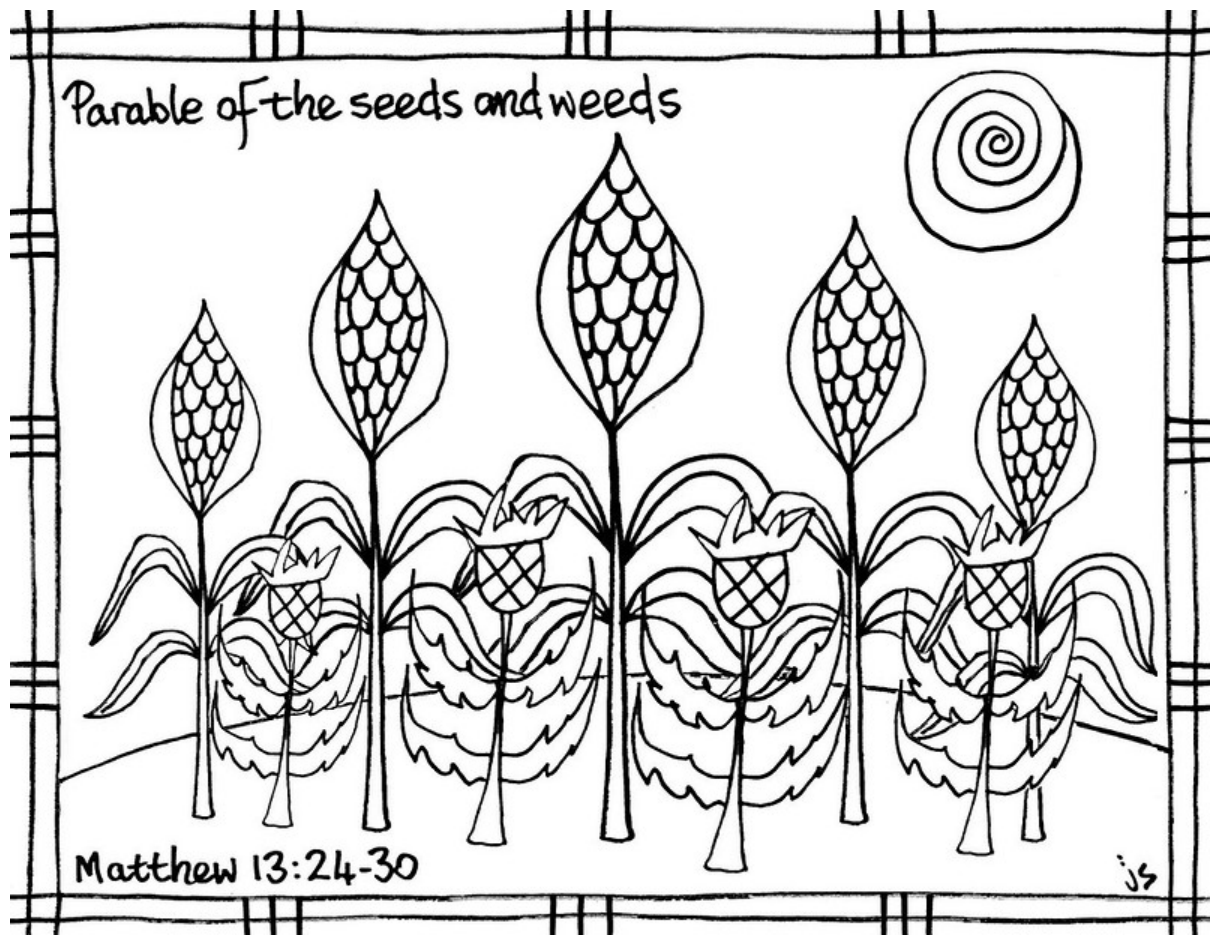


Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



Saturday Service + 22 July 2023

The 8th Saturday after Pentecost + Lectionary 16 A

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GATHERING

Gathering Song

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The presiding minister may comment briefly upon the service of the day.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

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 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.

⁸Do 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17

Good News Translation

Teach me, LORD, what you want me to do, and I will obey you
faithfully;

teach me to serve you with complete devotion.

¹² I will praise you with all my heart, O Lord my God;

I will proclaim your greatness forever.

