



## July 23, 2023, 9:00 am 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### worship notes:

Welcome to our church family today as we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus Christ, in our lives and in our world. Today we welcome visiting pastor, Mark Rydberg while Pastor David is on vacation.

Today's music is found in the bulletin. If you are a visitor, please sign the red worship pad found in the pew. Children's activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Hearing devices can be found as you enter the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to help! We pray that you will experience God – Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier as you worship with us. Please enjoy coffee & conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall!

### about the readings:

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 that 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.

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Congregation: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*(silence for reflection)*

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*(silence for reflection)*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### OPENING SONGS

*'Bring forth the Kingdom'* **pg. 5**

*'Your Grace is Enough'* **pg. 6**

### GREETING

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.**

### KYRIE

*"Have Mercy on Me"* **pg. 7**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*"There is None Like You"* **pg. 8**

### 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.**

| WORD  |   |
|---|---|
| FIRST READING   | Genesis 28:10-19a   |
| PSALM + PSALM RESPONSE  | Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24 <b>pg. 9</b>   |
| SECOND READING:   | Romans 8:12-25  |
| Gospel acclamation:   | “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” <b>pg. 10</b>  |
| GOSPEL READING:   | Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43   |
| <i>Before: Glory to you, O Lord    After: Praise to you, O Christ</i> |   |
| MESSAGE   | Pastor Mark Rydberg   |
| SONG OF THE DAY   | “No Longer Slaves” <b>pg. 11</b>  |
| APOSTLES CREED  |   |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE   | <i>after each petition: Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.</i>  |
| PEACE   | The peace of Christ be with you always. <b>And also with you.</b>   |
| OFFERING  | “Beauty for Brokenness”<br>by Graham Kendrick. ©1975 Make Way Music, admin. Integrity Music, Inc.   |
| OFFERING PRAYER   | God of field and forest, sea and sky, <b>you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.</b>   |
| 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. |

| SENDING   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| BLESSING  |                               |
| SENDING SONG  | “Jesus Messiah” <b>pg. 12</b> |
| DISMISSAL   | Go in peace. Share the        |
| harvest. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>   |                               |
| POSTLUDE  |                               |
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Bring Forth the Kingdom

Verses

Cantor:

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:  
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:  
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:  
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

All:

Cantor:

Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

All:

life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!  
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!  
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!  
love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the

King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,

Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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Your Grace Is Enough

Words and Music by  
Matt Maher

VERSE

♩ = 116

E E/G# A

1. Great is Your faith - ful - ness, O God;  
2. Great is Your love and jus - tice, God of Ja - cob;

5 C#m E/G# A

You wres - tle with the sin - ner's rest - less heart.  
You use the weak to lead the strong.

9 E E/G# A C#m

You lead us by still wa - ters in - to mer - cy and noth - ing can  
You lead us in the song of Your sal - va - tion, and all Your peo -

PRE-CHORUS

14 E/G# A F#m E/G#

keep us a - part. So, re - mem - ber Your peo - ple, re -  
ple sing a - long.

19 Amaj7 B C#m B E/G# A

mem - ber Your chil - dren, re - mem - ber Your prom - ise O God.

CHORUS 1

24 E B C#m7 A E

Your grace is e - nough, Your grace is e - nough Your grace is e - nough,

30 B A

for me.

Back to beginning, sing  
verse 2. When you get  
here the second time,  
repeat pre-chorus, and  
then chorus 3 times.

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Have Mercy On Me

Words and Music by  
Andy Park

**VERSE**

1. Lamb of God, — You take a - way — the  
2. Lamb of God, — I'm ask - ing You — to  
3. (The) pre - cious blood — of Je - sus Christ —

sin — of — the — world. —  
take a - way — my — sin. —  
cleans - es me — from — sin. —

The

Lamb of God, — You take a - way — the  
I con - fess — that I've done wrong, — I  
pre - cious blood — of Je - sus Christ —

**CHORUS**

sin — of — the — world. — Lord, have  
need Your help — a - gain. —  
cleans - es me — from — sin. —

mer - cy, — Christ, have mer - cy; —

Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Lord, have mer - cy, — Christ, have mer - cy; —

Have mer - cy on me.

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There Is None Like You

Words and Music by  
Lenny LeBlanc

**CHORUS**

♩ = 69 G D/F# C/E G/D C G/B Am7 Am7/D D

There is none like You, no one else can touch my heart like You do;

5 G D/F# Dm/F C/E G/D C/D D G *Fine*

I could search for all e - ter - ni - ty long and find there is none like You.

**TURNAROUND** **VERSE**

Em C2 G/D Dsus D Cmaj7 C/D G Em7

Your mer - cy flows like a riv - er wide and

13 Am7 D2/F# G G2/B Cmaj7 C/D

heal - ing comes from Your hands; Suf - fer - ing chil - dren are safe

G Em7 Am C/G D/F# C2/E D *D.C. al Fine*

16 in Your arms, there is none like You.

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Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**  
You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
**Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.**  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**  
Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
**even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**  
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and night wraps itself around me,"  
**even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**  
Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
**See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Psalm Response

Where Can I Go?

