

# BURLINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

## JULY 31, 2022

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to worship! In your bulletin there is a Connect Card. Please fill it out if you'd like to sign up for our weekly informational emails and/or communicate with our office or Pastor. For those who would rather not come forward for communion, ushers will provide single-serve communion (grape juice or wine) and a bulletin. All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are on the ancestral homelands of the Upper Skagit peoples. We are grateful for their stewardship of our shared land & waterways since time immemorial. May we live consciously and respectfully, honoring treaties, and remembering that God created everything and we are to keep it sacred.

#### GREETING

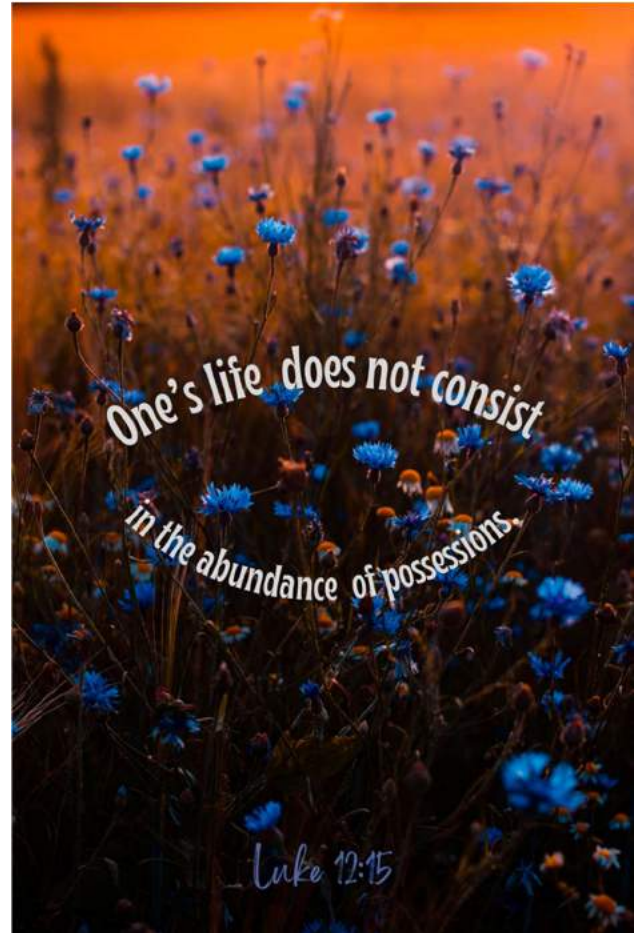
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### OPENING SONG: "O Day of Rest and Gladness" ELW 521

**1 O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness,  
most beautiful, most bright:  
on you the high and lowly,  
through ages joined in tune,  
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"  
to the great God triune.**

**2 On you, at earth's creation,  
the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation,  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious  
the Spirit sent from heav'n;  
and thus on you, most glorious,  
a threefold light was giv'n.**



**3 Today on weary nations  
the heav'nly manna falls;  
to holy convocations  
the silver trumpet calls,  
where gospel light is glowing  
with pure and radiant beams  
and living water flowing  
with soul-refreshing streams.**

**4 New graces ever gaining  
from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining  
to spirits of the blest.  
We sing to you our praises,  
O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the church its voice upraises  
to you, blest Three in One.**

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✠ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves, and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our wrongdoings but delights in moving us forward in faith. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **THE READINGS**

**First Reading:** Hosea 11:1-11

<sup>1</sup>I loved Israel as a child, and out of Egypt I called my child. <sup>2</sup>The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall rule over them, because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup>The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. <sup>7</sup>My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but they are not raised up at all. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when the Mighty One roars, God's children shall come trembling from the west. <sup>11</sup>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 God.

**L:** The Word of the Lord

**C:** thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** “Hallelujah” *ELW 171*

**Hallelujah, hallelujah; halle, hallelujah.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah; halle, hallelujah. (2x)**

**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>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?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**MUSIC OFFERING:**

**SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY:**      **Take My Life that I May Be" *ELW 685***

**1 Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.**

**4 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.**

**5 Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

All are welcome to light a candle during the prayers.

## **SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE**

When the reader says, "Receive this prayer, gracious God," the congregation sings:

*God of mercy, God of love  
Hear our prayers as we lift them up.  
God of mercy, God of love  
Hear our prayers as we lift them up.*

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of God be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.*

## **OFFERING**

*Online giving is also available at [burlingtonlutheran.org](http://burlingtonlutheran.org), Venmo @Burlington-Lutheran, the Vanco Mobile app or by texting 360-727-0807.*

**MUSIC DURING OFFERING:** *Performed by Lynne Berg*

## **Offering Prayer**

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

*At Burlington Lutheran Church we celebrate open table communion which means the table is open to ALL, no exceptions. For those who would rather not come forward for communion, ushers will provide single-serve communion (grape juice or wine). Come, taste and see that God is good!*

### **Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Holy Communion**

### **The Prayer of Jesus**

**Our loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Music During Communion:** *Performed by Lynne Berg*

**Prayer after Communion**

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to experience your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

The God of peace,  
Creator, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always. Amen.

**SENDING SONG: "For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW 679**

- 1 For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.**
  
- 2 In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**
  
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

### WORSHIP NOTES

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### VISITORS! Welcome to Burlington Lutheran Church!

We are so thankful you are worshipping with us and we pray that you feel the deep Peace of God and the welcome of God's people in this place. You are invited to speak with any of our worship leaders after the service, or fill out a connect card to learn more about our church.

*Please recycle bulletins*

### GOD IS LOVE

We are all God's beloved children and are recipients of God's radical love and grace.

All are welcome in this church community. You are welcome here if you have ever felt excluded or judged because of your gender, ethnicity, race, religion, status, ability, sexual orientation, doubts or questions. We are a community committed to racial equity, and we believe in Jesus' commandments to love God and love neighbor. Join us!

*Matthew 22: 37-39*

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