

# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## Worship Focus

The Christian Faith, One Word at a Time: Longing

For in this  
**HOPE**  
we were  
**SAVED.**

Romans 8:24



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# Order of Service for EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## ✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

255 - Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty;  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;



Zi - on, let me en - ter there, Where my  
Come thou al - so un - to me. Where we  
Here thy seed is du - ly sown. Let my  
Let me keep thy gift di - vine, How - so -  
Let thy will be done in - deed. May I



soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for him who  
find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on  
soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious  
e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; May thy Word still  
un - dis - turbed draw near thee While thou dost thy



an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed is this  
earth must be. To my heart, oh, en - ter  
sheaves a - lone, So that all I hear may  
o'er me shine As my guid - ing star through  
peo - ple feed. Here of life the foun - tain



place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
 thou; Let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
 flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

## INVOCATION

**Minister** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation** And also with you.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**M** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## ✘ The Word ✘

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:10,11

*God promises that his Word will accomplish what he sent it to do.*

ISAIAH 55:10 As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

### PSALM 65

Oh, Worship the King

**Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above;  
Oh, gratefully sing his pow'r and his love,  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain. (243:1,4)**

### SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:18-25

*Together with the whole creation, we wait for the glorious freedom God is bringing his children at the end of time.*

ROMANS 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan

inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*In the parable of the sower and the seed, Jesus demonstrates the power of God's Word upon the people who hear it.*

MATTHEW 13:1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear."

<sup>18</sup> "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. <sup>22</sup> The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

324 - Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast Like  
 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man This  
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
 4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And right - eous fruits a - bound.  
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, abr., alt.  
 Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.

## ✠ Sermon ✠

Romans 8:22,23

### Now Pain... Then Gain

1. Experienced by God's creation
2. Experienced by God children

*Sermon notes:*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come 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 ANNOUNCEMENT and MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

**(9:30) INSTALLATION OF KARI BARKSDALE (1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> Grade Teacher)**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear Your people who cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favor You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Brief silence*

That the Lord may open our hearts to prayer and guide us in this holy conversation so that we may know those things for which we ought to pray and seek them according to His grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Church may prosper, the good news of Jesus Christ go forth unhindered, and the Spirit bring many into the fellowship of the redeemed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may grant to us good and faithful pastors to preach and teach the whole counsel of His Word, and that we may receive their words with joy and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may remember our Baptism into Christ and live boldly in our vocation as His children no matter the difficulties of this fallen world, within our families, in our neighborhoods and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may bless our nation and those who govern us, and that we may use the gift of freedom to live holy, upright and godly lives, to the praise of His glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may bless all lawful occupations and professions, and that we may pursue honesty and virtue in all things, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God's people may recognize the true treasure of the cross and rejoice in the resurrection, pursuing with all their hearts, minds, bodies and souls the things of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the sick may be healed, the troubled granted peace, the grieving comforted and the dying kept in peace, *[and especially do we pray for \_\_\_\_\_,]* let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may grant us generous hearts so that we may honor Him with the worship of our hearts and bring to Him the tithes and offerings that support His work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may watch over our comings and goings and deliver us safely into the arms of His mercy, in the blessed rest of the faithful, to receive with all the dead in Christ the gift of life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in their need and who plead to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**SERMON HYMN**

627 – There Is a Higher Throne

1 There is a high - er throne than all this  
 2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -

world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue  
 fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song

will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,  
 where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye

made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing  
 as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -

hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.  
 comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

*Refrain*

Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund-'rous  
 an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies  
 their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,  
 strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who  
 reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

*The vivid imagery of our Lord's revelation to Saint John is elegantly summarized in this Irish hymn.*

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## ✠ Sending ✠

### PRAYER

**M** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

### BLESSING

**M** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



*But as for what was sown on  
good soil, this is the one who  
hears the word and  
understands it, who indeed  
bears fruit ...*

*Matthew 13:23, NRSV*



**CLOSING HYMN**

332 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,  
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,  
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you



Ne - ver a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,  
 At peace and pure. Here you learned how  
 Clos - er to me; Grow in love and  
 And give you peace; I the Lord will



I am with you; You are my own.  
 much I love you, What I can cure.  
 love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.  
 smile up - on you And give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,



made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,  
 touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,  
 ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,  
 Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;



with my bless - ing— You are my own.  
 sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 I will keep you And give you peace.