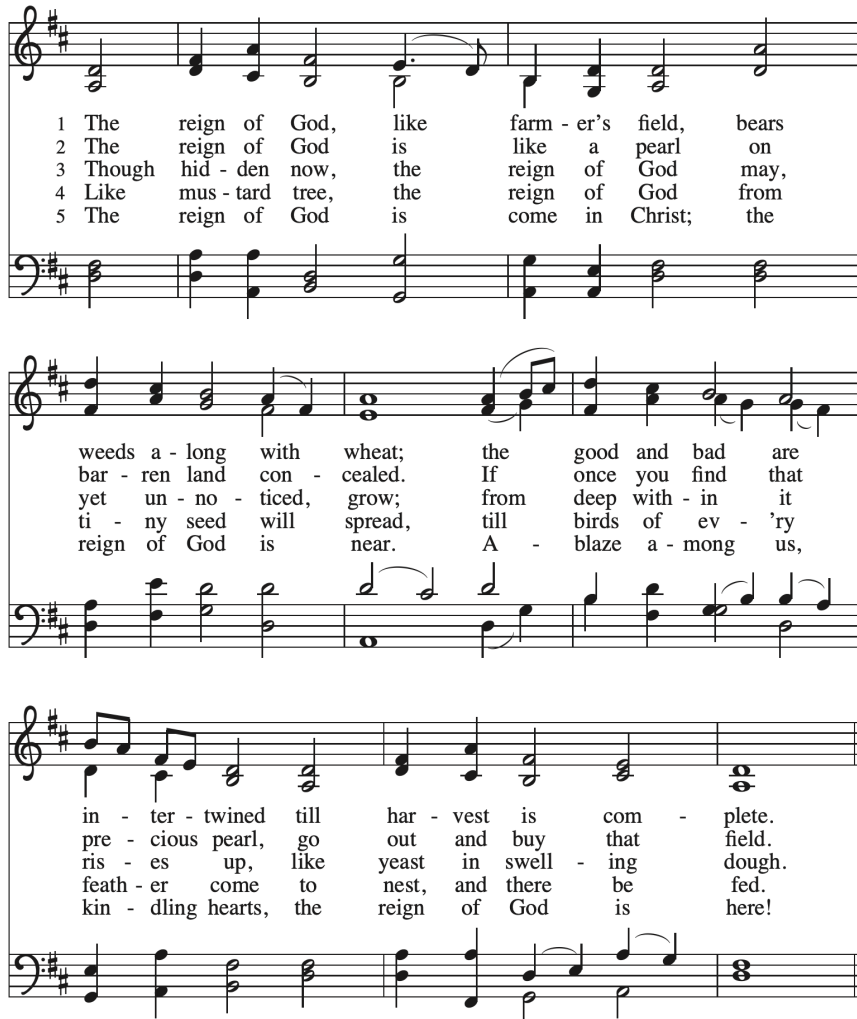


The Reign of God Like Farmer's Field



1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
 2 The reign of God is like a pearl on
 3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
 4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
 5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the

weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
 bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
 yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
 ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry
 reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,

in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
 pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
 ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.
 feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.
 kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816; arr. *With One Voice*, 1995

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7.19.26

ORDER OF SERVICE-ELW SETTING 4 WITH COMMUNION

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance book either in your pew or in the back of the church. If you are a member, take a minute to notice people you don't know and welcome them to worship. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number.

*Please stand if you are able

*INVOCATION

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS.....ELW PG. 94

*GATHERING HYMN.#.....#689 ELW "Praise & Thanksgiving"

*GREETING AND KYRIE.....ELW PG.147

CANTICLE OF PRAISE.....ELW PG.149 "*This is the feast.....*"

*SALUTATION

*PRAYER OF THE DAY.....See Insert

FIRST READING.....Isaiah 44:6-8

PSALM.....Psalm 86:11-17

SECOND READING.....Romans 8:12-25

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.....ELW PG.151

*GOSPEL.....Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON.....Pastor Jeff Geiger

*HYMN OF THE DAY:.....#952 ACS "*The Reign of God*" (back page)

*APOSTLE'S CREED.....ELW Pg 127

*PRAYERS.....Respond with "*Hear Our Prayer*"

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/*OFFERTORY..... #184 ELW "*Let the vineyards*"

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH- 703 BROADWAY, EMMETSBURG
 LOST ISLAND LUTHERAN- 3797 310TH ST, RUTHVEN

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS
 LOST ISLAND- 8:45AM BETHANY-10:30AM

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: Merciful Father, *we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*GREAT THANKSGIVING.....ELW PG. 152

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYERELW PG. 154

HOLY COMMUNION.....ELW PG. 154 "*Lamb Of God*"....

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

Lost Island & Bethany #471 ELW "*Let Us Break Bread Together*"

*POST-COMMUNION.....#207 ELW..... "*Thankful Hearts...*"

*PRAYER & BENEDICTION.....ELW PG. 155

*SENDING HYMN.....#694 ELW "*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*"

*DISMISSAL.....Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all who are baptized to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. We ask that you believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine and that you desire the benefits He offers. If you would like to come forward for a blessing and not receive Holy Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate to the usher and we will serve you at the pew.

The yellow colored cup is grape juice.

Gluten free wafers are also available.



PRAYERS

For Carol Walker, Jay Hember, Linda Twait, Ryker Stone, Hailey Koenig, Justin Reinart, Mike Schipull, Paul Bedard, Korbin Johnson, Doug Ort, Jeff Duhn, Wilma Nielsen, Nolyn Johnson, Omundson Family, David Stephens, Rick Rienhardt, Bridget Johnson, and those we name in our hearts.

*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany.

*Our Military Member: Alex Meyer.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday—July 20

9 am Quilting

5 pm Quilting

Thursday—July 23

Last day for Newsletter articles

Sunday—July 26—Pastor Jeff Geiger

8:45 am Church at Lost Island

10:15 am SS at Lost Island

10:30 am Church at Bethany

VOLUNTEERS

TODAY, JULY 19—Pastor Jeff Geiger

LOST ISLAND

BETHANY

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen.....Tim Nielsen

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Leininger, Connie Reinhart.....Jess Thoren

READER: Tim Nielsen.....Darca Saxton

COMM ASSIST: ??????????.....Joel & Josie Saxton

Darca & Nick Saxton

GREETER: Greg & Rachel Haack

USHERS: Chuck Noble, Terry Rouse

NEXT WEEK, JULY 26—Pastor Jeff Geiger

LOST ISLAND

BETHANY

ORGANIST: Tim Nielsen.....**PIANIST:** Serena Lace

ALTAR GUILD: Karyn Leininger, Connie Reinhart.....Jess Thoren

READER: Bethany Geiger.....Diane Clasing-Steger

USHERS:Dave Sidles, Bob Steger

GREETERS:.....Prabhakaran Family

Angie Hetrick