August 3, 2025—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude **"*Präludium II in c moll BWV847*" from *The Well-Tempered Clavier* by Johann Sebastian Bach**

Opening Hymn **ELW #768 "*Lead Me, Guide Me*"**



Prayer of the Day
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.
C: Amen.

First Reading **Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
12 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 I applied my mind to seek and to search
out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to
humans to be busy with. 14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and
a chasing after wind.
2:18 I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my
successor, 19 and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for
which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 So I turned and gave my
heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, 21 because sometimes one
who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who
did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 What do mortals get from all the toil and
strain with which they toil under the sun? 23 For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a
vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem **"*Great Is the Lord"* by Michael W Smith and Deborah D. Smith**
arr. Lloyd Larson
Duet for soprano and tenor; Jade Dashà and Benjamin Burney

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

1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at
the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on
earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When 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: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil
desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those
who are disobedient. 7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.
8 But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language
from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its
practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge
according to the image of its creator. 11 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!
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel **Luke 12:13-21**

13 Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "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 toward God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day **W&P #85 "*Let Justice Roll Like a River*"**



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Closing Hymn **ELW #650 "*In Christ There is No East or West*"**



Postlude "*Fuga II BWV847 in c moll*" **from** *The Well-Tempered Clavier* **by Johann Sebastian Bach**

We thank today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Christina Formeller
Lector:
Greeter:
Soloists: Jade Dashà, Benjamin Burney
Organist: Paul Dykstra

Announcements

Cleaning Supplies Collection

Help us restock the Resource Closet at Whipple! Our New Neighbor Team is hosting this collection of cleaning supplies to restock the supply for our Concordia Place families. Cleaning supplies are often one of the first items taken from the resource closet by these families. See the flyer in the back of church for a list of items needed and bring any (NEW) donations you wish to make to the church and place them in the gray bins in the back of the sanctuary.

School Supplies Collection

We are collecting NEW school supplies for our Concordia Place families as they prepare to return to school in August. See the flyer in the back of church for items needed and bring any donations to the church and place them in the gray bins labeled for school supplies. This is a great opportunity for kids to be involved with giving back as they shop for their own school supplies!

Looking Ahead to Fall

There are exciting things coming up late summer and into Fall for Concordia Ministries. Mark your calendar for these dates:

Saturday, August 16th: Back to School event at Whipple; Concordia Ministries event (volunteers still needed!)

Saturday, September 13th: Seeley Block Party; Lakeshore Brass to perform + children's activities and more from Concordia Church and Concordia Place

Sunday, September 21st: Homecoming Sunday (worship at 10am), Potluck at 11am, and Concert at 12pm

October 4th: Lakeshore Brass Oktoberfest event at Whipple courtyard beginning at 4pm

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