



# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 23, 2023



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by our Vacation Bible School Children

*As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.*

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.  
ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

## PRELUDE

— *All stand as the bell is tolled.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*      **ELW #853**

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*All*            **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**      *in front section of H82 #S 280*

*All*            **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

*All*            **And also with you.**

*Presider*    Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All*            **Amen**

— *All are seated.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

*Reader*      A reading from the Prophet Isaiah  
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 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. Do 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be God.**

**PSALM 86:11-17**      *Sung by all in unison*



**Teach me your way, O God, and I will walk | in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may | fear your Name.  
I will thank you, my God, with | all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for | evermore.  
For great is your | love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the neth- | ermost Pit.  
The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of the violent | seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.  
But you, O God, are gracious and full | of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.  
Turn to me and have merc- | y upon 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 ashamed, \*  
because you, O God, have helped me and com- | forted me.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

*Reader*      A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans  
So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For 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!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and 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. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that 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. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and 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. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be God.**

— *All stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Cantor introduces refrain, then is joined by all*



*Cantor* My | word shall accomplish that which I purpose, \*  
and succeed in the things for | which I sent it. *All repeat refrain.*

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

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**SERMON**

*Martin Mills*

— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

**H82 #290**



**NICENE CREED**

*All* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Intercessor* With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **hear our prayer.**

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond 'Amen'.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

*All* **Amen**

— *All stand.*

**PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Alms basins will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, you can give online at our website, or by texting "give" to 229.384.0050. Thank you for your generosity!*

— *All stand.*

**OFFERTORY CANTICLE**      *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"*      *Old Hundreth*

*All*      **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The LEM reverently places the consecrated Sacrament on the Altar*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Presider*      Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us,  
*All*      **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**

**FRACTION ANTHEM**      *"My Flesh Is Food Indeed"*      *in front section of H82 #S 169*

*Cantor*      My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.  
*All*      **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**  
*Cantor*      Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.  
*All*      **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

**INVITATION**

*Presider*      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

— *All are seated.*

**COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT**

*At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion from the center aisle. If you wish to receive bread only and/or wine from the common cup (chalice), please place your hands open in front of you. If you wish to receive by having the bread dipped and place on your tongue (intinction), please leave your hands at your side. Wine from the common cup will be available from an administrator standing off to the side.*

**COMMUNION HYMN I**      *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*      **ELW #733**

**COMMUNION HYMN II**      *"Praise and Thanksgiving"*      **ELW #689**

— *All stand at the direction of the Presider.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Presider*      Let us pray.  
*All*      **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**SENDING HYMN**

***"O Worship the King"***

**DISMISSAL**

*Presider*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.*

**PARISH SCHEDULE**

July 23	8 Pent. – Liturgy/Word & Reserve.	10:00 AM
	Choir Rehearsal	11:00 AM
July 30	9 Pent. – Liturgy/Word & Reserve.	10:00 AM
August 6	Trans./Our Lord – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	First Sunday Brunch	11:00 AM
August 13	11 Pent. – Liturgy/Word & Res.	10:00 AM
	Vestry Meeting	11:00 AM

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR MEMBERS, if you are planning on joining us for Martin's last Sunday, please remain in the nave for a brief rehearsal following the worship service today.

A NOTE OF THANKS and appreciation from our Senior Warden | Martin is leaving Saint Patrick's and the Albany area at the end of July. Martin has been an energetic and dedicated supporter of Saint Patrick's and Our Saviour Parish for years. He has diligently supported the growth and development of our music program and the Choir has received continuous accolades under his leadership. His knowledge of the Liturgy and Pastoral Support of our Priests and the whole Parish will greatly missed. His last day in the Parish Office will be Thursday, July 27. Martin's final performance on the organ and as the Music Director for Saint Patrick's will be on Sunday, July 30. As the Senior Warden, I hope you all will express your appreciation to Martin and wish him the best of luck and much happiness in exploring the North West and the next chapter of his life. If you wish to donate to a purse for Martin please make your donation to Saint Patrick's and note on the check or envelope that it is for Martin's purse. If you make an on-line donation, please send a text, E-mail or phone call to Jim Kempf letting him know it is for Martin's purse. Please provide your donations to the treasurer no later than Wednesday, July 26.

AUGUST OUTREACH | This year, as in previous, we're collecting school supplies for fifteen elementary-aged children at Liberty House. We need items like backpacks, wide-ruled paper, pencils, crayons, and composition books. Donations must be received by Tuesday, July 25, when they will be assembled and delivered.

SUPPLY PRIEST SCHEDULING | Below are the dates we have been able to secure a supply priest and who they are. If a date is not listed below, we are yet unable to schedule someone. Our Senior Warden will continue to look for supply for the open Sundays, and will also work with the available clergy to schedule 2024 within the next two months.

August 6 & 20, Fr. Jim | August 27, Mtr. Tar  
September 3, 10 & 24, Fr. Jim | September 17, Mtr. Tar  
October 15, Fr. Jim | October 29, Mtr. Tar  
November 5, 12 & 19, Fr. Jim | December 3, 10 & 17, Fr. Jim

GUEST ORGANIST SCHEDULING | Below are the dates we have been able to secure a guest organist and who they are. If a date is not listed below, we are yet unable to schedule someone. Our Senior Warden will continue to look for additional organists for the open Sundays through the end of the year.

August 13, September 10, October 1, November 12 & December 10; Suzanne Unger

CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Every Sunday at 10a during the first half of our worship service children are invited to Sunday School in the Children's Classroom of the Parish Hall building. Here they will learn and do activities related to the lessons for that Sunday, and then they will return to worship with us beginning at the Offertory!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED | Items needed: Canned meats (eg. SPAM), cereal and soup (all sizes).

### JULY CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY:

1st – Brian Williamson 7th – Sarah Arnold, Karen Dees 12th – Bob Cerney 24th – Tom Shapard

BIRTHDAY:

3rd – Ken Jones 9th – Ruth Fountain 10th – John Cumbee, Daniella Okafor 12th – Daniel Vanoteghem  
13th – Tom Borst 14th – Thomas Clements 15th – Vivian Fleming; LeConte Talley, III 27th – June Lewis  
29th – Lamon Brand

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

14th – Patton & Teresa Jones

### KEEP IN PRAYER

Bill Nordstrom, the Family of Tom Driggers, the Pundavela Family, Jackie Lockyer, Hugh Waters, Loring Gray, Carmel Taylor, Ed Trammell, Christopher Bevington, Sue Jerina, Winifred Glover, Julie Bravo, Missy Simmons, Myra Hundley, Jeff Williamson, Michael Brunson, Albert Timmons, Stephen J., Butch Tiell, Elsbeth Hebert, the Wingo Family, Stacey Fleming-Weeks, Vivian Fleming, M. Johnson, Bonnie & Charlie Hough, David Hogue, Tom Borst, Shavonya Wade, Steve Williams, Gary Shafer, Sue Young, Jessie, Ann Young, Doris Alley, Donna Timmons, Jackie Powell, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Michael Price, Steve Tanner, Jessica Thompson, Micki Hundley Addleman, Donna Prescott, Maxx Bourgeault, Savannah Esway, Jay Howard & Family, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, and Evie Tsisis.

<u>SERVING IN WORSHIP</u>	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
<b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>	<i>Sign up today in the Parish Hall!</i>	<i>All upcoming weeks are open!</i>
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Barbara Strickland, Eloise Talley, Carol Wilch	Barbara Strickland, Eloise Talley, Carol Wilch
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Orva & Tom Voth	–
<b>USHERS:</b>	Jim Kempf, Marian White	Brian & Loretta Williamson
<b>A/V TEAM:</b>	Lucas Wingard	Lucas Wingard
<b>READERS:</b>	Sam Williamson	Joyce Bridges-Judkins
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Sam Williamson	Bob Baranko
<b>CHALICE ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	Stacey Driggers	Joe Wingard
<b>VERGER:</b>	Carolyn Brunson	Lamon Brand

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