¹³ How great is your constant love for me!

You have saved me from the grave itself.

¹⁴ Proud people are coming against me, O God; a cruel gang is trying
to kill me—

people who pay no attention to you.

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a merciful and loving God,

always patient, always kind and faithful.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me; strengthen me and save me,
because I serve you just as my mother did.

¹⁷ Show me proof of your goodness, LORD; those who hate me will be
ashamed

when they see that you have given me comfort and help.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Romans.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that 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.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Voice

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Narrator: ²⁴ Jesus told them another parable.

Jesus: The kingdom of heaven is like this: Once there was a farmer who sowed good seeds in his field. ²⁵ While the farmer’s workers were

sleeping, his enemy crept into the field and sowed weeds among all the wheat seeds. Then he snuck away again. ²⁶ Eventually the crops grew—wheat, but also weeds. ²⁷ So the farmer’s workers said to him, “Sir, why didn’t you sow good seeds in your field? Where did these weeds come from?”

²⁸ “My enemy must have done this,” replied the farmer.

“Should we go pull up all the weeds?” asked his workers.

²⁹ “No,” said the farmer. “*It’s too risky. As you pull up the weeds, you would probably pull up some wheat as well.* ³⁰ We’ll let them both grow until harvesttime. I will tell the harvesters to collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned, and only then to harvest the wheat and bring it to my barn.”

Narrator: ³⁶ Then Jesus left the crowds and returned to His house. His disciples followed Him.

Disciples: Explain to us the story You told about the weeds.

Jesus: ³⁷ The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world; the good seed represents the children of the Kingdom. The weeds—*who do you think the weeds are?* They are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who threw the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the workers are God’s heavenly messengers. ⁴⁰ *In the parable,* I told you the weeds would be pulled up and burned—well, that is how it will be at the end of this age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send His messengers out into the world, and they will root out from His kingdom everything that is poisonous, ugly, and malicious, and everyone who does evil. ⁴² They will throw all that wickedness into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. ⁴³ And the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s kingdom. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair:
Lord, in the suffering this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace;
Sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.

Refrain:

God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray;
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills;
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

(Refrain)

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share;
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

(Refrain)

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
Plundered and poisoned our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
Make us content with the things that we need.

(Refrain)

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
Until your justice burns brightly again;
Until the nations learn of your ways,
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

(Refrain)

Prayers of the People

When prompted, call out names of people, places or organizations for which you are thankful or that are in need of God's care.

MEAL

Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the “DONATE” tab on the homepage.

Offertory Song

As the Grains of Wheat

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Refrain:

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
Were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
Be gathered into one in you.

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst
May we share the presence of your love.

(Refrain)

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
All creation shares this feast with you.

(Refrain)

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together. *[A brief pause]*

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.

Dialogue

The presiding minister invites the people to prayer.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving Prayer

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

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.

Sharing Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.

Communion Song

Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

Chorus:

O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless
Love of God.

O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
Leaves the ninety-nine.

I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
Still You give Yourself away.

O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless
Love of God.

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

(Chorus)

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray. *[A brief pause]*

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.

C Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

It all comes down to this, What you require of me:
Love my neighbor as myself,
And You above all things.

Chorus:

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You, God.
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly
With You, God.

It all comes down to this, To be Your hands and feet,
Good news to all the world,
The truth will set us free.

(Chorus)

It's beauty for ashes,
It's mourning to dancing,
It's closer and closer,
The Kingdom of heaven.
(repeat this section)

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown.
Faith, just like a seed, The only way it grows.
(Chorus)

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BIBLE READINGS

For Daily Prayer

July 24-30, 2023

Monday

Psalm 75
Nahum 1:1-13
Revelation 14:12-20

Tuesday

Psalm 75
Zephaniah 3:1-13
Galatians 4:21—5:1

Wednesday

Psalm 75
Daniel 12:1-13
Matthew 12:15-21

Thursday

Psalm 119:129-136
1 Kings 1:28-37
1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Friday

Psalm 119:129-136
1 Kings 1:38-48
Acts 7:44-53

Saturday

Psalm 119:129-136
1 Kings 2:1-4
Matthew 12:38-42

Sunday (Lectionary 17)

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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