COON VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**“We are a family of God, striving to enrich**

**the lives of all through the love of Christ.”**

PRELUDE MUSIC Mary Schultz

BELLS

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you free us to love others,** **but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.** **You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,** **but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.** **You surround us with patience, kindness,** **and generosity,** **but we grow weary in doing what is right.** **In your mercy, forgive us.** **Do not give up on us.** **Heal us, break our bonds,** **and show us the path of life.** **Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith.

In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW (red hymnal) #393 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

GREETING and PRAYER of the DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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.**

**~ WORD ~** (Scripture insert)

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

PSALM: 49:1-12 (read responsively)

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twelfth chapter

 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

 The Gospel of the Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON Rev. Meg Hoversten

HYMN of the DAY ELW (purple hymnal) #979 Making Their Way

APOSTLES’ CREED ELW (red hymnal) Page 105

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Petitions end: God of grace…**hear our prayer.**

 PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please be aware of those who may not be comfortable shaking hands. You may also share the peace sign. Or any other contactless gesture that you are comfortable with.*

OFFERING & SOLO Mary Schultz

OFFERTORY ELW (red hymnal) #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O Lord

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Spoken)

 The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION & SOLO Mary Schultz

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Mothering God, **you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**~ SENDING ~**

**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world**

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;

and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

BELLS

SENDING HYMN ELW (red hymnal) #449 We Know That Christ Is Raised

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Mary Schultz

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COON VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

August 3, 2025

**~**Bulletins are in honor of the birthday of Pam Pauloski on Aug. 8th

**Usher:** Steve Nelson

**Reader:** Kelly Strangstalien

**Altar Guild:** Julie Nelson

**Communion Servers:** Ray Williamson, Paul Bahr

**Attendance & Offering Last Sunday:** 72;$2,521.73

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**SCHEDULE**

**TODAY: 5:15-7:30/**Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**MONDAY: 9:00a/**Naomi Circle; **5:15-7:30/**VBS

**TUESDAY: 9:00a/**Pastor’s Text Study; **10:00a/**Ruth Circle; **5:15-7:30/**VBS

**WEDNESDAY: 5:15-7:30/** VBS @ Middle Coon Valley; **6:00p/**Rebecca Circle

**THURSDAY: 10:00a/**Bible Study

**FRIDAY:** Pastor Ben’s sabbath

**NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00a/**Worship with Holy Communion

~Remember **"Thumbs Up"** When you come up for communion if you would like a **gluten free wafer**, give the pastor a thumbs up as you approach. As you approach the wine server, give him or her a thumbs up to receive **grape juice** instead of wine.

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**Indoor Custodian:** Tracy Stellner

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

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

  12 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 I 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. 14 I 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, 19 and 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. 20 So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors 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.

 Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 49:1-12**

 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
  give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
 2 **you of high degree and low,**
  **rich and poor together.**
 3 My 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.**
 5 Why 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?**
 7 One 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,**
 9 in 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.**
 11 Their 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!

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twelfth chapter

 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**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.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.* ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

*\*We are always happy to include you and our CVLC family in our prayers. If you feel your name, or the name of a family member can be added or removed from this list please contact Jamie.* *Thank you!*

**We remember in prayer:**

**†** *Those hospitalized this past week*

**†** *Our members whose names we lift up in prayer today:* Corrine Appleman, Beverly Bagstad, Clifford Bakkum, Pastor Barbara Bruneau, Herby Cornell, Marie Egge, Kira Hoff, Becky Ihle, Donna Ihle, Ray Ihle, Todd King, Mike Kellogg, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Colleen Lusk, Aaron Marx, LuEtta Nelson,Romaine Nelson, Lisa Olson, Sandra Onshus, Elaine Proksch, Eunice Quast, Lori Roach, Ellen Runice*,* Jojo Satona, Bob Schulze, Mary Schultz, LaVonne Stendahl, Krin (Dreves) Stendalen, Joyce Temp, Teri Tomten, Renita Williamson

**†** *Our members who are currently in health care facilities & Assisted Living:*

Tip Bagstad, Rachel Berg, Carl Daffinrud, Evelyn Dahlen, Jeanne Ebli, Lenore Henley, Carl Holte, Bob Moilien, Pauline Moilien, Geri Nestingen, Irene Nestingen, Cathy Ofte, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Larry Strangstalien, Joyce Temp.

**†** *Those who grieve**:* Family and friends of Verlin Ihle

**†** *Our members who are currently home bound*

**†** *All those in need of God’s healing and help*

**†** *Family and friends of our members*