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Pentecost VIII

August 3, 2025 Service of the Word – 9am

Announcements

Opening Hymn: CP # 342 We Praise You, O God

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

A: **Amen.**

L: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

**A: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

L: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A: Amen.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

O: Extravagant God, you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match.
You pour out mercy and cover us with love.
You show us true justice and offer us peace.
You provide us with every need and promise us eternal life with you.
In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world, nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance. Bathe us in the light of Christ, illumine us with your Holy Spirit, and enable us to live only for you.
In Jesus' name we pray

A: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23 Catherine Carlson

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³ 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 human beings 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.

¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹ —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they 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 labours 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.

Psalm 49:1–12

Roberta Butler

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from
generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honoured, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, *
and the end of those who delight in their own words.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1–11

Jim Fox

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 things that are above, not on 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^[a] life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, 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.^[b] ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.^[c] ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive^[d] 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^[e] there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Acclamation: CP # 353 My God, How Endless Is Your Love

The Gospel: Luke 12:13–21

Roberta Butler

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘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 towards God.’

Response to the Gospel

Homily - Roberta Butler

The Creed

L: Let us confess our faith as we say,

A: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

L: Let us pray.

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

silence

For all people in their daily life and work.

A: for our families, friends and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

L: For this community, our country, and the world;

A: For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

L: For the just and proper use of your creation:

A: for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

L: For all who are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble.

A: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

L: For the peace and unity of the church of God;

A: For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who see the truth.

L: For Todd our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

A: for all who serve God in the Church.

L: Got our own needs and those of others.
Especially we pray for
Hear us Lord.

A: for your mercy is great.

L: We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We exalt you, O God our king;

A: And praise your name forever.

L: We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your kingdom. (Especially we remember)

Silence

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them.

A: Who put their trust in you.

L: Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: CP #434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Prayer over the Gifts

L: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

A: Amen.

Prayer of St John Chrysostom

L: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father are good and loving, and we

glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

L: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

A: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Doxology

L: Glory to God

A: whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP # 591 Our Cities Cry to You, O God

Dismissal

L: Since we have been raised with Christ let us seek the things that are of God, and go forth to live lives worthy of your calling.

A: Amen.

Readings for Next Week

Genesis 15: 1 - 6

Psalm 33: 12 - 22

Hebrews 11: 1 – 3, 8 - 16

Luke 12: 32 - 40

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 9am 58

Givings

On the plate \$1,195 Auto Debit: \$2,589

Capital Project Donations to Date

From March 30th to July 27th a total of \$21,043.00 has been contributed in donations. Thank you so much for your response so far.

Nelson Cuthbert for the Capital Project Campaign.

Name Tags

If you would like a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$13.00.

Sunday Smile

Does your spiritual house need cleaning?

Rev. Sharla will be on vacation from July 28 to August 5.

If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact the church office or one of the following:

Rev Tianna Gocan 226-791-0150 or tiannagocan@diohuron.org

Catherine at 519-886-7466

Cindy at 519-721-4587

You may also leave a message for Rev. Sharla; she will get back to you as soon as she is able.

Altar Guild

Each week we are blessed with flowers for the altar, given by families in memory of loved ones or for special occasions. We have a few empty spots on the flower chart, in the Narthex, for the remainder of the summer. If you would like to contribute the flower arrangements or join with another family to share the cost, please sign up. An altar guild member will be in touch with you.

Thank you.

Ice Cream Update

As of today (July 29th), we have provided 16 tubs of ice cream to St. John's kitchen over four Fridays, along with all sorts of jelly dots, chocolate chips, sprinkles and peanuts. Four more tubs are waiting to be scooped out on August 1st. Our parishioners have come forward with at least \$769 in support, which has been terrific, as our expenses to date have been at least \$643 (Catherine has not yet given me her modest receipts!). Ten of us have volunteered so far to help out, which has made the outreach fairly easy.

Many thanks to all of you for making this generosity possible! We have likely five more Fridays to go! John Ryrie

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market is November 15th this year. While it is early yet, we are trying to be proactive and have LOTS of books, games and bottles to offer shoppers. So, over the summer months please think about setting aside your gently used books, games, even Christmas ornaments that have been sorted! In preparation for the ever-popular bottle pull we will require donations of any bottled item, whether it be ketchup, shampoo, dish soap etc. Of course, our guests are always delighted if they choose the bag with a bottle of wine. Bottles may be wrapped or placed in a wine bag. Also, if you have more wine bags than you need, they would be appreciated.

We will again be having a book room, with the addition of games that are complete. We welcome your donations of recent fiction (5years or less please) and non-fiction books. (no textbooks please) and children's chapter books. We will provide bins in the narthex to collect donations, beginning the week after Thanksgiving, which is October 13th. For now, please just keep in mind your collection of items for donating.

If you have questions or need to get things out earlier, please contact either Coralee Little (519-504-0860) or Susan Hipperson (519-654-7023) and we will do our best to help.

St. Andrews Cupboard

Thank-you all so much for your generous donations to the St. Andrews Cupboard. With your help, we have been able to help so many families in need ❤️ anything you would like to give is much appreciated, but this week, a couple of things mentioned were toothbrushes and rice (small and regular size)

Thank-You so much ❤️

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your Outreach Committee