

**Serving today July 23rd, 2023
Time after Pentecost
Holy Communion**

Presiding Minister: *Rev. Bart Coleman*

Assisting Minister:

Reader:

Organist: *Sheila Brown*

Altar Preparations: *Claudia Brema & Merle Nielsen*

Usher: *Jerry Marr*

GATHERING

Gathering hymn **756**
Greeting
Song of Praise "Morning Has Broken" ELW 556
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm 86:11-17 **Bold spoken by all**

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 for evermore.

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 seek my life;

They have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
And the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
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 favour,

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

Hymn ELW #509 "God's Word is Our Great Heritage"

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **516**

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer

**Merciful God, as scattered grains are gathered together to
become one bread, so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. For yours is the
glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving.....page 206

"Holy, Holy".....page 207

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer.....page 208

"Lamb of God".....page 208

Distribution of Communion

Hymn during Communion **465**