

✠ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost • July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 ✠

**Worship Notes:** • Our Lector for today is Mimi Fisher • Our Crucifer for today is Bill Williamson •  
Our Worship Leader is Leslie Skinner • Our Presiding Pastor is Pastor Jesse Canniff-Kuhn •  
• We are using Setting 10 from the ELW •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Toccata in G minor

Johann Pachelbel

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as able and face the back of the church.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. We confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

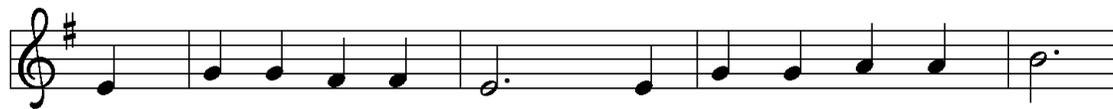
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 842

Oh, Worship the King  
HANOVER

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.**

KYRIE: p.203



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

GLORIA: p.204



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**FIRST 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 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. <sup>8</sup>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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 86:11-17

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

<sup>12</sup>**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and glorify your name forevermore.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

<sup>14</sup>**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.**

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

<sup>16</sup>**Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

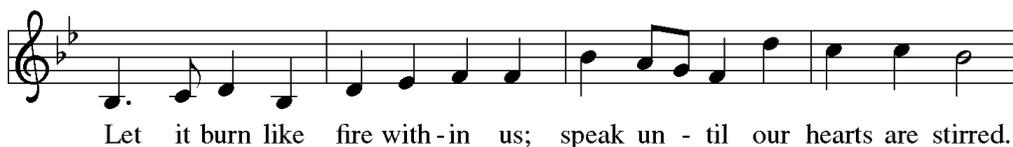
<sup>17</sup>**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to  
shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:12-25

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—  
<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>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!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are  
children of God, <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of  
this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the  
creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was  
subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains  
until now; <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were  
saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for  
what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** p.205



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

*Please stand as able.*

*Before the Reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup>He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect 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 approached 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 are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where 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. Let anyone with ears listen!”

*After the Reading:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Jesse Canniff-Kuhn

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 693

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come  
*ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Please stand as able.*

**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

Each petition concludes “*Hear us, O God.*” We respond: “**Your mercy is great.**”

## PEACE

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

## MEAL

*The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation.*

*Please stand as able.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** ELW 477

I Received the Living God  
*LIVING GOD*

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING:** p.206

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p.207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
*Please be seated.*

**COMMUNION** - *We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. Please take an empty communion glass from the trays at the front of the church. The innermost ring of glasses are pre-filled with grape juice for those who prefer juice to wine. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.*

LAMB OF GOD: p.208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 471

Let Us Break Bread Together  
*BREAK BREAD TOGETHER*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 478

Father, We Thank You  
*RENDEZ A DIEU*

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Prelude on "Rendez a Dieu"

Emma Lou Diemer

*Join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship: 10:00 am

Office Hours: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm M-F

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## Prayer List

- Current: The Spires family, Theresa Yaussy, Esther Allen, Luzie Arnold, Jeff DeJames, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing: Rachel Mock, Nadine Jordan, Joe DeMichael, Elizabeth Johnson, Brandon Faust, Harry Evans, Meredith Schulz
- Military: Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, July 27th:** 6:00 pm  
Holy Guacamole at Casa Linda

**Sunday, August 6th:** Blessing of the Backpacks + Picnic at Mays Park

**Thursday, August 10th:** 6:00 pm  
Mary Martha meeting at Pizza Palace

**Sunday, August 20th:** Sundae Sunday after Worship to Welcome PE Back!

## Financial Update

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$2,495	\$5,000	\$2,505-
July	\$11,614	\$15,000	\$3,386-
Year-to-Date	\$137,476	\$140,000	\$2,524-

## Giving to ILC

Please consider giving to Incarnation Lutheran Church's ministries and projects.



**ILC BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC**

**Sunday-August 6 at Mays Park**

Bring your own picnic, a swimsuit (the sprinkler at the park may be on) and meet us at Mays Park!

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## STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

JULY 23RD, 2023

USE YOUR FAITH TO BE GOOD,  
DO GOOD AND MAKE THE WORLD  
THE BEST IT CAN BE.



Do you want to join Incarnation? If so, please contact the office at [office@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com) so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.