

The Wheat and the Weeds



Sunday, July 23, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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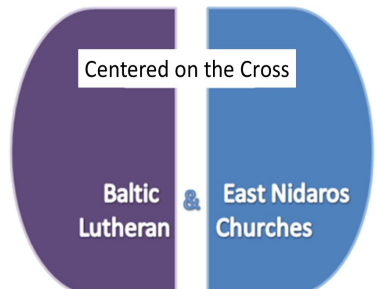
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Worship Plan for Sunday, July 23, 2023

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WOV Setting Five: Bread of Life

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV p. 10)

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Gracious God,

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

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.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* (WOV 716)

GREETING (WOV p. 28)

KYRIE (WOV p. 28)

HYMN OF PRAISE (WOV p. 29)

Glory to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 30)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the nethermost pit.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

JESUS LOVES ME AND CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* WOV 713

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew , the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And 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?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let 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.' "

³⁶Then 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." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Good Seed"

HYMN OF THE DAY *You Are the Seed* (WOV 753)

APOSTLES' CREED (WOV p. 33)

THE PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 39)

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE (WOV p. 34)

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN (WOV p. 34)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (WOV p. 35)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING (WOV p. 41)

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

Three Fold Amen (Sung)

SENDING HYMN Take the Name of Jesus with You. P. 7 of bulletin

DISMISSAL (WOV p. 41)

Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

Yes we will. Thanks be to God.

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Our Response to God’s Love

Baltic: July 16: Attendance 51; General Fund\$1825.00 Noisy Can\$25.81

East: July 16: Numbers not available before printing

Take the Name of Jesus with You

1 Take the name of Je - sus with you, child of sor - row and of woe;
 2 Take the name of Je - sus ev - er as a shield from ev - 'ry snare;
 3 Oh, the pre - cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
 4 At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, fall - ing pros - trate at his feet,

it will joy and com - fort give you; take it then, wher - e'er you go,
 if temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
 when his lov - ing arms re - ceive us, and his songs our tongues em - ploy!
 King of kings in heav'n we'll crown him, when our jour - ney is com - plete.

Refrain

Pre - cious name, Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet! oh, how sweet!

Hope of earth and joy of heav'n. Pre - cious name, Pre - cious name,
 oh, how sweet! oh, how sweet, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.

Text: Lydia Baxter, 1809–1874
 Music: PRECIOUS NAME, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

JULY NOISY CAN

**Baltic: Kid's Kitchen
 East: Table Ministry**

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| Baltic | 9:00 Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @ BalticLutheranChurch |
| East Nidaros | 10:30 Worship |

Things Happening Week of July 23rd

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| Thur July 27 | 9 am Newsletter Assembly |
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Sunday, July 30, 2023

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| Baltic | 9:00 Worship 10:30 Worship and livestreamed on Facebook @ |
| East Nidaros | EastNidarosLutheranChurch |

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

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| <u>Baltic</u> | <u>East Nidaros</u> |
| July 23 Char Johnson Kelly & Rory LaValliere | July 23 Karen & Louie Doom Rob Krogstad |

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| <u>Baltic</u> | <u>East Nidaros</u> |
| July 30 Trista & Jim Bohlen & Aug 6 Crystal & J. Serna | July 30 Randy & Trudi Hartman & Aug 6 Lori & Kendra Kappler |

BALTIC WELCA will be hosting a Bake Sale on August 12th during Dog Days in the Baltic Legion from 9:00 – 1:00. If you would like to donate any bars, pies, breads, cakes, cookies, canned goods, fresh produce, etc., please have it to the Legion by no later than 8:30 that morning. If you are going to be out of town and would still like to contribute, please contact one of the officers and you can drop off with us or we can pick up. Last year we had a very successful sale and hope for one again this year. Thanks in advance.