



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "The Goodness of God"

Bethel

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

All: You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways.

Liturgist: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

All: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

Liturgist: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
Psalm 139:1-7 adapted

* **All Singing: 565 "God Himself Is with Us"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 246 "God is Here"**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in *Sheol*, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

All: If I say "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me, even the darkness will not be dark to you and the night will shine like day."

Liturgist: For you created my inmost being; and you knit me together in my mother's womb.

All: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful.

Liturgist: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:8-14, 23, 24 adapted

Silent Reflection and Confession

All Singing: 639 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Liturgist: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

All: All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

Liturgist: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions —

All: It is by grace we have been saved.

Liturgist: And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

All: For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith —

Liturgist: And this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.

All: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

* **All Singing: 296 "We Are Called"**

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Lord God, let the words of your servant's mouth and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

Psalm 19:14 adapted

Scripture: Revelation 12:1-17

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: The Nike Story

* **All Singing:** **707** **“Goodness is Stronger than Evil”**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Roseland Christian Ministries

OFFERTORY “Here I Am, Lord”

arr. Jack Schrader

* **All Singing:** **965** **“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing:** **873** **“Praise and Thanksgiving”**

Postlude: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

arr. Jan Sanborn

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist: Dora Diephouse
Pianist: Anna Triezenberg
Flutist: Sarah Rinkenberger
Minister: Bob Price

Acolyte: Colette Van Marion
Liturgist: Randy Van Kuiken
Prayer: Gary R. Medema

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