

Eighth Sunday of
PENTECOST

July 23, 2023



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*If we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience.*

ROMANS 8:25



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PRELUDE

“Prelude in E-flat”

J. S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, You Thankful People Come”

LSB 892



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 *Mt 28:19*

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

People:  Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Isaiah 44:6–8; Psalm 119:64a*

Pastor: Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
“Who is like Me?”

People: You are the first and You are the last; besides You there is no God.

Pastor: Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?
People: Behold, we are Your witnesses!
Pastor: Is there a God besides Me?
People: O Lord, we know no Rock besides You, and the earth is full of Your steadfast love.

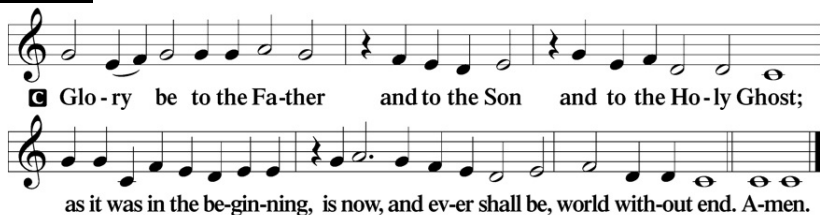
CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Only God most high,
People: the earth is full of Your steadfast love, but we have turned away to the many passing loves that arrest our attention. Forgetting there is no god besides You, we often think we know what is best for ourselves and for others. But we do not. So we groan in pain with the consequences of our sins. Hear our cry for Jesus' sake and have mercy on us.
Pastor: Beloved in Christ, God—the only God—hears your cry for mercy, blotting out your transgressions for His own sake and remembering your sins no more. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: ♪ Amen.

THE INTROIT *Psalm 86:11–12, 15; antiphon: Psalm 86:6*

Pastor/Choir: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

THE 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.

THE KYRIE *Mt 9:27, 15:22*

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Glory be to God on high: **G** 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.

THE SALUTATION 2 Tim 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, besides whom there is no other God, in this world Your people suffer great affliction, having no enduring place in which to dwell. Grant that we who are not home yet with You in Your kingdom may endure with patience our groanings with all creation, being sustained by Your Word and Your gracious Spirit, who intercedes for us with far deeper groanings; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

(The Lord, our Redeemer, is the only God.)

⁶Thus 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. ⁷Who 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. ⁸Fear 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."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:18-27

(The Spirit intercedes even when words fail us.)

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And 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. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not

hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise 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.

²⁷And 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“At the River”

Aaron Copland

Todd Schurig, Bass

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

(The parable of the wheat and weeds)

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

People:



■ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And 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?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let 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.”

³⁶Then 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.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Pastor: He who has ears, let him hear the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE 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.

SERMON HYMN

“For All the Saints”

LSB 677 v. 1,3, 6-8



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faith-ful, true, and bold,
6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west;
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed, Thy
Fight as the saints who no-bly fought of old And
Soon, soon to faith-ful war-riors com-eth rest;
saints tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray; The
gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold!
Sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the blest.
King of Glo-ry pass-es on His way.
Sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON

“Bookends”

Isaiah 44:6

Vicar Zachary Staehr, An HT Sermon Finale
Historic Trinity, Detroit; St. Paul, Royal Oak

OFFERTORY Ps 51:10-12

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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VOLUNTARY

“A Mighty Fortress (Trio)”

Karl Osterland

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

10:30am continues with the benediction

* The Order of Holy Communion *

@9am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Tim. 4:22

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Lam 3:41

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. Ps 100:4

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

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 although we are not home yet, always comes with Your Word and Spirit to help us along this pilgrim journey toward our eternal home in Your everlasting kingdom. 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 *Is 6:3*

LSB p. 195

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

LSB p. 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine and gluten free wafers in the center of each tray.

TWO STATION COMMUNION:

If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.

If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.

“Jerusalem the Golden”

LSB 672



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
 2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
 3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
 △ 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
 As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
 Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
 The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
 They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
 In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
 The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
 Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
 With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS *Lk 2:29-32*

LSB p. 199

♪ **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
 people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Only God most high, thank You for feeding us here with the body and
 blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. This blessed Meal is a foretaste
 reminding us that we are not home yet, but that we do have a home in
 Your kingdom, introduced by Jesus, the fullness of which is yet to come;
 through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in
 communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
 forever.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO THE STAEHRS

Vicar and Emily Staehr will be returning this week for Zachary's final year at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN. He will be placed into his first pastoral call in April 2024. We pray the Lord of Church continues to bless their time together, and Zachary's ongoing study for the ministry.

BENEDICTION Num. 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The ✠ Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
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.

POSTLUDE

“March”

Purcell