As We Gather: Why must we endure the questions, the challenges, and the things that are not as they should be? The disciples long ago wondered about this too. Why are there weeds in God's field and what can be done about it? The seed was good, but God has enemies, and so do you. It is not given to us to resolve this until the Lord's time, when He will separate the weeds from the wheat. It is enough for us to know that God knows the hearts of people and that this tension will not endure. When Jesus comes in His glory, the angels will gather out of His kingdom all who do not belong. Then the righteous shall shine like the sun, so take heart, people of God.

## Order of Service Service of Prayer and Preaching LSB p.260

"O Worship the King" Piano/Organ Duet Audrey Solie & Kierstin Castillo

**Opening Versicles** 

**Old Testament Canticle** *LSB p.261* 

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 44:6–8* 

**Epistle Reading** *Romans* 8:18-27

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

Responsory

Catechism LSB p.264
Ten Commandments
Apostles' Creed
Lord's Prayer

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**Sermon "Taken for Granted"** *Text: The Holy Gospel* 

**Prayer** 

**Collect of the Day** *Proper 11 (Year A)* 

Collect for the Word

**Morning Prayer** 

**New Testament Canticle** *LSB p.266* 

**Blessing** 

Postlude



The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.... "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."