



8th Sunday after Pentecost

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Treaty 4 Territory - We are privileged to gather today in Treaty 4 Territory and the traditional homeland of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, Michif, and Metis peoples.

Welcome Statement - You are welcome here, you whose face does not resemble mine, whose spirit I may not define, you, whose eyes have seen, what I will never dream. You, whose frame is bent or broken, whose mind fears the unspoken. You are welcome here.

Regardless of your race, your age, your gender identity or expression, your marital status, physical and mental ability, your sexual orientation, country of origin, economic and religious status, you will be honoured here.

For Christ has made us whole and Christ has set us free. His daily grace enables us to live in harmony.

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Blessing of the Interim Pastor (*see insert*)

#793 Gathering Hymn “*Be Thou My Vision*”

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbours and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

We belong to Christ Jesus and we are all God’s children.

In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

Amen.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: **Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-24**

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: **Colossians 3:1-11**

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Reading: **Luke 12:13-21**

Response: The holy gospel according to Luke...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response: The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

#678 Hymn of the Day ***“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*** (tune of #836)

Apostles’ Creed (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

Prayers of Intercession (*Response:* God of grace, **receive our prayer.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Prayer

p.190 The Great Thanksgiving

p.190 ***“Holy, holy, holy Lord”***

p.191 The Lord’s Prayer (*contemporary version*)

Communion Distribution

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Communion Blessing & Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

#650 Sending Hymn ***“In Christ There Is No East or West”***

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-24

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Christ in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But Jesus responded, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And Jesus continued by saying, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then Jesus told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ 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. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ 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?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

(NRSVUE)

Blessing of the Interim Pastor

WM Dear Christian friends, baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we all are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of all creation in thanksgiving for what God has done and for what God continues to do for us. Today we give thanks to God for the ministry that God has given to the people pf Bread of Life Lutheran Church and Eastside United Church and for the faithful service of its members, and former pastors, and most recently Pastor Lynn. And now we ask God's guidance as this new part of the journey, this interim period, begins for Bread of Life. Let us pray together:

Gracious God, you have blessed and sustained us for many years and have given us this life together in the Christian community of these congregations. Be with us now, we pray, as we enter this in-between time. Comfort us as we grieve the past or look anxiously to the future. Bless us and guide us as we reflect upon our history and dream dreams about our future, so that we might prepare for the next stage in these congregations' lives. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and service to others, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PL As we begin this interim time together...
... encouraging and challenging you as we move through this time together.

And we, the people of Bread of Life Lutheran Church and Eastside United Church, receive you as a servant of God and pledge our partnership as we continue to use the gifts God has given us, in the many ministries of the gospel in this place: in worship, education, witness, service, and stewardship.

PL May God bless us and lead us... and in God's world.

To God be the glory!

Upcoming Events at Bread of Life:

- We will have sandwich making bees after church this Sunday and August 10
- August 10 we will enjoy the presence of Ms. Jennifer Ardon, Refugee Resettlement Officer with Canadian Lutheran World Relief. Jenn has been our congregation's main communication link with CLWR for our various refugee applications over the past few years.
- We have a new national bishop for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada! We pray God's blessings on Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, former bishop of Alberta and the Territories.

Special thank you to all those who helped during our service.



Whether you are visiting with us today or a regular attendee this QR code can be used if you wish to support the Bread of Life community with a financial gift. A great option for the summer, if you are away, simply click on the QR code from wherever you may be and support Bread of Life!

Please feel free to take this bulletin home with you.

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 678



God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



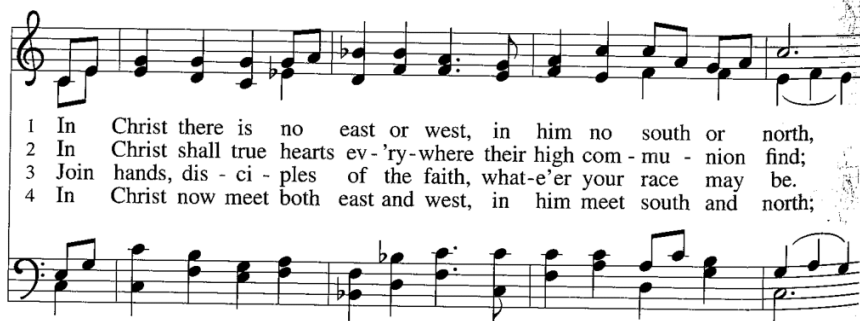
gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



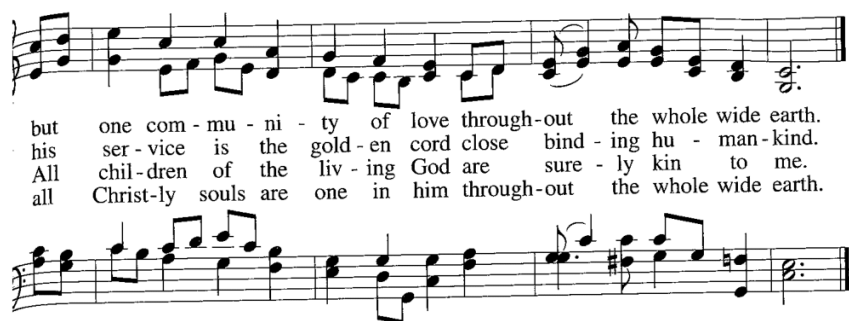
thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.



In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.