

July 23, 2023
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *Speak, O Savior; I am Listening*

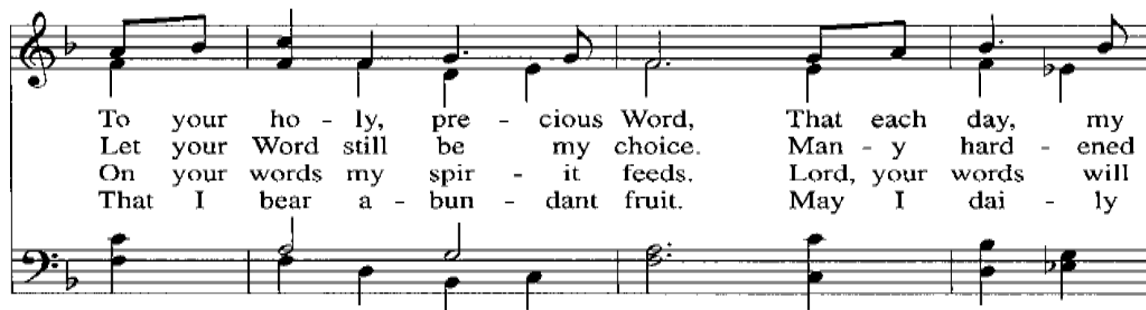
CW₉₃ 283 (CW₉₃ 631) Stz 1-4



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



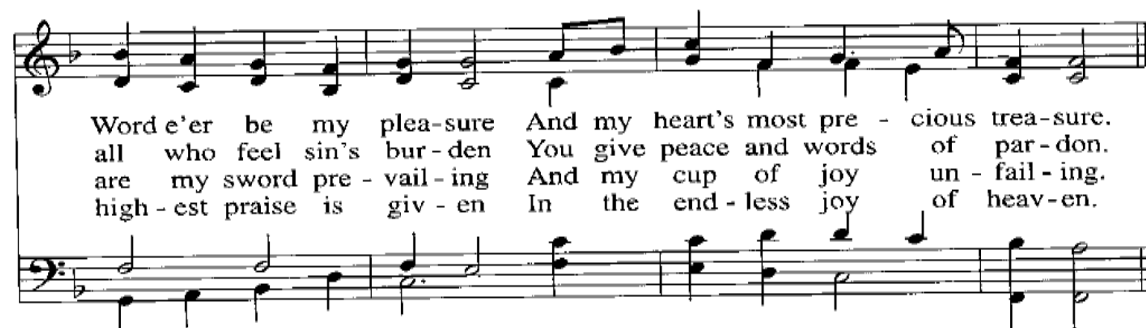
to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your
sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your Word. But to
be my light Through death's cold and drear - y night; Yes, they
sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my



Word e'er be my plea - sure And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
all who feel sin's bur - den You give peace and words of par - don.
are my sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
high - est praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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Confession and Absolution

L: The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We sing.



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

L: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

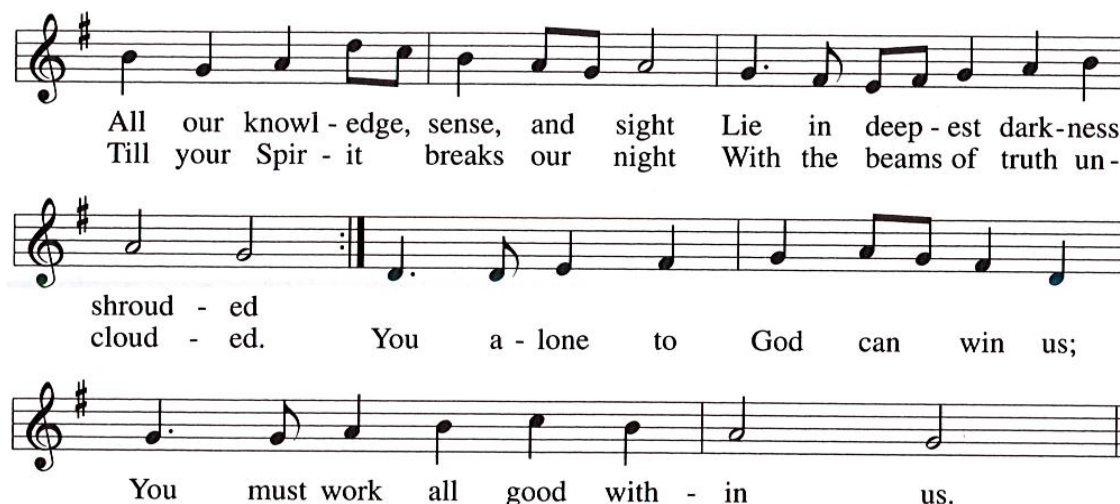
L: Your commands make me wiser than all my enemies,

C: For your words are always with me.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

L: We sing.



