

Worship
Eighth Sunday in Pentecost
July 12, 2026
9:00am



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

L. Welcome in the name of the holy Trinity, one God whose mercy endures forever.

C. **Amen.**

SONG *"Praise and Thanksgiving"*

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L. Let us confess our sin to God, trusting in God's unfailing compassion.

Silence for reflection

L. Compassionate God,

C. **we confess to you all our sins.**

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

L. Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *"What a Beautiful Name it is"*

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in you, our Christ. What a beautiful name it is. What a beautiful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ my king. What a beautiful name it is. Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is. The name of Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, is with you all.

C. And also with you.

L. Let us pray together,

C. 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. Amen.

(Those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

BIBLE READING Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

"The servants of the landowner came and said to him, 'Master, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?' "An enemy has done this,' he answered. "The servants said to him, 'Do you want us to go and gather them?'

"But the landowner said, 'No, because if you gather the weeds, you'll pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvesttime I'll say to the harvesters, "First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn.'"

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

Jesus replied, "The one who plants the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world. And the good seeds are the followers of the kingdom. But the weeds are the followers of the evil one. The enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the present age. The harvesters are the angels. Just as people gather weeds and burn them in the fire, so it will be at the end of the present age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that cause people to fall away and all people who sin. He will throw them into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. Those who have ears should hear."

L. The Word of the Lord,

C. Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG *"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 THE PEOPLE

You are invited to sing the prayer song before and after the prayer petitions

**The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express oh, oh, oh.
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OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERING SONG

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE 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 DISTRIBUTION

Special Music

SONG *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

L. