



## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Furgeson, Senior Pastor, 314-601-1039

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The Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Kastens, Pastor Emeritus

Burnell L. Hackman, Director of Music Ministry

Christina Stackle, Director of Christian Education

Sue Velten, Director of Early Childhood

# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## JULY 23, 2023

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

**P** = Pastor

**\*** = Stand

**C** = Congregation

#### Opening Voluntary (10:30)

*Trumpet Tune and Ayre*

Henry Purcell

#### \*Opening Hymn

#### LSB 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to His praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,  
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To Thy fi-nal har-vest home;



All be safe-ly gath-ered in Ere the win-ter storms be-gin;  
Wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, Un-to joy or sor-row grown.  
From His field shall in that day All of-fens-es purge a-way,  
Gath-er Thou Thy peo-ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear.  
Give His an-gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
There, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, In Thy gar-ner to a-bide:

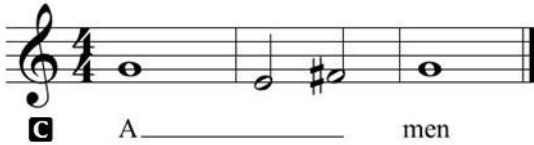


Come to God's own tem-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.  
Lord of har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.  
But the fruit-ful ears to store In His gar-ner ev-er-more.  
Come with all Thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

## \*Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## \*Introit

*Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6*

**P** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

**C** Listen to my plea for grace.

**P** Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;

**C** Unite my heart to fear your name.

**P** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

**C** And I will glorify your name forever.

**P** For great is your steadfast love toward me;

**C** You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

**P** O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

**C** And they do not set you before them.

**P** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

**C** Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

## \*Confession

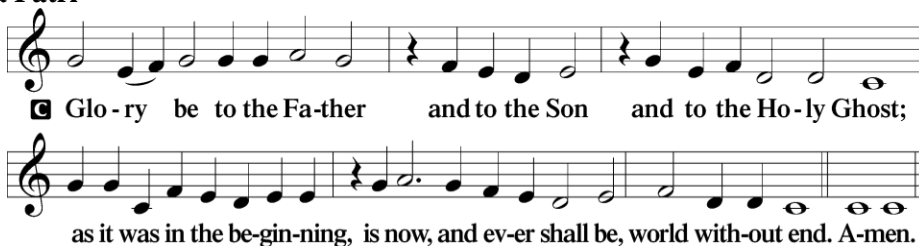
**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

## \*Absolution



### \*Gloria Patri



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### \*Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### \*Gloria in Excelsis



☐ Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### \*Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. . .

**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*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.”

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 8:18–27*

<sup>18</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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

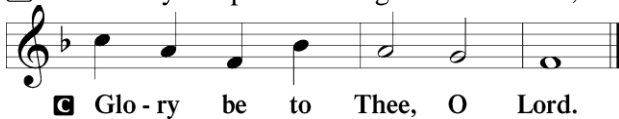
## \*Alleluia



## \*Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



<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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### \*Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.**

### Children's Message

Ann Ryherd  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Green Park Lutheran School

Let the little children come to me.

Matthew 19:14

## Hymn of The Day

## LSB 826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?"  
2 If you can-not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can-not be a watch-man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,  
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?"  
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.  
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
While the mul - ti-tudes are dy - ing And the Mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick-ed With the judg-ment's dread a - larms,  
With your prayers and with your boun-ties You can do what God com-mands;  
Take the task He gives you glad-ly, Let His work your plea-sure be;



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?  
You can lead the lit - tle chil-dren To the Sav-ior's wait - ing arms.  
You can be like faith-ful Aar-on, Hold - ing up the proph-et's hands.  
An - swer quick-ly when He call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

**Sermon**

Rev. Jesse Kueker

**Gathering of the Offering**

*Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

**Offertory Anthem (10:30)**

*Prayer*

Engelbert Humperdinck



### \*Offertory



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

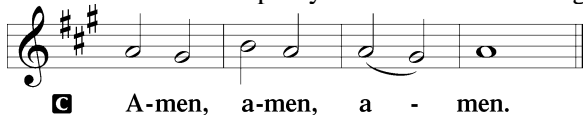
### \*Prayer of the Church

#### \*Lord's Prayer

**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.

#### \*Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## \*Hymn to Depart

## LSB 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;  
△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,  
My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;  
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.  
My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,  
And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.  
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

## \*Silent Prayer

### Closing Voluntary (10:30)

*Rondeau*

Jean-Joseph Mouret

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## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Jesse Kueker

Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Michelle Sliger; 9:20 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman

Choir: Peace Brass

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: B. Mullen/T. Hutton/B. Uthoff

Elders: 5:00: Rich Behnke, Steve Kienstra; 8:00: Jeff Akers, John Roesch;

9:20: Steve Shawcross, Bob Wolff; 10:30: Rob Uthoff, Greg Wirtel

Ushers: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Tim Behnke, Art Conrad, Charles Rolf, Roger Uhlig;

8:00: Dan Prange, Dan Dukesherer, Doug Engle, Kyle Hopfer, Dan Hummert,

Mike Wilke; 9:20: Jim Maschhoff, Glenn Brinkmann, Greg Hard, David Suedkamp;

10:30: Bryan Dressel, Lorin Dressel, Paul Huddleston, John Rastorfer, Jeff Teague

Acolytes: 5:00: Jakob Beutelmann, Will Posadas; 8:00: Holly Powell;

10:30: Addie McCarty, Nolan Mieger

Greeters: 8:00: Jack & Paula Jeffcott; 9:20: Eric & Stephanie Holler; 10:30: Sara Hopfer

WELCOME GUEST PREACHER AND PEACE MEMBER, REV. JESSE KUEKER He received his Bachelor of Arts from Southwest Baptist University at Bolivar, Missouri, and his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He is the Admissions Officer at Concordia Seminary. Prior to working at the Seminary, he served as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, Missouri, from 2015-2022. His hometown is Perryville, Missouri.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES Packets are available on the Commons counter which include a copy of Peace's Constitution (which is NOT changing), our current by-laws, and the proposed by-laws. Please take a copy for review. Meetings will be held on August 13 and 27, immediately following the 10:30 service, to go over feedback from congregants. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of these changes we are considering.

OUR NEXT VOTERS' ASSEMBLY is scheduled for Monday, September 11. We will be voting on the adoption of the proposed by-laws at that meeting. Your participation and involvement are very important. If the proposed by-laws are approved, we will then vote on a seven-member slate of Church Council participants. If you would like to serve on the Church Council, please complete the application found in the upcoming August newsletter and return it to the church office by August 6. Your application will be reviewed by the nominating committee, who will reach out to you with any questions.

THRIVE – A LOCAL PREGNANCY CENTER offers parenting classes that teach life skills to pregnant women and new mothers. The Peace Life Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to help serve dinner to the women attending the parenting classes the third Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Sandi Akers.

THANK YOU FROM ST. TRINITY CEMETERY for all of the help with cleanup after the storm on July 12 caused significant damage. Trees, large limbs, sticks, and leaves were strewn across the grounds. Roads were impassable and the electricity was out. We had many volunteers pitch in over the subsequent days to help clear debris and open the roads. There were too many to name individually, but you know who you are! The cemetery board is very appreciative for the many hands that pitched in to help lighten the load!

### **OPPORTUNITIES AT GREEN PARK**

TUTORS are needed for their weekly tutoring program. Tutors are paired with a student and meet once a week for about 30 minutes. You may specify what grade level students you would prefer to work with. We could definitely use some tutors who would be willing to tutor some students in pre-algebra and middle school math. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Beth Meyer at [beth.meyer@greenparklutherschool.org](mailto:beth.meyer@greenparklutherschool.org).

CHILD CARE STAFF for the After Care program are needed. Candidates must have availability Monday-Friday afternoons from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Weekly schedule subject to change. Must have patience and the ability to work with children in JK3-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact: April Baese at [april.baese@greenparklutherschool.org](mailto:april.baese@greenparklutherschool.org). Employment is subject to a background check.

**CHOIR/MUSIC DIRECTOR** This is a part time position and qualifications include the ability to play an instrument (preferably piano/guitar), a willingness to work with children in 2nd-8th grade with individualized needs, a desire to share Christ with students, and a loving and caring personality. Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Lisa Waltenberger, Principal, at [lisa.waltenberger@greenparklutheralschool.org](mailto:lisa.waltenberger@greenparklutheralschool.org).