

LORDSTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 23, 2023
8th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00AM



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Worship Bulletin
Sunday, July 23, 2023
Lordstown Lutheran Church

Rev. Dougherty—Pastor
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We welcome you to worship with us this morning and we're glad you are here. May God bless our time together and may you feel renewed and refreshed as we celebrate God's unconditional love for the world. Thank you for joining us today and we hope you will return again soon.

Children's Sunday School meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays during worship, and Children's Service project on the 5th Sunday during the School year. As a courtesy the congregation does not stand during worship unless instructed to do so.

Today's Worship Theme

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.

Entering Into God's Presence

WELCOME

PRELUDE - A Quiet Time for Reflection

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

P: Amen

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

L: Merciful God,

**P: 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 is kept for reflection.

L: Righteous God,

**P: 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 is kept for reflection.

L: 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.

P: Amen

GATHERING HYMN Vs 1 & 3

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We Plow the Fields and Scatter

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain
All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together.

ALL: 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

Special Music

God's Word for Us Today

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8 LECTOR

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

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

LECTOR

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

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

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

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

15 But 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 on me; give your strength to your
servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

17 Show 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.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25 LECTOR

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit,
which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with
creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation
from bondage to death and decay.*

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live
according to the flesh—13 for 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. 14 For
all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For 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!” 16 it is that very Spirit bearing
witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and 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.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth
comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation
waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the
creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one
who subjected it, in hope 21 that 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. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in
labor pains until now; 23 and 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. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that
is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for
what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

The Holy Gospel According to St. Mathew

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; 25but 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!"

Praise to you O Christ

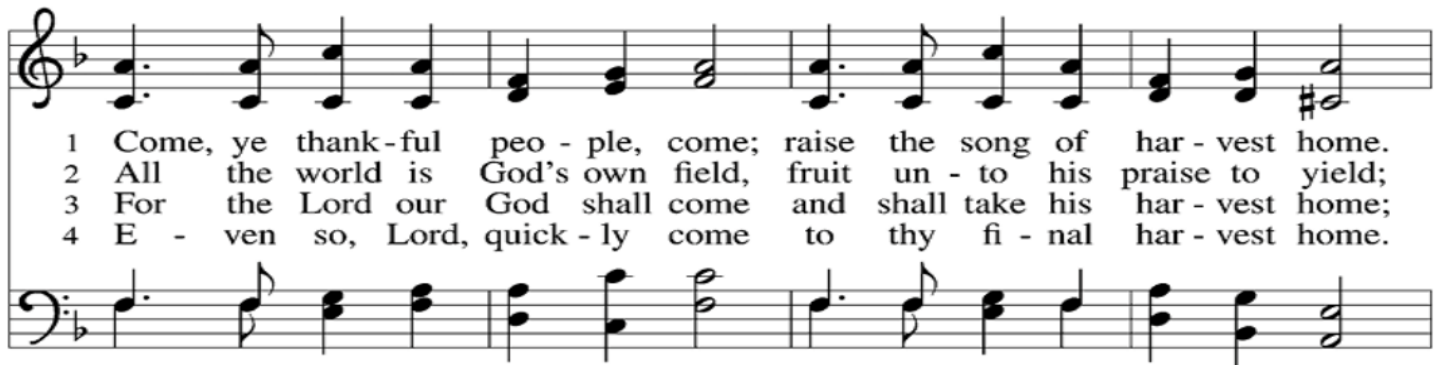
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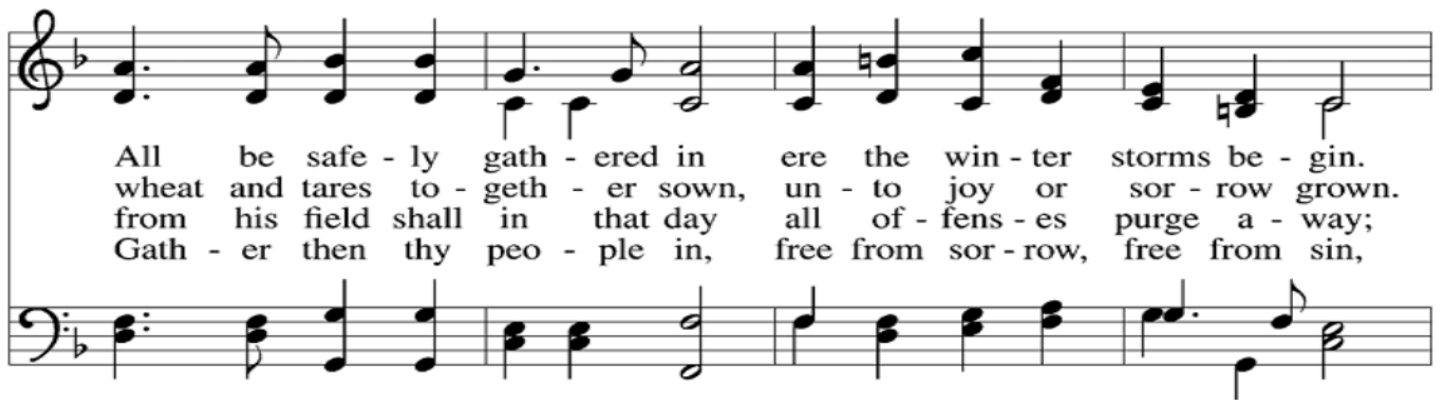
HYMN OF THE DAY Vs 1 & 4

