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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



God Give Us Life - Ray Makeever Liturgy
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Morning Has Broken* ELW # 556

* Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Invocation / Make a Joyful Noise

A: In the name of God the Creator of the world,
in the name of Christ the Son,
in the name of the Holy Spirit,.

C: Amen. Amen.

Refrain: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord.**
Enter in with singing.
Join the festival of Love.
Alleluias ringing.

A: Born of the water we recall
Death defeated, Life for all.
In the body of the risen Son
Welcome everyone.

C: *Refrain:* **Make a joyful noise to the Lord...**

* God of Love, Have Mercy

A: Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all people, pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the people of God and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious God.

C: Amen.

* Glory to God

*Refrain: (***Women): Glory to God**
(Men): Glory to God
(All): Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory, to God above.
Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory to the God of Love.

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are God's.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

A: Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor, glory and praise be to God and the Lamb forever and ever.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

* Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 44:6-8*

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

6 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.
7 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. 8 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." *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *86:11-17*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 86.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.
12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
13 For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
14 O God, insolent men have risen up against me;
a band of ruthless men seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.
15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

16 Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maidservant.
17 Show me a sign of your favor,

[ESV]

Second Reading: *Romans 8:12-25*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.
12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 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. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. **18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God**.** **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** 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. **24** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

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

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

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, **25** but
while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds
among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and
bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 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?’ **28** 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?’ **29** But he said, ‘No, lest in gather-
ing the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. **30** Let both grow
together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reap-
ers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but
gather the wheat into my barn.”’”
36 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.” **37** He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of
Man. **38** The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the king-
dom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, **39** and the enemy who
sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the
reapers are angels. **40** Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with
fire, so will it be at the end of the age. **41** The Son of Man will send his
angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all
law-breakers, **42** and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that
place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then the righteous
will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears,
let him hear. *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

Special Reading

Tena Rackow

* Hymn Sing

Led by Wayne Kurth and Karen Niemeier

We will be singing only 2 verses of each request.

* Nicene Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Freitag, Sherry Freitag, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Amy and Leta Tolke.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,

In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *On Our Way Rejoicing* **ELW # 537**

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Karen Niemeier

Special Thanks

Karen and Wayne,

Thank you for leading our worship service today. We are deeply grateful for the time, energy, and heart you gave to our service.

Your dedication does not go unnoticed you are truly appreciated more than words can say .

Thank you. You are a blessing to our church.

Concerts in the Park

Lena Park District is hosting free Concerts in the Park on Sundays during the summer.

Concerts begin at 6:00pm in the parking lot next to the pool at Lions Park. You may stay in your vehicle and listen to the performers, or bring lawn chairs and sit on the blacktop.

The show lasts until 7:30pm and we keep our Snack Shop open until 7:00pm on Concert nights

Sunday, July 12: Will Mueller Music

Men's Group

Saturday July 25th at 4:30pm

When faced with a cancer diagnosis, the journey can feel long, lonely, and overwhelming. Over the years we have had many friends have fought this evil. It's during these times that the support of friends near and far can make all the difference.

The Allen Family would like to thank you for your prayers during our daughter Kara's cancer treatments and surgery. We cannot express how much we appreciate that you included our family in your prayers.

In October 2024 our Daughter–in -law Kara Allen was diagnosed with stage 4, HER2 breast cancer. After all the tests were preformed and she completed her chemotherapy treatments, she had her surgery on June 5, 2025 to remove the tumor. After her surgery the doctors recommended Proton Radiation Therapy; that too was successful; Kara will keep having her immunotherapy treatments until mid-November. The doctors have said she is cancer free, though she will have testing every 3-6 months for the next few years. On July 6th she had her reconstructive ssurgery, she has been able to be released from the hospital the next day. Her strength and positivity through all the treatments and "set backs" has been amazing.

I have so much joy and feel very optimistic about what God has in store for her life.

With all my heart, we thank you for your prayers, love, and support.

Betty Allen

Attendance July 5th

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