



*We are so grateful you have joined us today as we come together to worship God.
Although we aren't together physically, we are still the church together.*
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Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude	
Opening Song	ELW Hymnal #853
"When Morning Gilds the Skies"	
Welcome and Prayer of the Day	
Children's Message	Pastor Scott Fielder
Reading: Romans 8:12-25	Pastor Scott Fielder
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 and creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.	
Gospel Acclamation	
"Alleluia"	
Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	
Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence 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.	
Sermon	Pastor Craig Beeker
"Extravagant Mercy"	
Hymn of the Day	
"Hymn of Promise"	by Natalie Sleeth
Video Greeting	
Lutheran Retreats Camps & Conferences	
Prayers for all people	
Lord's Prayer	
Benediction and Dismissal	
Closing Song	
"For the Fruit of All Creation"	ELW Hymnal #679
Postlude	

Participants in Today's Worship

Rev. Craig R. Beeker Deacon Lynn Bulock Rev. Scott Fielder	Aleta Braxton, Choir Director David Cohen, Pianist
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