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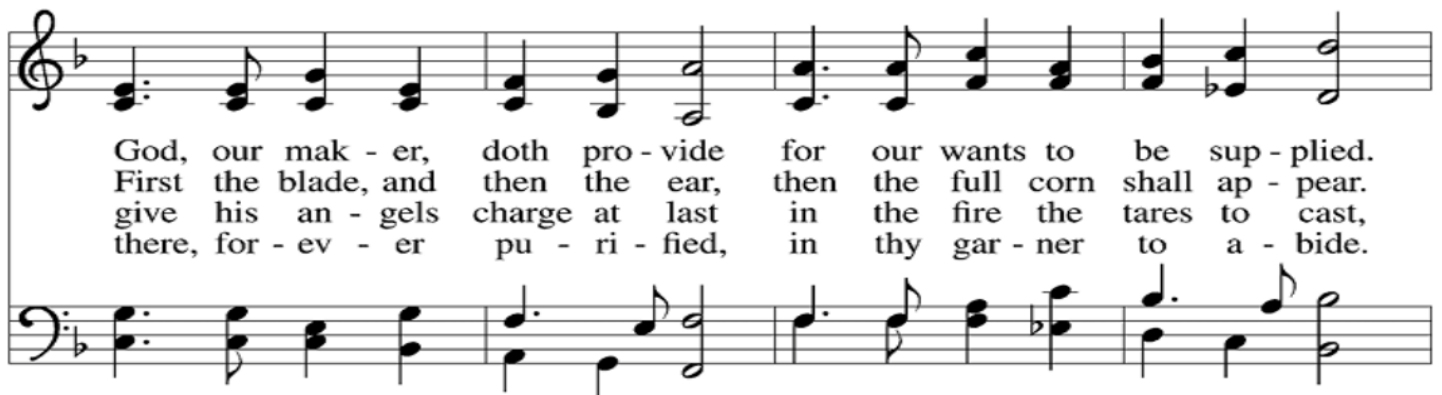
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



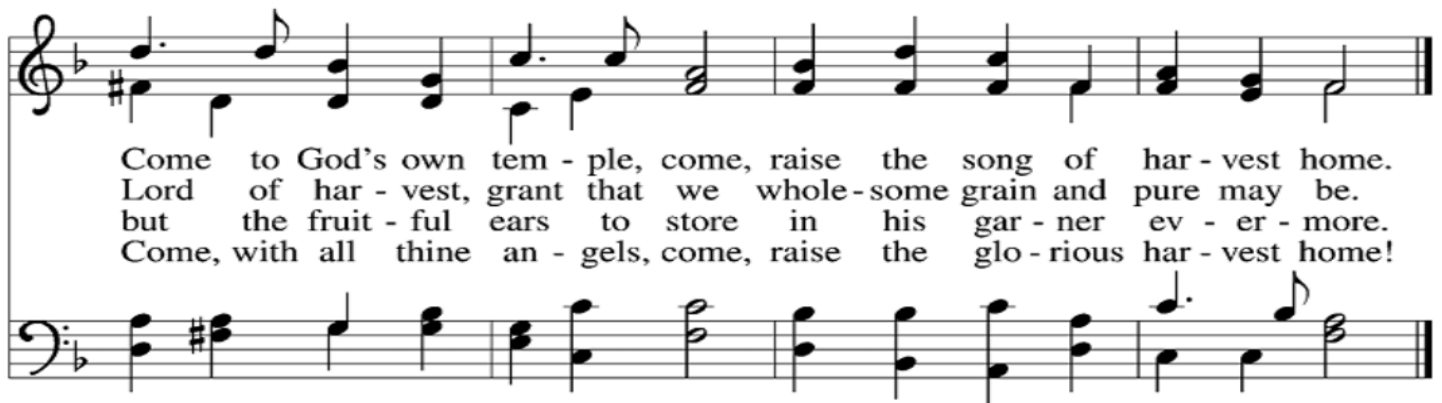
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Together We Say What We Believe

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**



We Offer Our Prayers and Thanksgiving

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the end of each intercessory prayer the Pastor says:
"Hear us, O God." and the people respond
"Your mercy is great."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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**

OFFERING SONG

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
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



*Offering Plates are Located by the doors to the Sanctuary or
You may mail your financial gifts to the church.*

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Going Forth to Serve

BLESSING

L: The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

AMEN

SENDING HYMN vs 1 & 4

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Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon

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no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
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no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!
1. 2. 3.

Coda after stanza 4
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

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

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Altar Flowers
Given by The Dorazio's
In Honor of our Lord's Love



PRAYER LIST & PASTORAL CONCERNS
Please keep our loved ones in your prayers this week

Immediate & Ongoing Health Concerns: Lucas Paxson, Ron Hill, Phyllis Housel, Jean Housel, Ted Paxson, Leo Divencenzo, Tiffany Fellows, Destiny Givens, Anna Strickland, JoAnn Leepard, Joe Harrison, Molly and Family, Mary Sabol, Mark Molnar, Laura Paxson, Rachael Ann.

Compassion Child: Marc Yvans.

Active Duty Military: Julian Krusely, Jason Layfield, Kiana Gates

Scout Troop 20 and its leaders

Our Monthly Mission Outreach and The Children of Lordstown Elementary School

World Peace: Especially for those living in the region of Ukraine and Russia.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 330 399-7227 OR
EMAIL US AT LTOWNLUTHERAN@YAHOO.COM TO NOTIFY US OF FRIENDS OR
RELATIVES WHO NEED TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

NEXT SUNDAY, Sunday, July 30, 2023
9th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm: Psalm 119:129-136
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39
Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52