

# The Divine Service

The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 23, 2023

## AS WE GATHER

*To us in daily living it doesn't make sense that God allows evil to grow outside and even inside the Church. But as we await God's good harvest, we do so in hope, which does not depend on what our eyes see, but on the faith given us by the Holy Spirit. With faith, our ears hear God calling us His children and His listening to the Spirit's groaning for us. As precious wheat protected in God's barn, we can wait patiently for the harvest when by grace the "righteous will shine like the sun" in our Father's kingdom.*

## Prelude

## Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

People: **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: **have mercy on us. We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

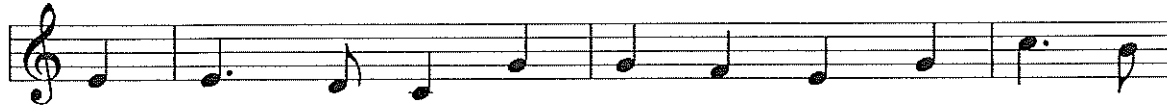
Pastor: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in (✠) Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

# Processional Hymn

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575, verses 1 & 4



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

### Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

## Greeting

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

People: **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

*Cantor: In peace, in peace...*

### Refrain

*Assistant:*

*Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

Cantor: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the ... Refrain

Cantor: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the ... Refrain

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:




God. A - men.

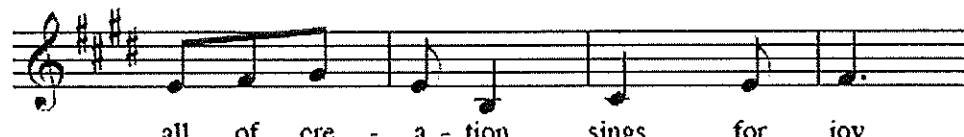
### Hymn of Praise: "Now the Feast"

**Refrain**


Congregation:



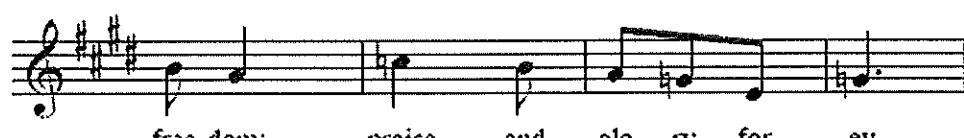
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



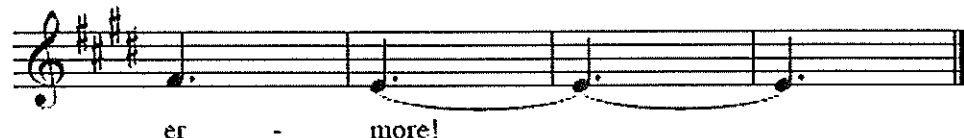
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!

Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

## Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, who has ordered all things for our good, grant us faithfulness and patience as we endure the evil around us, until we rejoice at Christ's coming at the end of time; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## Today's Scripture Readings

### The Old Testament

*Isaiah 44:6-8*

<sup>6</sup>Thus 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. <sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. <sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

*Romans 8:18-27*

<sup>8</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Processional (Stand as you are able.)

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e-ter-nal  
life. Al-le-lu-ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . . <sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

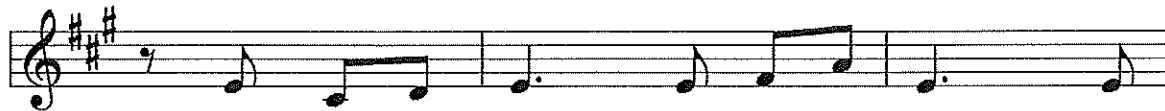
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

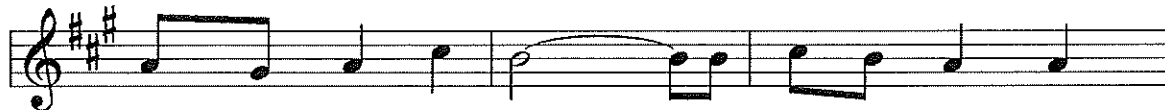
## Hymn of the Day

### "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

LSB 720 verses 1 & 3



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as  
may our faith a - bound To call on You when



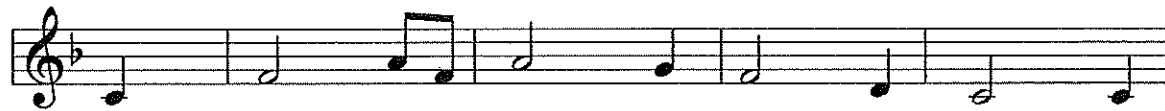
none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.  
You are near And seek where You are found.

## Sermon "How did that weed get in my garden?"

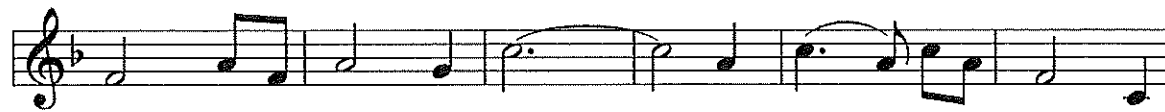
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## Hymn "Amazing Grace"

LSB 744, Verse 1



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but



now am found, Was blind but now I see!

