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Sunday, July 23rd, 2023
The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude
 Tower Bells
 Welcome
 Announcements

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate.
Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.

Worship Notes: Thank you to Pastor Roger James for serving as guest Bible class teacher and liturgist/preacher today.

Opening Hymn

Come Thou Almighty King
 Order of Matins p 219 (*liturgy is sung*)

LSB 905

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
 Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
O come, let us worship Him.

Venite LSB 220 (*sing*)

O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

the strength of the hills is His also.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
O come, let us worship Him.

Introit Psalm 119:57-64, 89 (*spoken*)

57 The LORD is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
58 I entreat your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
59 When I think on my ways,
I turn my feet to your testimonies;
60 I hasten and do not delay
to keep your commandments.
**61 Though the cords of the wicked ensnare
me,
I do not forget your law.**

62 At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your righteous rules.
63 I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.
64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast
love;
teach me your statutes!
89 Forever, O LORD,
your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 44:6-8 (*Congregation sits*)

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.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading Romans 8:18-27

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.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matt 13:24-30, 36-43 (*Congregation Stands*)

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 gathering 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 reapers, "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 kingdom. 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.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsory LSB 221

(*Sing*) P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Apostles' Creed (*Inside back cover of hymnal*)

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

Rise My Soul to Watch and Pray

LSB 663

Sermon

Hymn

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ
(Offering brought forward during last verse.)

LSB 769

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For certainty that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For wisdom to steward God's creation well, until new life supplants the groanings of this age, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the delegates who assemble in the national convention of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod this week, that God would give safety in travel and stay, that He would give them wisdom to work for the welfare of our Synod; that He would guard the lips of those who speak and the ears of those who hear; that He would give us courage to do with integrity what we promise; and that, according to His will, He would bless and prosper the plans and actions undertaken in His name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who care for the elderly in their homes or other facilities, that they might be instruments of comfort and company to the lonely, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Zion's food pantry, that all participants, volunteers and donors may receive from the Lord His protection and blessings of sustenance for both soul and body, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not repent or believe, that God would be patient with them, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; and that He would send His Holy Spirit to bring them into saving faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all leaders, that in the face of conflict and discord they would work for peace and justice, especially protecting the weak and defenseless, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who endure the bondage of decay through infirmity and weakness, [*especially* _____,] that their faith would be preserved and their sufferings be considered incomparable to the glory to be revealed in them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, You have called us according to Your purpose. You cause all things to work together for our good. Keep us safe until that day when You gather us with the saints into Your kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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In Our Prayers –Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Kyrie (*Sing*)

LSB 227

ALL: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

The Collect for the Week

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by the Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Morning Prayer

ALL: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: (Spoken) The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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

Closing Hymn

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB 917

Silent Prayer

Extinguish Candles and Postlude

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