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8th Sunday after Pentecost

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Matthew 13:31

**Please turn your radio to
FM 90.5**

Welcome

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW #793

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, open my lips

C: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

ALL: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew: 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

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³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"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.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And 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."

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Message

Music will be played after the message. You may hum along.

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing
and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

(we will add your prayer of thanks.)

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness
and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

(we will add your prayer.)

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with us always. **C: And also with you.**



Communion

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, (*please lift the body of Christ*) and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me. (*eat the body of Christ*)

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, (*please lift the blood of Christ*) gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me. (*drink the blood of Christ*)

Music will be played. You may hum along.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Postlude "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

ELW#771

Postlude "For the Fruit of Creation"

ELW # 679



We lift our prayers for

Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Lois Paulsen, Gene Hesselbacher, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, the Heimann family, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr., Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Kelly Thurman and Kyle, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Andersen, Brian Krug, Ben, Linnea, Sally R., and Lena Area Church Cooperative. Pray for love, peace, comfort and resurrection hope for the families and friends of Ellen Kyles.