

8<sup>th</sup> **Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 23rd, 2023**  
**Order of Service: Matins**  
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**AS WE GATHER**

God’s plans are far beyond our understanding. Even His divine existence sends our minds reeling. No wonder that Jesus’ disciples, and we who follow them, cannot figure out why He lets His and our spiritual enemies live with us. But because we have been given faith by the Holy Spirit, and although we cannot understand God’s plans, in the death and resurrection of Christ, our Lord, we trust His divine wisdom. We have the firstfruits of the Spirit and know that the Spirit intercedes for us. Thus, even in the groans of our prayers, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. In sure hope, we wait for the day when we shall “shine like the sun” in our Father’s kingdom.

The  
righteous will  
shine like the  
sun in the  
kingdom of  
their Father.  
*Matthew*  
*13:43*

**Opening** *LSB 219*

**Psalmody** *LSB 220*

**Venite** *LSB 220*

**Opening Hymn: LSB #850 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

**Readings**

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

**New Testament Reading** *Romans 8:18–27*

**Responsory** *LSB 221*

**Hymn of the Day: LSB #845 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”**

**Sermon: Rev. John Kreutzwieser**  
**Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43**

**Canticle**

**Te Deum** *LSB 223*

**Offering**

**Kyrie** *LSB 227*

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Collect for Grace**

**Hymn: LSB #842 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”**

**Collect of the Day**

**Benedicamus** *LSB 228*

**Benediction** *LSB 228*

**Closing Hymn: LSB #848 “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”**

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