## Apostles' Creed

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

*Petitions end, "Lord, in your mercy..." Congregation responds, "Hear our prayer"*

## Offering

## Offertory Prayer

**Pastor:** God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Receive now these gifts you have first given us and fill us with good things at your table, that we might joyfully and generously share all you have given us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen. From *Sundays and Seasons*, © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.

***A word about Holy Communion:*** We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

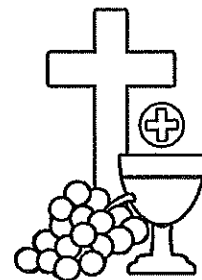
**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**





## Proper Preface

### The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**People: 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.**

### Words of Institution

### The Peace of the Lord

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord).*

### Agnus Dei

*(Congregation may be seated following the Agnus Dei)*



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
2. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymns during Distribution:

"On Eagles' Wings"

LSB 727



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -  
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And  
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the  
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;  
 ar - row that flies by day; Though  
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My  
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His  
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,  
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!"  
 faith - ful - ness your shield.  
 Near you it shall not come.  
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



*Refrain*  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Closing of the Table

## Post-Communion Canticle:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your  
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of  
life with us, 3 Praise to you, O  
God of mer - cy. Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

## Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn**

**"O Worship the King"**

*LSB 804, verses 1 & 4*



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

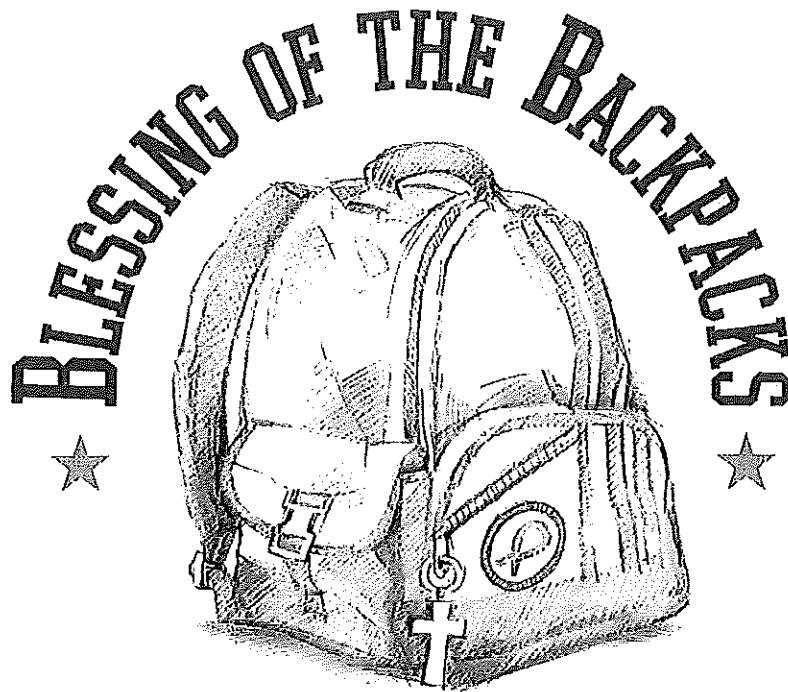
**Dismissal**

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

**People: Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**



**Calling all Students!**

**Sunday, August 13**

**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

Bring your backpack to church for a special blessing before the new school year begins!

## Mark your calendars!

**Sunday, August 6 - College Sending Service** 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM– All college students are invited for this special blessing before you head back to school.

**Sunday, August 13- Blessing of the Backpacks!** All students bring their backpacks this day for a special blessing.

**Saturday, August 19 - Church Workday**; 9:00 AM to 12 Noon– Help is needed to spruce up the church grounds before school begins. Service hours for teens are provided.

**Wednesday, August 23 - St. Paul Child Enrichment Center Preschool Begins** Preschool classes for children ages 18 months through 4 years old. Space is filling fast!

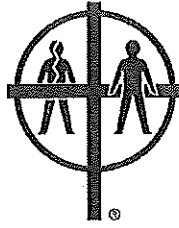
**Sunday, August 27 - Volunteer Training Sunday** - In between services we will train new volunteers to serve as ushers, communion assistants, altar guild, AV Assistants. Please come and choose a place to get involved!

**Wednesday, August 30 -Youth and Parent Kick-Off Meeting**. All students 6th grade through 12th grade and their parents are invited to come hear about all the fun events and service opportunities planned for this coming year at 6:30 PM.

**Sunday, September 3 -College Care Packages** – 9:45 AM in between services. Come pack a box for the college students.

**Sunday, September 10 - Preschool Teacher Installation and Bounce House Sunday** - Come meet the St. Paul teachers and enjoy the fun and fellowship following the late service.

**Saturday, September 16 - Discovering Life With God** This one day class is a great introduction into what Lutherans believe and teach. It is open to anyone wanting to grow in their faith or join the membership here at St., Paul.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

Call the church office at 943-384-9096 if you or someone you know would like to speak with a Stephen Minister.

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**Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

**Sunday School for children and youth : 9:45 AM**

**Adult Bible Study: 10:00 AM**



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