
≈ EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ≈

ORDER OF WORSHIP • JULY 19, 2026 • 9:00 AM

✝ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✝ GATHERING HYMN HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING
LBW #523

✝ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✝ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Trusting in God's compassion, let us confess our sin before the One God, the source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, and bringer of peace to the ends of the earth.

Silence for reflection

WL: Loving God,

All: **you free us to love others,**

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

WL: Beloved children of God, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. Go now in faith, walking the Way of Jesus, renewed to live as servants who boldly share the love of Christ with all.

All: **Amen.**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD
LBW #534, STANZAS 1 & 3

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 44:6-8

R: Our first lesson on this Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 44th chapter of Isaiah.

"This is what the Lord says—

Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty:

I am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.

Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me
what has happened since I established my ancient people,
and what is yet to come—
yes, let them foretell what will come.

Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?
No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

PSALM 119:57-64

R: The Second lesson is from the 119th Psalm, beginning at the 57th verse.

You are my portion, Lord;
I have promised to obey your words.
I have sought your face with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
I have considered my ways
and have turned my steps to your statutes.
I will hasten and not delay
to obey your commands.
Though the wicked bind me with ropes,
I will not forget your law.
At midnight I rise to give you thanks
for your righteous laws.
I am a friend to all who fear you,
to all who follow your precepts.
The earth is filled with your love, Lord;
teach me your decrees.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ VERSE

ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

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HOLY GOSPEL

MATT. 13:24-30, 36-43

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

"'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

"'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

ERIC GERKEN

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION
LBW #563, TUNE: AR HYD Y NOS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WL: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✠ SANCTUS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name;

Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN I COME, O SAVIOR, TO YOUR TABLE

LBW #213

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Loving God, in this holy meal you have given us the gift of yourself. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

✠ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN

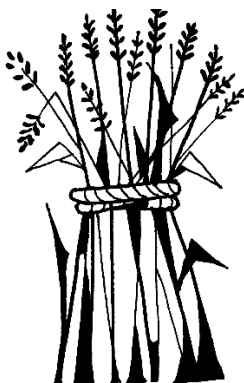
SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST
LBW #412

✠ DISMISSAL

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY



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