



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe
Service Order for 31st July
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LORD God, loving Father;
Your steadfast love endures forever.
Open our ears to hear Your Word,
and draw us closer to You.
Enable us to minister to those in need,
and to care for this world;
in Jesus' Name. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE: Luke 12:15

*Beware! Guard against every kind of greed.
Life is not measured by how much you own.*

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Life is not measured by how much you own.**

INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Be still for the presence of the LORD ([CLICK HERE](#))

**Be still for the presence of the LORD, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the LORD, the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the LORD is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the LORD is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the LORD is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the LORD is moving in this place.**

CONFESSION

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

PSALM: From Psalm 107:1-9,43

¹ *O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures for ever.*

² *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those He redeemed from trouble.*

We give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

³ *He gathered them in from the land.*

⁴ *But some wandered in desert wastes.*

⁶ *Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and He delivered them from their distress.*

We give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

⁹ *For He satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry He fills with good things.*

⁴³ *Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.*

We give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

**Glory to the Father
and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now,
and will be forever.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray that we focus our lives on heavenly treasure.

[silence]

*Lord God, you reveal your almighty power
most of all in showing mercy.
In your loving kindness
let us run towards what you have promised,
and share in your heavenly treasure.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.*

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Hosea 11:1-11 God's love for His rebellious people

¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son. ² The more I called them, the more they went from Me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in My arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to Me. ⁶ The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷ My people are bent on turning away from Me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within Me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹ I will not execute My fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. ¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

*After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.*

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11 The old life and the new

¹ Since you were raised from the dead with Christ, aim at what is in heaven, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. ² Think only about the things in heaven, not the things on earth. ³ Your old sinful self has died, and your new life is kept with Christ in God. ⁴ Christ is your life, and when He comes again, you will share in His glory. ⁵ So put all evil things out of your life: sexual sinning, doing evil, letting evil thoughts control you, wanting things that are evil, and greed. This is really serving a false god. ⁶ These things make God angry. ⁷ In your past, evil life you also did these things. ⁸ But now also put these things out of your life: anger, bad temper, doing or saying things to hurt others, and using evil words when you talk. ⁹ Do not lie to each other. You have left your old sinful life and the things you did before. ¹⁰ You have begun to live the new life, in which you are being made new and are becoming like the One who made you. This new life brings you the true knowledge of God. ¹¹ In the new life there is no difference between Greeks and Jews, those who are circumcised and those who are not circumcised, or people who are foreigners, or Scythians. There is no difference between slaves and free people. But Christ is in all believers, and Christ is all that is important.

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
When Christ who is your life is revealed,
then you also will be revealed
with Him in glory.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21 The parable of the rich fool

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide with me the property our father left us." ¹⁴ But Jesus said to him, "Who said I should judge or decide between you?" ¹⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Be careful and guard against all kinds of greed. Life is not measured by how much one owns." ¹⁶ Then Jesus told this story: "There was a rich man who had some land, which grew a good crop. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What will I do? I have no place to keep all my crops.' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and other goods. ¹⁹ Then I can say to myself, 'I have enough good things stored to last for many years. Rest,

eat, drink, and enjoy life!”²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘Foolish man! Tonight your life will be taken from you. So who will get those things you have prepared for yourself?’²¹ “This is how it will be for those who store up things for themselves and are not rich toward God.”

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

*Lord Jesus, thank you for caring for us
and for blessing us so richly.*

Keep us from worry and from greed.

Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And 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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence 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**

My worth is not in what I own (click [here](#))

**My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.**

**My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.**

**I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest Treasure,
wellspring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no other.**

My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

**As summer flowers we fade and die, fame, youth and beauty hurry by:
but life eternal calls to us at the cross.**

**I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.**

**I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest Treasure,
wellspring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.**

**Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness;
my value fixed – my ransom paid at the cross.**

**I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest Treasure,
wellspring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.**

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SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon, or Read and Discuss the Sermon
For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))
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For LCA Worship Resources ([click here](#))

In Christ alone ([click here](#))

**In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! who took on flesh; Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied -
for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay; Light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious Day up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As people who have been blessed with treasures on earth and even better treasures in heaven, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Dear Father in heaven, thank you for the abundant blessings of body and soul you give us each day, without our asking. Thank you that our life rests securely in Christ, our greatest wealth, and not in earthly possessions or even earthly life.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Forgive us Lord for being greedy, and for placing our trust in wealth and possessions. Heal the hurt and division that greed has caused, free us from all worry, and renew us each day with the self-sacrificing mind of Christ.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Bless all people in their proper work, and give us joy by knowing that the good we do serves you by serving others. Remove exploitation and bitterness from the work place, and give work to those who are unemployed.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Guide the leaders of our nation so that they may use the resources of this land and its people for the good of all. Teach the wealthy to be generous, turn all driven by greed away from their idolatry, and free people who are addicted to gambling.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Heavenly Father, we pray for your church, that it may not store up riches on earth but riches in heaven. Give it a clear message of forgiveness and new life through Christ in an age of greed and death, and turn those who put their trust in earthly possessions to seek the true riches that come from you.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Thank you for the cooperation and fellowship we enjoy in this congregation, bless all who are generous here with their time and talents, and watch over all people that we receive your salvation and acknowledge your generosity to us.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

We pray for the poor, dear Father, that they would receive all they need for good life. Bring the dying to place their life into your hands for Jesus' sake. And meet the needs of all we know personally to be in want, and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

God our Father, pour out on us the great and generous riches of your grace and mercy, and hear our prayers for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.

God be praised forevermore.

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.

The LORD bless us and keep us.

The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.

Amen!

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

May Jesus help you to know and follow His ways.

May Jesus help you to know and follow His ways.

WORDS OF SENDING

Go in peace,

with thankful hearts to serve the LORD.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

LHS 863: Blessed assurance (click [here](#))

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.**

Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915

HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): Hosea 11:1-11

LHS

- 326 O how great is Thy compassion* G3
- 394 God is love, let heaven adore Him G9
- 431 My soul, now bless thy Maker* G6
- 439 I will sing my Maker's praises G5
- 440 Sing praise to God who reigns above G3

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- 225 Why do you love me?

Second reading: Colossians 3:1-11

LHS

- 102 Hallelujah, Hallelujah!* G5
- 106 Since Christ has gone to heaven, His home* G3
- 109 Draw us to Thee* G5
- 114 See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph (v 5) G4
- 170 Chief of sinners though I be (esp vv 1,4) * G5
- 173 Before the throne of God above (esp vv 1,3,6) G5
- 177 O my Saviour, lifted G5
- 355 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfil* G3
- 358 Renew me, O eternal Light* G3
- 361 Let us ever walk with Jesus* G5
- 479 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives* G5

- 763 Now is eternal life (*alt tune* 176, G9)
798 Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round G6
799 In Christ there is no east or west G7
847 The Lamb's high banquet called to share G5 (*alt tune* 839, G7)

AT

- 101 Jesus, please watch over us
171 Dying you destroyed our death
264 Spirit of God
357 Give us hearts to know you, Lord
393 Real food, real drink

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

LHS

- 239 Son of God, eternal Saviour G4
342 Watch, my soul, and pray* G4
357 O God, thou faithful God* G3
367 O bring to the Lord your tribute of praise* G6
372 We give Thee but Thine own G5

AT

- 34 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
265 Take us now, we are yours
358 Gift to the world