

# ***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***

**July 26, 2020    10:30 a.m.**



*The Plain near Auvers ~ Vincent van Gogh*

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# Order of Worship

***The Bells of Taizé***

Taizé  
*Music of Unity & Peace*

***Day by Day***

ELW 790

Day by day, your mercies, Lord attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.

## Greeting & Response

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Word Concerning this Day

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Psalm 119:132-135

Almighty God, turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name. Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me. Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts. Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. **Amen.**

### Confession

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,  
who calls us beloved children,  
who gathers us into one flock,  
who guides us into all truth. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God forgives us and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

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Faithful and just God,

**We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. May your Holy Spirit work in us to change us, that we may know your abundant life in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent Jesus to save us. In the name of Jesus Christ I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

### ***Thy Holy Wings***

ELW 613

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,  
And let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.  
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,  
And let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast  
Where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.  
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,  
For I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.  
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.  
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,  
And while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

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## **Gospel of Matthew 13:44-58**

*The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the*

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*righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this? They answered, Yes. And he said to them, Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.*

When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, *Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?* And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, *Prophets are not without honor except in their own country and in their own house.* And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

***O Rest in the Lord****Elijah, Op. 70*  
Felix Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord.

Wait patiently for Him,

And He shall give thee thy heart's desires;

Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him.

And, fret not thyself because of evildoers.

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him.

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**Prayers of the Church****Offering/Offertory***We Give Thee  
But Thine Own*

LBW 410

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

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## Offering Prayer

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Everlasting Father, you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on your path. Your word says that the earth is yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to you. We recognize everything we have belongs to you. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we follow. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**





## HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

The bread and wine of God comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.

Come, eat and live! **Amen.**

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

## The Meal

*As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW 465

**Refrain:**

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
Were gathered into one to become our bread;  
So may all your people from all the ends of earth  
Be gathered into one in you.**

As this cup of blessing  
Is shared in our midst,  
May we share  
The presence of your love.

**Refrain:**

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Let this be a foretaste  
Of all that is to come  
When all creation  
Shares this feast with you.    **Refrain:**

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### **Post-Communion Prayer Song**

Pr. Peter Ramseth  
Post-meal song from  
Many Glacier Hotel

Thanks for the memory  
For asking me to dine  
For food that is so fine  
For meeting you and greeting you  
And for the final time  
We thank you, so much. **Amen.**

### ***Sent Forth by God's Blessing***

LBW 221

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, oh now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, his love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
 The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face.  
 Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
 Embracing his children of each tribe and race.  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
 Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
 Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
 Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

**Text:** Omer Westendorf; **Music:** Welsh folk tune

### **Announcements & Thank You**

Thank you to our host congregation, All Saints Episcopal Church in Northfield, Minnesota. Thank you also to Christiana Adams, Rhonda Reece, and Mark Heiman for their service in worship. Thank you, also, to the family of Betty Hansen for their contributions to today's service.

Find our bulletin on Fridays at the NRC website:

<https://northfieldretirement.org/chapel-services>

The NRC Chapel 10:30 a.m. Sunday service is broadcast on **Channel 102.**

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

Jesus says, *I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Postlude**

*Abide with Me*

Rhonda Reece



*In the Cosmos ~ Richard R. Caemmerer Jr.*



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