

8 Pentecost August 3 2025

Prelude— <i>Praise to the Lord</i>	MICHEELSEN
Anthem— <i>Christ is Made the Sure Foundation</i>	WOOD
Postlude— <i>Toccata in F</i>	BUXTEHUDE
Hymns:	
Gathering— <i>Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	ELW 789
Hymn of the Day— <i>Son of God, Eternal Savior</i>	ELW 655
Sending— <i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing</i>	ELW 545

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

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
¹²I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I 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. ¹⁴I 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, ¹⁹and 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. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because 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. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For 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.

Psalms 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

²**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

³My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**

⁷One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**
⁹in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

¹⁰**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.**

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

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!

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.”

SERVERS		<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<i>Greeters</i>	....	<i>Theresa Garner</i>	<i>Horace & Betty Meetze</i>
<i>Lector</i>	....	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>Ruth Nicholson</i>
<i>Worship</i>	....	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
		<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
<i>Ushers</i>	....	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
		<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>	<i>Bil Aull</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	....	<i>Sylvia Ford & Linda Griffith</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford & Sandra Hughes</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	....	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
<i>Property</i>	....	<i>Bill Aull</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	....	<i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>Isma Boland & Melba Murphy</i>

OFFERING	Last Sunday	Total for July
General	\$ 120.00	\$5,329.00
Online General	\$ 425.38	\$3,851.65
Total	\$ 545.38	\$9,180.65
Building Maint.		
& Prop. Imp.	\$ 40.00	\$1,580.00
Online BMPI	\$ 128.13	\$ 559.68
Total	\$ 168.13	\$2,139.68

The flowers are given to the Glory of God from Don and Patsy Horton, who are celebrating their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Razberries will gather at Cafe Strudel, 300 State Street, West Columbia, on FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th (note change in day/date) at 6 p.m. Parking is available in their rear parking lot and along both sides of State Street as well as in the parking lot BEHIND Old Mill Antique Mall (entering off of Augusta Street). Please RSVP by noon on Wednesday, August 6, to Sandra and Howard Hughes at 803-622-6191.

Lutheran Men will have our annual lunch at Shealy's in Leesville at **noon** on Tuesday August 19. All members and friends of OSLC are invited to join us. Please let Charles (803-791-4306) or another LMM member know if you would like a ride.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES For SRAA. The Elderberries have been contacted by the staff at Saluda River Academy for Arts with regard to collecting much needed supplies for children returning to school in early August. They are in need of book bags as well as school supplies. Clothing items such as shorts and lightweight pants in all children's sizes. Gently used are also acceptable. Anything is appreciated. A box will be in the Narthex for the collection beginning July 1st. Likewise, if you'd like to make a donation, please note it on your check or cash in an envelope. For more information contact Linda Griffith.

Upcoming Deadlines:

August 6: Register for August Razberries

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

Gary Black

The family of Phyllis Calamas

Greg Chapman

Jeannie Chapman

Katie Doble

David Griffith

Horace Meetze

Anne Moyer

Steve Rucker

Elizabeth Shealy

Marie Shealy (National Health Care)

Jane & DeLeon Wallace

<i>Sunday</i> <i>(August 3)</i>	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Executive Council Meeting
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>(August 10)</i>	10:30 am	Bible Study
	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Church Council Meeting