

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 23, 2023

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence for reflection and self-examination.
- P Gracious God.
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, Worship the King

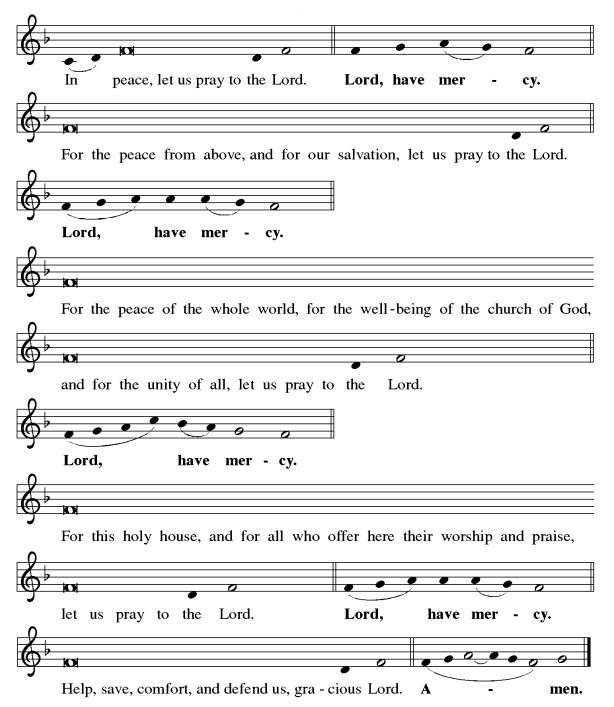
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GREETING

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





HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen. Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;

besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,

let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid:

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

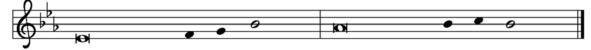
Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:11-17

Sung responsively



¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth; give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

12I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart, and glorify your name for- | evermore.

¹³For great is your | love toward me;

you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my life;

they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.

 $^{15} But$ you, O Lord, are gracious and full † of compassion,

slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;

give your strength to your servant, and save the child † of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame;

because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | forted me.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:12-25

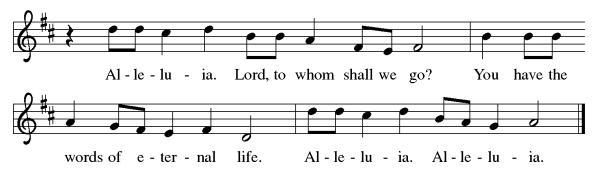
¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



- P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.



THE PRAYERS

A Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A O God, you call your church to announce the gospel of reconciliation and truth both near and far. Guide your church as it seeks your wisdom and shares it, trusting your Spirit bearing witness among us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You brought forth all creation and called it good. Direct policymakers to protect lands and seas. Bring rain to sun-parched fields and protect areas impacted by natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You give help and sustenance to vulnerable people across the world, especially those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety from violence and assistance to those in need and guidance for families as they lose their homes and loved ones. We continue to lift up the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our own partner synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East to you in prayer as they face these times of conflict. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You desire peace among nations and peoples. Guard our neighborhoods from hatred, watch over police officers and firefighters, and teach us to advocate for those who live in fear. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You are gracious and merciful, comforting those who suffer any affliction, especially Marilyn Heckman, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, and Martha Nemeth. Sustain your people living with HIV/AIDS, provide shelter for all who are unhoused, and release any who are unjustly imprisoned. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You name each of us as your children. Guide our hospitality ministry to welcome all, our education ministry to equip us for faithful living, and our social ministry to enact the gospel in our community. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You lift us up to the tasks of your work. Today we pray for St. John Lutheran in Kensington, Zion Lutheran in Phillipsburg, Emmanuel Lutheran in Stuttgart, and American Lutheran in Smith Center, Kansas. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You give us joy to celebrate this life. We lift up Kade Welp, Hudson Ralph, and Alex Nichols as they celebrate their birthdays, and Andy & LaVell Winsor as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- P You send faithful people to proclaim freedom from bondage and to renew your church. Encourage us by the witness of the faithful departed, so that we live into that same hope. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

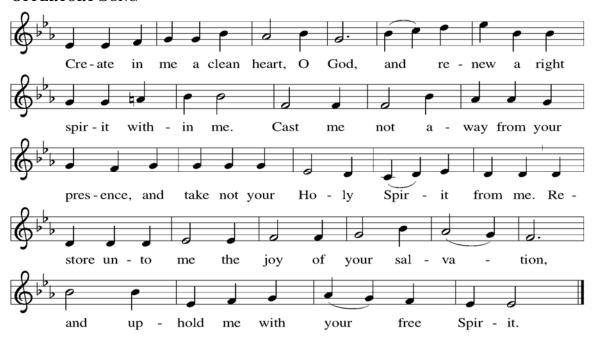
Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

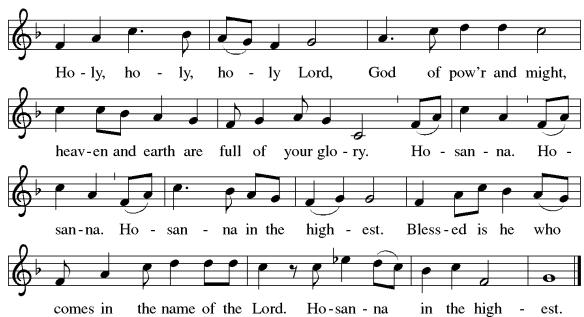


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

THE 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.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

