

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 11

July 23, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

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.

HYMN "Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty" –Text by Peter Ellis
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Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses, all burst forth at Your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father, Great Creator, God and Friend.
Boundless power gave full expression to Your love which knows no end.

Who am I that you should love me, meet my every need from birth?
Why invest Yourself so fully in a creature made of earth?
In Your loving heart You planned me, fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit, planted Your own image there.

I am Yours. Eternal Father, all my body, mind and heart.
Take and use me to Your glory, form Yourself in every part.
Lord, Your love brings joy and gladness flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being rise to You, their source and goal.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: We confess, gracious God, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not feared, loved, and trusted in You above things. We have created idols in our hearts, and have sought comfort, hope, and security in them over You. Forgive us for this and for all other sins we have committed, gracious Father, for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

Pastor: The promises of God are certain and sure; God forgives you through Jesus Christ. Your sins were taken to Christ's cross, where you were redeemed as God's beloved children. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Unto My Prayer, O Lord"



1 Un - to my prayer, O Lord, give ear. Teach me, dear
2 From You I know of stead - fast love. Up springs my
△ 3 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther sing, And to His



God, to walk in fear. You will I thank with all my
soul to joy a - bove. Though man - y rise in ruth - less
Son, the Lord, our King; Who with the Spir - it we a -



heart; Nev - er from You shall I de - part.
strife, By grace You give e - ter - nal life.
dore And seek to serve for - ev - er - more.

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KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace and salvation from God above, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace in this sin-sick world, growth in the Church, and unity among its members, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house, ourselves, and all who worship here, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "He Is Exalted" - Twila Paris

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He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted

And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 44:6–8* (No one compares to God.) 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. 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. 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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 119:57–64; antiphon: v. 89*

Leader: Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

Leader: I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

People: When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;

Leader: I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.

People: Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.

Leader: At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your just and righteous decrees.

People: I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.

Leader: The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Leader: Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

EPISTLE *Romans 8:18–27* (The Holy Spirit intercedes as we wait for the end of this troubled world.) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 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. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 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. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 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. 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Romans 11:33, 36; Matthew 13:35b*

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

People: I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:24–35* (The parable of the wheat and weeds)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ 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?’ ²⁸ 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?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ 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.”’” ³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” ³³ He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.” ³⁴ All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *LSB 576*

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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

OFFERING

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

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

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.

You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

We rejoice to join the hymns of earth and sky and sea.

Generations praise You, with saints and angels.

Holy and bless'd through all eternity.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.

To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins a-way—
Our faith in - crease. Have mer - cy on us all,
Strength - en us when we fall, An - swer our
fer - vent call And grant us peace.

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You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, and Pastor will give you the common cup. When he serves it to you, you are welcome to grab the chalice from the bottom while he holds it from the top. He will rotate and wipe the chalice between people.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Come to the Table” –Text: Claire Cloninger, Music: Martin J. Nystrom
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Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread;
All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation, receive from His nail-scarred hand;
Eat of the bread of salvation, drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Verse 2:

All who are tired and weary, all who have fallen astray;
Come join His blood and His body, His grace is waiting for you.
Come to the table He's waiting, His grace will provide for you
Come to the table and join Him, He is waiting to carry you home

Come to the table He's waiting, His grace is sufficient for you;
Come to the table and join Him, He is waiting to carry you;
His grace will carry you, come to the table today.

“Shout to the Lord” –Darlene Zschech
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Verse: My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus: Shout to the Lord all the earth; Let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands;
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory” *LSB 850*

1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.

3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
 Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.
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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Romans 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”* It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

75 HOURS OF SERVICE - 75TH ANNIVERSARY: As part of our anniversary celebration we want to focus on the ways that you help in our communities. In the narthex you will see a large poster board and we want to give back a minimum of 75 hours. You may already volunteer at a food shelf, homeless shelter, delivering/preparing meals or in your local library. If so, we want to recognize your service. Please write down the name of the organization where you volunteer and the number of hours that you served in the month of July. (Adding your name is optional.) Thank you for all you do.

AS WE CELEBRATE the 75th anniversary of Emmaus, we would love to have more photos of members and events that have happened in recent years. Photos can be sent to Marilyn P. If you have printed photos, put them in an envelope with your name and we will scan them and return the photos to you.



2nd Annual Emmaus Church Picnic



When: Sunday, August 13th, 12:00 noon

Where: FOR Parks Shelter, 2555 Dale Street North, Roseville

What: Please join us for the 2nd Annual Emmaus Church Picnic to enjoy the opportunity for multigenerational fellowship, lunch, fun, and the opportunity to discuss upcoming activities at Emmaus. Lunch will be provided.

Please sign up at the sign-up poster in the narthex so we can plan accordingly. Volunteer opportunities associated with the picnic are also on the sign-up poster in the narthex.

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “If It Seems Slow, Wait for It” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Some ideas spread slowly. That doesn't make them bad ideas. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about God's slow solution to setting a broken world right. (Habakkuk 2:3 Romans 10:9)

ARE YOU DOWN FOR THE CHALLENGE? It’s not too late to sign up to volunteer to work with the Salvation Army on Saturday, July 29th from 12 - 5pm at the Omni Viking Lakes Hotel. We will be assisting with registration, staging and guiding rappellers (training provided), sanitizing gear, family plaza activities and more! There are a limited number of indoor and seated roles available. We need to submit final numbers in the next week so please sign up by July 23rd. As long as we have space available, feel free to invite your friends to join us. Please contact Pam U or the office with any questions or to sign up. Thank you!

Emmaus Generations

When: Thursday, July 27th at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Emmaus Social Hall

What: Please join us for Emmaus Generations! We will have a devotion, enjoy fellowship over lunch, and share our time and talents to assemble Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries. All supplies to assemble the Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries will be provided by a Thrivent grant.