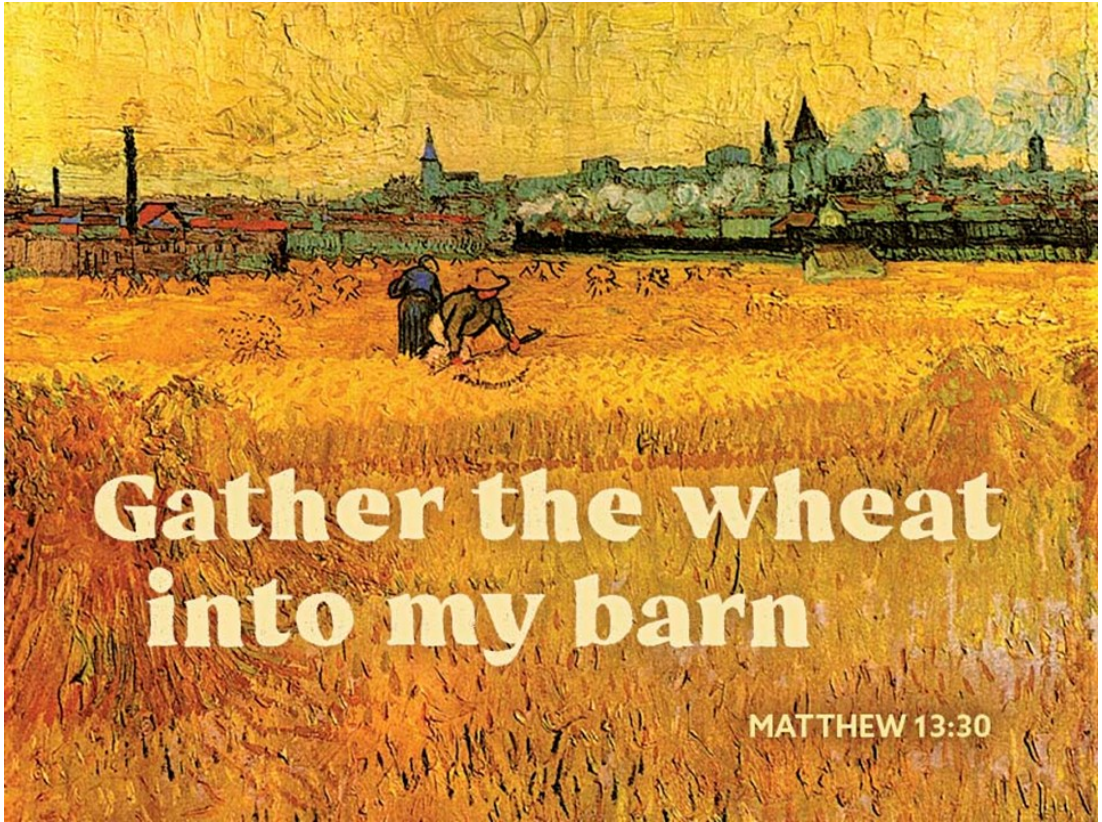




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EPIPHANY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 that 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.

PRELUDE

Love Wins

by IU

/ Arr. Kcalmusic (Musescore)

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

I See The Lord

Words and Music by

Jonathan Smith, Jacob Sooter, Matt Maher and Eddie Hoagland

Verse 1

This is where worship starts
Here in the temple of my heart
Remembering who You are
And all You've done
This is Your majesty
All I have tasted and I've seen
Remembering who You are
And once again

Chorus 1

Verse 2

This is eternity
Deep calling deep inside of me
I'm right where I'm meant to be
Here with You
This is Your family
Stretching as far as I can see
I'm right where I'm meant to be
Once again

Chorus 2 / Bridge / Chorus 2

Ending

You are the Lord holy You are
You are the Lord worthy You are
You are the Lord

Chorus 1

I see the Lord
Forever glorified
Exalted and lifted high
And all of the kingdom it cries
You are You are the Lord

Chorus 2

I see the Lord
Forever glorified
Exalted and lifted high
And all of the kingdom it cries
You are You are the Lord
Seated upon the throne
The God who is three in one
The Father the Spirit the Son
You are You are the Lord

Bridge

You are the Lord holy You are
You are the Lord worthy You are
You are the Lord holy You are
You are the Lord worthy You are

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence For Reflection

A: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

A: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.



THE WORD

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

(Sing when children come up)

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

(Sing when children go back)

He's got ev'rybody here in His hands
He's got ev'rybody here in His hands
He's got ev'rybody here in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

CHILDREN'S SERMON

A READING FROM

ISAIAH 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

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.
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.
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.

A RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

- L: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
- C: I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**
- L: For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.
- C: 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.**
- L: But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- C: Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

L: 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.

A READING FROM

ROMANS 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, 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. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (WOV Setting V)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Matthew, beginning in the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 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?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 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.' "

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." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS AND MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 into hell. 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 THE PEOPLE

A: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition shall conclude with:

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

A: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.



THE MEAL

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

For the Beauty of the Earth

by Conrad Kocher / Arrangement by Justin K. Reeve

THE OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW 187)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me.

Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your

Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical notation is for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests. The final note of the sixth staff is a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together.

C: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. **Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace
until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to 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.

SENDING SONG

Thrive

Matthew West and Mark Hall

Intro

Oh oh

Verse 1

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry

Pre-Chorus / Chorus / Intro

Verse 2

Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are

Bridge / Chorus

Interlude

Oh oh
Oh oh

Ending

We were made to thrive

Pre-Chorus

So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
With one desire

Chorus

Just to know You and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive

Bridge

Joy unspeakable
Faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable
Anything is possible
(REPEAT 3X)

BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: This little light of mine...

C: I'm gonna let it shine!

A: Sometimes we will have a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day, but that doesn't mean God has abandoned us or we are being punished. Sometimes we have bad days. Sometimes things don't go as planned. When it is difficult to let our light shine, may God refresh us in the face of adversity. As we are reminded that God will never abandon us, may we reassure others that God has never abandoned them. We do this so that...

C: Everyone knows that God loves them!

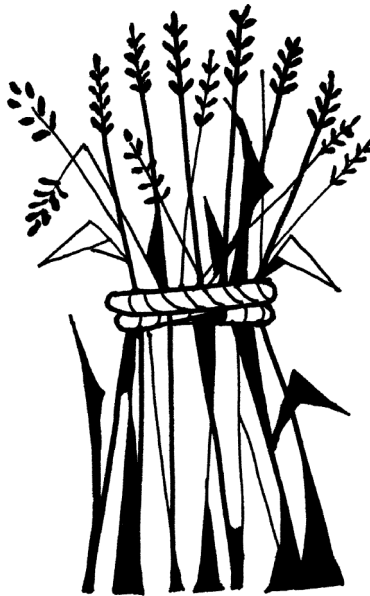
A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Arr Patricia M Backus



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9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

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