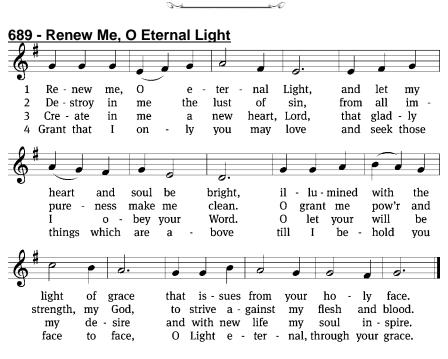
Woodlawn Lutheran Church – Pentecost 8 – July 30-31, 2022

Welcome to Woodlawn Lutheran Church

» Please sign the friendship register located at the center aisle of each pew. If you are visiting with us today, please include your contact information so we can acknowledge your visit.

» Woodlawn Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament.

† Our Worship Focus today: If life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions, then of what does life consist? Paul tells us—the fact that in baptism we died and were raised with Christ.



- P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

Confession

- P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

- P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Lord, Have Mercy

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: 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.
- P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: Amen.





The Word

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

Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day...
- All: O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2,12-14; 2:18-26

¹ The words of Ecclesiastes, David's son, king in Jerusalem.

² "Nothing but vapor," Ecclesiastes said. "Totally vapor. Everything is just vapor that vanishes."

¹² I, Ecclesiastes, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my heart to seek out and explore with wisdom everything done under the sky. (What a burdensome task God has given the children of Adam to keep them busy!) ¹⁴ I have seen all the actions done under the sun, and, look, it is all nothing but vapor. It is all chasing the wind.

¹⁸ I also hated all the results of my hard work, for which I worked so hard under the sun, since I must leave it all to the man who comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows—will he be wise, or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the results of my hard work, for which I worked so hard and so wisely, under the sun. This too is vapor that vanishes.

²⁰ So I changed my course, and my heart began to despair over all my hard work at which I worked so hard under the sun. ²¹ Sure, there may be a man who has worked hard-wisely, aptly, and skillfully. But he must hand over whatever he accumulated by all his hard work to a man who has not worked hard for it. This too is vapor. It's so unfair! ²² For what does a man gain through all his hard work, through all the turmoil in his heart, as he works so hard under the sun?

²³ Pain fills all his days. His occupation is frustration. Even at night his heart does not rest. This too is vapor.

²⁴ There is nothing better for a man than to eat and to drink and to find joy in his work. This too, I saw, is from God's hand. ²⁵ For who can eat or enjoy himself apart from him? ²⁶ Yes, God gives wisdom, knowledge, and happiness to the man whom he considers good, but to the person who goes on sinning God gives the task of gathering and collecting, but only so that he can give it all to a person whom God considers good. This too is vapor, nothing but chasing wind.

- P: The Word of the Lord.
- **C**: Thanks be to God.

820 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past (in place of Psalm)
1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, 2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure; 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame, 4 A thou-sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home: suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de-fense is sure. from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end-less years the same. short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

Second Reading

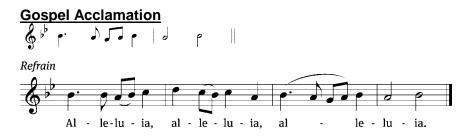
Colossians 3:1–11

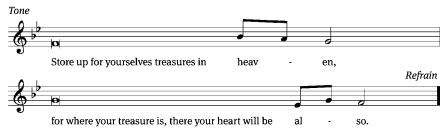
¹ Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ So put to death whatever is worldly in you: sexual immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. ⁷ You too once walked in these things, when you were living in them.

⁸ But now, you too are to rid yourselves of all of these: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to each other since you have put off the old self with its practices, ¹⁰ and put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but rather Christ is all and is in all.

- P: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.





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<u>Gospel</u>

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?"

¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because a man's life is not measured by how many possessions he has."

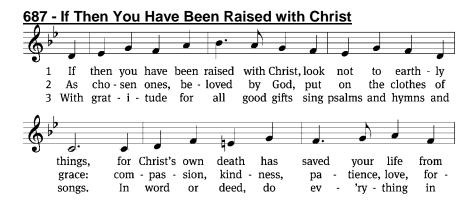
¹⁶ He told them a parable: "The land of a certain rich man produced very well. ¹⁷ He was thinking to himself, 'What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ He said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and goods. ¹⁹ And I will tell my soul, "Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry."'

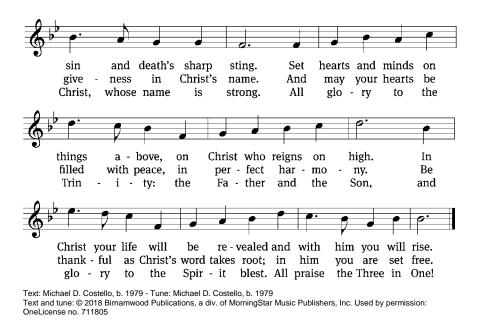
²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared?'

²¹ "That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!





Sermon

Colossians 3:1-11

Clothes Make the Christian

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

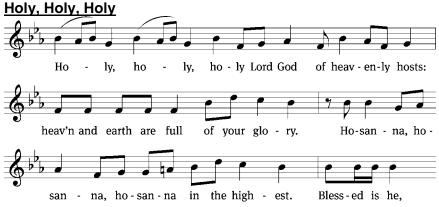
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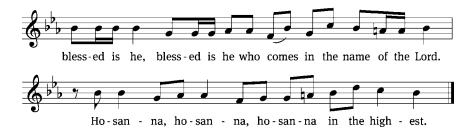
Preface

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:





Prayer of Thanksgiving (Pastor)

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

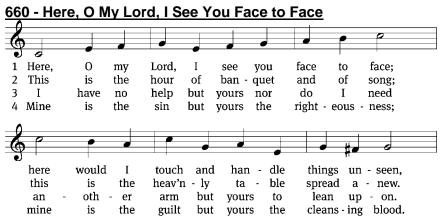
Words of Institution (Pastor)

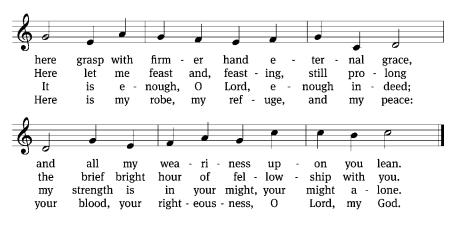
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C:** Amen.



Distribution





- Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
 The bread and wine remove, but you are here, nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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- P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
- C: his mercy endures forever.
- P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
- C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

<u>Blessing</u>

- P: 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 T give you peace.
- C: Amen.

Serving Us Today

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