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -
shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;
You must work all good with - in us.

L: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: So that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: Yet, so often we have despised your Word, O Lord, and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow and humbly ask you to forgive us.

All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

L: We sing.



Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's

ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;

Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

L: God gave his Word so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in his name. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the † Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

L: We sing.



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -

ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,

Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

First Lesson:

Isaiah 55:8-13

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. ¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD’s renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.” The Word of our God.

Psalm: 65

Refrain



Psalm tone



You care for the land and water it;*
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water*
to provide the people with grain.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;*
the hills are clothed with gladness.

Refrain

You crown the year with your bounty,*
and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;*
the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain;*
they shout for joy and sing.

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.

Refrain

2nd Lesson:**Romans 8:16-18, 22-25**

L: ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

C: ²² **We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.**


L: ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Word of the Lord)


Hymn: *For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray*

CW₉₃ 500 Stz 1–4

1 For Chris - tian homes, O Lord, we pray, That you might
2 We are the chil - dren of your grace; Our homes are
3 U - nit - ed in a bond of love, We lift our
4 Pro - tect us and our loved ones dear From pain and



dwell with us each day. Make ours a place where
 now your dwell - ing - place. In you we trust and
 eyes to you a - bove. From you we gain the
 sor - row, want and fear; Yet when we must our



you are Lord, Where all is gov - erned by your Word.
 dai - ly live; Teach us to serve and to for - give.
 strength to live, The wish to share, the joy to give.
 bur - dens bear, "Your will be done" shall be our prayer.

Gospel:

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

L: ¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear...”

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

²⁰ The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

²² The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.

²³ But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Hymn: *Children of the Heavenly Father*

CW₉₃ 449 (CW₂₁ 502) Stz 1–4

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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; In his
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his

A7 D G



in his bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

D B7 Em A7 D



heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

We Are God's Children



Apostles' Creed: *(together we confess)*

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

***I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive your word of truth with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; all this we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

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!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Hymn: *On What Has Now Been Sown*

CW₉₃ 322 (CW₂₁ 925) Stz 1–3

1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -
 2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our
 3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you

stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it
 pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don
 here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
 what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
 yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!
 ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.
 home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

We rejoice with Paul Taylor as they celebrate with his sister, Andrea, who recently delivered a child. **Nora Elizabeth Neumayer** was born on Saturday, July 15th at 10:52am. She weighed 6lbs, 7oz, and was 18.25 inches. May the Lord continue to bless them.

Looking Ahead

July	Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
Sun Pent 8	23	9:30 AM	Megan	Jessica	Bob P.	Dan
Sun Pent 9	30	9:30 AM	Dan	Jessica	Gil	
August	Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
Sun Pent 10	6	9:30 AM	Audrey	Jessica	Scott	Gil
Sun Pent 11	13	9:30 AM	Jessica	Paul	Cole S.	Scott S
Sun Pent 12	20	9:30 AM	Mark	Paul	Dan M.	
Sun Pent 13	27	9:30 AM	Megan	Jessica	Bob B.	Mark F
September	Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
Sun Pent 14	3	9:30 AM	Jessica	Paul	Scott S.	
Sun Pent 15	10	9:30 AM	Dan	Jessica	Bob P.	Dan M
Sun Pent 16	17	9:30 AM	Audrey	Jessica	Gil P.	
Sun Pent 17	24	9:30 AM	Megan	Jessica	Mark F.	Scott S

Signup in the Fellowship today for the IronBirds baseball game on **Friday August 4.**

Sunday, August 6 10:30am OPEN forum to discuss our worship space.

Sunday, August 13, Annual Church Potluck Picnic. Signup in the Fellowship Hall today to order and purchase your steamed crabs.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries:

3 Jan Williams
29 Karen Meister

2023 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall
Cleaning may be done any day or time during the week on or preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.

August 5 Meister Family
August 19 K Kellner / P Taylor / C Rogers