

July 23, 2023—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

It is an age-old question: Why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day when all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Liturgy is in the Blue Hymnal and hymns in the Red Hymnal.

Gathering *Indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 10** (blue)

* "Morning Has Broken" #556 (red)

* Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 28**

* Hymn of Praise **pg. 29**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Isaiah 44:6-8 (page 633 OT in pew Bible)

Psalms 86:11-17 (on screen)

Romans 8:12-25 (page 138 NT in pew Bible)

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 31**

* Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (page 12 NT in pew Bible)
(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)
(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Message

"As the Grains of Wheat" #465 (red)

* Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed **pg. 33**

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

* Offertory/Offertory "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" **pg. 35**

* Offertory Prayer

* The Lord's Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

* "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #631

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Jo Solvie, Braxton Beyer, Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.

upcoming events and announcements

Thank you to Laurie Feuchtenberger & Bob Heck for leading us in worship this morning.

Church without Walls will be held on Sunday, September 10th. Registration can be completed on-line at <https://forms.gle/54fQATWEAAeWoCadA>

2023 KMRS Radio Broadcast the last available date is November 12. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office for more information.

Reminder! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, July 23

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, July 24

12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due

Tuesday, July 25

11:00am Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday, July 26

6:00pm Wednesday Night Live at Old #1

Thursday, July 27

8:30am Sharing & Caring (quilting group)

Friday, July 28

no events scheduled

Saturday, July 29

8:30am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

Sunday, July 30

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, July 23

Ushers: *Dennis Feuchtenberger, Tony & Magen Feuchtenberger*

Lector: *Sharon Ehlers* **Psalm:** *Vicki Dalager*

Nursery: _____ **Acolyte:** *Aubrey Williamson & Giana Feuchtenberger*

Video: _____ **TV slides:** *Jaxon Hilbrands*

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, July 30

Ushers: *Al Harris, Karen Bolling, Dave Jungst*

Lector: *Steve Just* **Psalm:** *Ward Voorhees*

Communion Prep: *Judy Buro (wafer)* **Nursery:** *Pam Wiese*

Acolyte: *Aaden Schultz & _____*

Communion Servers: *Lis Harris, Millie Tschetter, Tim Grove*

Video: *Tony Feuchtenberger* **TV slides:** *Abigail Anderson*