

Pentecost 08

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Celebrate (Introduction)

"It is an age-old question: Why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day when all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy."

Opening Hymn: [ELW 824 – This is My Father's World](#)

Prayer of the Day

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.

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 838 – Beautiful Savior](#)

1st Reading: [Isaiah 44:6-8](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;

give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹²I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

¹³For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

¹⁶Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your maidservant.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,

so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

2nd Reading: [Romans 8:12-25](#)

The Gospel: [Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43](#)

Hymn: [ELW 759 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

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

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Pam Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, the Phil Gasior family, Mary Goehring, Angela Hays, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, Pastor Jack, and the family of Wilfried Bachmann.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters

Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,

And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.

So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 556 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds](#)

Announcements

- **Sunday, 8/13/2023** – OUTDOOR WORSHIP

*Offering to be sent to
Robert Brackbill
10274 Raleigh Tavern Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Epiphany Lutheran Church
9122 Sybert Drive
Columbia Hills
Ellicott City, MD 21043

<https://www.epiphanylutherancolumbia.org>

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