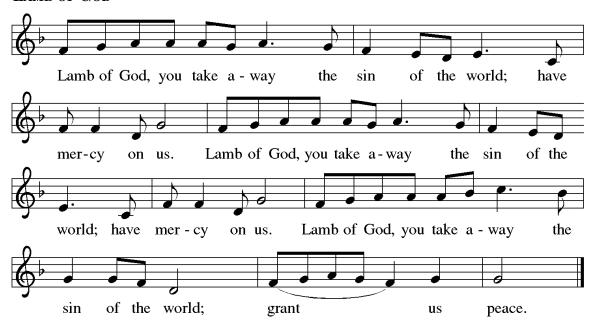
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

LAMB OF GOD





COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

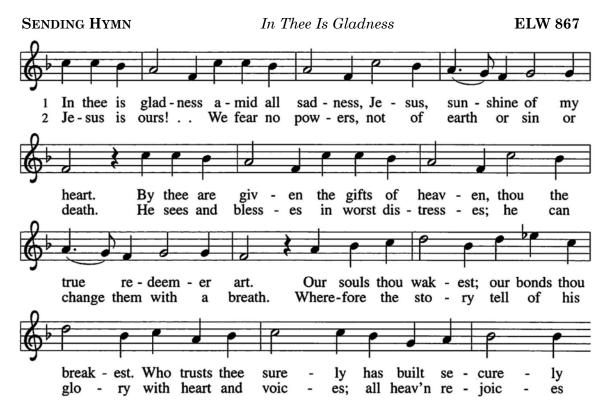
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

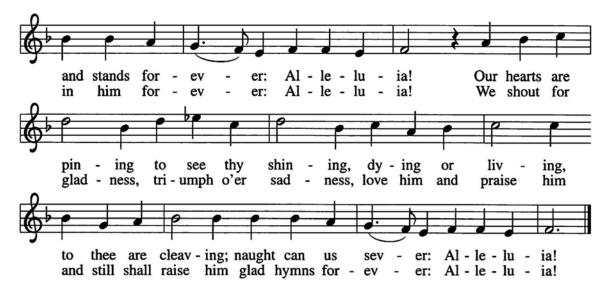
- A We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.





DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767

	UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY	
Today, July 23	Children's Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Coffee Hour	after worship
Tues., July 25	Quilters	9:00 AM
	TLHA meeting	
Sun., July 30	5th Sunday Special for National Night Out	
	Coffee Hour	aiter worship

	Worship Assistants									
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts		
July 23	Parker Jackson	Ted Murphy, Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Andrew Patty	Duane/ Debbie Pomeroy		
July 30	LaVell Winsor	Howard Reece, Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Andrew Patty			
Aug.		Howard Reece		Loni Reece	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty			

As you can see, we have some openings for worship assistants and coffee hosts over the next couple of weeks. If you would like to serve in any of these duties, please contact the church office. Thanks.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion		
June 25	\$810.00	\$220.00	\$1,030.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$623.85	26/25		
July 2	\$1,425.00	\$50.00	\$1,475.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$178.85	29/25		
July 9	\$2,371.00	\$0.00	\$2,371.00	-\$1,653.85	\$717.15	25/22		
July 16	\$2,513.00	\$0.00	\$2,513.00	-\$1,653.85	\$859.15	35/30		
			Income	Expense				
		June 2023	\$8,062.00	-\$16,380.14	-\$8,318.14			
		Jan June	\$89,209.41	-\$77,505.17	\$11,704.24			

Current Doorstep Needs ~ July, 2023

Donations Accepted:

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm

Use the South Door

Please Do Not Leave

donations outside our building when we are

closed. It becomes a

parking lot mess.

<u>Clothing Room Needs</u>: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Shorts (All Sizes)

Men's Jeans (Waist Sizes 42, 44 & 46) Men's Shoes (Tennis & Casual, All Sizes) Men's T-Shirts (Sizes 2x, 3x, 4x & Up)

Men's Ballcaps

Women's Shorts (All Sizes)

Boys Jeans & Shorts (All Sizes)

Boys Shirts (Sizes 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Infant Boys Size 18 mo. clothing

Girls Swimsuits (All Sizes)

Girls & Teen Girls Shorts (All Sizes)

Hygiene Items – Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Razors, Deodorant, Combs, Brushes

Kids Toys

Suitcases on wheels

Food Room Needs:

The need for food assistance in our community has increased over the past three months by as much as three times the amount as the previous years' timeframe! We are struggling to keep our shelves stocked to provide a full food order to our neighbors in need. Please give where you can!

We need the following food items:

Dry Beans Hamburger Helper Peanut Butter

Canned Milk Powdered Milk Jelly

Oatmeal Cold Cereal Egg Noodles
Rice Peas Boxed Pastas
Spaghetti O's Ravioli Canned Beans
Macaroni & Cheese Hand Can openers Pork N Beans

Spaghetti Ramen Noodles Canned Fruit

Pancake Mix Pancake Syrup



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Caring for Our Neighbors

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (Matthew 25:44-45). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (Philippians 2:4).

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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