

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by the Faith Singers – “Lord, I Need You,” by Matt Maher

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

- 1 **Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2 **We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3 **Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
- 4 **Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

**Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: Loving God, you created us for community – community with you and with one another. By your Holy Spirit, connect us to you and open our eyes to see the connections we have with one another.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

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

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise: "People of Hope"

(piano)

*Refrain: We are people of hope alive in the myst'ry, growing in faith, learning to love.
We are people of hope throughout all of hist'ry, held by the one who will never let go.*

1. **We are dead in our striving for wealth and for might,
But God rich in mercy has loved us to life. Refrain**

2. **We are what God has made us, created in Christ,
For justice and mercy to be our way of life. Refrain**

In the journey ev'ry day we're led by the Word, saved by grace. Refrain

WORD

Reading: Genesis 2:18-23

Reader: Monica Proefrock

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the

field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Reading: Romans 12:3-5

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 14:16-18, 25-27

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song – “You Are Mine” ELW 581

(piano)

1. **I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, Be still and know I am here.**

2. **I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.**

*Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me. I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*

3. **I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, The lame will all run free, And all will know my name.**

(Refrain)

4. **I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, Embracing all your pain, Stand up, now walk, and live!**

(Refrain)

Sermon: “God Provides Community and Helpers”

Song of the Day – “We Are Called” ELW 720

(piano)

1. **Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

2. **Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more.**

Refrain

3. **Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.**

Refrain

**The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

Sandi Watts, organ

—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God through the use of our time, talents, and finances—

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.

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.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Lord's Prayer*

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.

Communion Songs

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds” ELW 656 (organ)

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**
- 2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**
- 3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**
- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

“Companions on the Journey” (piano)

***Refrain: We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life;
and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God,
we believe in the love of our God.***

- 1. No longer strangers to each other; no longer strangers in God's house;
we are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care,
by the strength of those who care. *Refrain***
- 2. We have been gifted with each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord:
to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God,
to walk humbly with our God. *Refrain***
- 4. We are made for the glory of our God, for service in the name of Jesus;
to walk side by side with hope in our hearts, for we believe in the love of our God,
we believe in the love of our God. *Refrain***

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” ELW 774 (organ)*

- 1 **What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Refrain Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

- 2 **Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

- 3 **What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The altar plants are donated today in celebration of Hallie & Liddy's birthdays

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, July 19, 9:30am: Indoor Worship **Newsletter Deadline**

Wednesday, July 22, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Sunday, July 26, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship **Friends from Faith**
10:45am: Lunch & VBS

Wednesday, July 29, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Summer Worship Schedule

We are alternating between outdoor and indoor worship services through the summer with one blended service each Sunday. Magnets with the summer schedule are available to help keep us all on track. **We will be outdoors on July 26 and indoors again on August 2.** As always, outdoor services will move indoors in poor weather, and we have solid-surface seating available on the parking lot and air-conditioned seating indoors in the Justice Room.

Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2–7)

gathers each Sunday after the Children's Sermon (when we are inside) and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion. There are coloring pages available for outside services.

Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

We are purchasing flowers and plants for the altar that will then be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to donate a plant, the cost is \$15, and you can sign up at the podium in the Gathering Area.

Vacation Bible School - "At the Table"

We are using a curriculum from ELCA World Hunger called "At the Table," hearing stories of children around the world and how God is providing our daily bread. VBS will meet on Sundays after church (7/26 and 8/9). We begin with a lunch at 10:45 for children and parents. At 11:30, we will meet in the sanctuary for an opening, then parents are invited to meet in the Justice Room for discussion and fellowship as the children go to their classes. We will conclude with a closing in the sanctuary at 1:30. **Please sign your children up using the QR code on the postcard at the Coffee Sales counter, or use this link to access the online form** (<https://forms.gle/Sov8VnSm6SpFWafk9>), **or use the Sign-Up sheet on the counter.**

Praying the Catechism

Luther encouraged utilizing the Small Catechism as a prayer partner. To assist, we are making copies of Luther's Small Catechism available to all. At the table below the Working Cross, you can find small pamphlets (suggested donation \$5) and larger study editions (suggested donation \$15). If you can't pay, you may take one for free. If you can pay extra, cover the cost for someone else.

Praying with the Psalms

The psalms are beautiful examples of prayer that can help give us voice in our prayers. To assist, we are making copies of *Praying with the Psalms* available (suggested donation \$10). These are also on the table under the Working Cross in the Gathering Area. Written

by Eugene Peterson (author of *The Message*), it provides a year of daily prayers and reflections on the psalms.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper

is taking a Summer break but will resume in the Fall.

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library**. We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin.

VBS Sunday August 16

Come hear what the kids have been learning all summer at their Vacation Bible School sessions as we join them in music, storytelling, and maybe even a visit from Sandi the Seagull! “At the Table” is a VBS program designed by ELCA World Hunger to help our kids understand the challenges other children face around the globe, and how we can help when we work together as the church. To join in this work, we will be taking a collection for ELCA World Hunger, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that works in over 60 countries, collaborating with congregations, international Lutheran churches, and various partners to address the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Youth Sunday August 30

Come hear what our youth have been up to this summer. They’ve been on mission trips and camps from Gulf Shores, Alabama to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, and lots of places in between. While the scenery has been very different, one thing has remained constant... God’s faithfulness. Our youth will tell stories of where they experienced God and served as God’s hands and feet. We will take a collection to support future youth mission trips, camps, and our efforts to hire a Children, Family, and Youth Coordinator to help grow this important ministry.