Psalm 139

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

♩ = 110

Chord progression: D A/D D G Maj7 B m A

Where can I go — from your pres - ence or hide from your love?

Chord progression: D A/D D G Maj7 A

Where can I go — from your pres - ence or hide from your love?

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Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

No Longer Slaves

Words and Music by  
Jonathan David Holsler,  
Brian Johnson and Joel Case

**VERSE 1**

**CHORUS**

**INSTRUMENTAL**

**VERSE 2**

**CHORUS**

**INSTRUMENTAL**

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Jesus Messiah

Words and Music by  
Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin,  
Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves

**VERSE**

**CHORUS**

**BRIDGE**

**CHORUS**

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## Announcements

Be sure to subscribe to receive weekly emails from us!  
You can do so on our website at [www.northfieldstp.org/email](http://www.northfieldstp.org/email)

### Sonshine Youth Events

7.26 | Romans + Christians | St. John's Church | 6:30-8pm. Pizza will be served.

8.9 | Feed My Starving Children Service Project | Arrive at Bethel at 3:30pm, the bus will depart at 3:45pm. After packing food at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan from 4:30-6:15 the youth will go to a local park/church to eat dinner and play outside. The bus will return to Bethel at 8:15pm.

8.23 | Scavenger Hunt | Downtown Northfield, Pick-up and drop-off at The Blast | 6:30-8pm.  
Bring \$5 for ice cream.

### Blessing of the Campers | Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

Join us for the Blessing of the Campers on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> during our 9am worship service. We'll be blessing our children going to Good Earth Village and our adults heading to the Boundary Waters. Please join us!

### Sunday Summer School Outing | Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a summer outing to the Apple Valley Aquatic Center on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Kids and families with swimmers, or beginners, of all levels will enjoy this water park featuring pools, splash pads w/water falls, slides and a lazy river. Cost is \$13 per person. We'll meet there. Concessions available or pack a lunch/snacks.

### St. Paul Saints Game Excursion | Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Sign-up sheet located on the welcome desk.  
Tickets \$50/person (includes bus fare)  
Bus will load at St. Peters at 12:15 and depart for St. Paul at 12:30.

### Northfield Noontime Organ Recital | 12:15 – 12:45pm

7.26 | Noah Klein (recent graduate of the Yale Institute for Sacred Music)  
Skinner Chapel Carleton College

8.9 | Stephen May, First United Church of Christ, music of Caesar Franck

### Rally Day

Mark your calendars! **Rally Day** is Sunday, September 17th!

## Prayer Ministry

Contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers. Please provide an update if situations improve or renew request bi-monthly.

### Today we pray especially for:

Paula B. (daughter of Judy), Bernice C., Tom D., Carl E. (friend of Pete & Susan),  
Ron H., Daryl K., Tami L., Christopher L. (son of Sonja), Inez N., Janice O., Larry O.,  
Scott Q. (relative of Carmen), Jaynie R. (daughter of Jeff & Stephanie),  
Roya S. (great niece of Pete and Diane), Karen W. (cousin of Carmen, Char), Thelma W.

(last names are withheld for on-line privacy.)

*If you would like a visit or phone call from Pastor David,  
please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.*

## Today's Worship and Fellowship Leaders

Reader: Peter Pedersen

Ushers: Jolene Manzey + Ramona Pumper

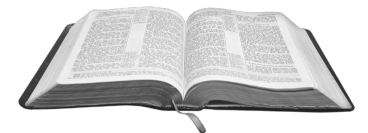
Hospitality: Joan Paulson + Mickey Brodin

Worship Band: Mary Kay Bougie, Megan DeMaris, Claire Hill, Peter Pedersen, Skip Wagner

Live Streaming: Dennis Kenison

## Would you like to follow along with today's readings?

For today's lesson  
and gospel texts,  
scan with your smart  
phone's camera:



### Thank you!

Thank you for all you do to serve Jesus here at St. Peter's. In addition to giving in worship, you may mail or drop off your offering, set up auto payment through Vanco or bill pay,  
or use the included QR code for Vanco.

*"If the only prayer you said was thank you,  
that would be enough."  
— Meister Eckhart*



## Kids' Corner

Continued

### What's the Difference?

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about deciding between good and bad. He uses plants as symbols for his story.

Solve the math problems to find out which plants Jesus calls good and which plants he calls bad.

#### GOOD:

$3 + 3$     $6 - 5$     $5 \times 2$     $2 + 3$     $8 - 4$

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#### BAD:

$10 - 4$     $9 + 1$     $12 - 2$     $4 \div 2$

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



#### KEY:

$A = 5$

$D = 2$

$E = 10$

$H = 1$

$T = 4$

$W = 6$



## Kids' Corner

Pentecost 8

- Today is the **eighth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The symbol for Pentecost on this page is a **tree by a road**.
- The tree helps us think about **growing** in faith.
- The road shows us that life with God is a **journey**.

### Hit the Road

In life, we travel toward our goals. What are your goals? Draw yourself on the road and write or draw about your goals in the spaces above the road. Remember that God is always with you on this journey.

