayers for all those out of work, homeless and hungry across the globe.