

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
source of hope for every people, rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

Let us bring every burden to God. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

God of all mercy,
we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation.
Within ourselves and our communities,
our desire to do what is good
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.
We lament the evil that holds us captive.
We repent of the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us
for lives of compassion and courage
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

All-merciful, Almighty God
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of + Jesus Christ,
and by the Spirit's power
strengthen you in doing what is good.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW #742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

GREETING

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.**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.

**For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.**

The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people
seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

**But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**

Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant,
and save the child of your handmaid.

**Show 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 comforted me.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.**

Word

BIBLE READING Isaiah 44:6-8

BIBLE READING Romans 8:12-25

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #721 "Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"

Goodness is stronger than evil;
 love is stronger than hate;
 light is stronger than darkness;
 life is stronger than death;
 vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
 through God who loves us.
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 through God who loves us.

GOSPEL Matthew 3:24-30, 36-43

SERMON "Patient Farming" Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF DAY ELW #693 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
 raise the song of harvest home.
 All be safely gathered in
 ere the winter storms begin.
 God, our maker, doth provide
 for our wants to be supplied.
 Come to God's own temple, come,
 raise the song of harvest home.

- 2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

- 3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

APOSTLES' CREED

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Responses: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #692 "We Are An Offering"

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, **for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

COMMUNION & SONG ELW #483 “Here Is Bread”

- 1 Here is bread, here is wine,
 Christ is with us, he is with us.
 Break the bread, taste the wine,
 Christ is with us here.

Refrain:

**In this bread there is healing,
 in this cup is life forever.
 In this moment, by the Spirit,
 Christ is with us here.**

- 2 Here is grace, here is peace,
 Christ is with us, he is with us.
 Know his grace, find his peace,
 feast on Jesus here. ***To Refrain***

- 3 Here we are, joined in one,
 Christ is with us, he is with us.
 We'll proclaim till he comes
 Jesus crucified. ***To Refrain***

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine
 our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.**
**Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
 may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.**
**We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit
 nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Author of life, the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth, ☩ one God,
bless you and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #679 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

- 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. Seek liberty and justice for all.
Thanks be to God.