

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Come, You Thankful People, Come” LBW #407

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77

Kyrie LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise “Praise and Thanksgiving” LBW #409

Prayer of the Day
God of mercy, when this world seems overrun by the evil that surrounds us, remind us that your Son, Jesus, has conquered evil and death and triumphed over all. Help us to confront the evil that can reside within us and turn it over to your transformative grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 44:6-8
 L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Romans 8:18-27
 L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds: Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministry
 Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:
**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon ... “Evil, suffering, and Kirk Cousins” Pastor Dave Wollan

Hymn “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast” LBW #234

Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
 LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune; Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The 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.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn “For the Fruit of All Creation” LBW #760

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:00 a.m. First Word Service


July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about today’s worship theme:

- † What is the Master’s response to the weeds?
- † How does that inform our response to evil and suffering?
- † Can we really differentiate between good and evil?
- † What was Jesus’ response to suffering and evil?



*“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.’”*
Matthew 13:30

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