



The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
 Sunday, August 02, 2020, 9:30 am
 Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL

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Ringing of the Bells
 Prelude – *Silesian Folk Melody - Fairest Lord Jesus - Arranged by Diane Bish*

✠ Divine Service III ✠ *LSB p. 184-202*

Please stand and face the processional as it enters the sanctuary during the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn #711 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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Introit for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

*Ps. 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: v. 9-10 (respond with the words in **bold**)*

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*

Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*

in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.

Within her | citadels*

God has made himself known as a | fortress.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!

This is God, our God forever and | ever.*

He will guide us for- | ever.

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in the midst of your | temple.

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- ♪ **Gloria In Excelsis** *p. 187*
- ♪ **Salutation** *p. 189*

Collect for Eighth Sunday after Trinity

P: Let us pray: Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: ♪ **Amen.**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD.

²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Acts 20:27-38

²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

C: ♪ *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:15-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

C: ♪ *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Please be seated

Hymn of the Day #745 *In God, My Faithful God*

Sermon

Text: Jeremiah 23:16-19

Title: "Divine Hearing Aids"

Please stand

♪ Offertory

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Offering (*Offering plates will be located at the entrance of the sanctuary, you may place your gifts in the offering plates as you exit the building.*)

Offering Hymn #781 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Church

Response after each petition of the prayer:

P: let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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Please be seated

Distribution

#623 *Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray*

#647 *Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head*

#725 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Please stand

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn #4 *Hymn of the Week*

1- *This hymn joyfully encourages the church militant to keep fighting as the church triumphant has.*

"Steals on their ears the distant triumph song."

2- *Originally, it included stanzas for each from the Te Deum: Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs.*

3- *It anticipates the victorious last day in each stanza ending: "Alleluia, Alleluia!"*

♪ Silent Prayer

Postlude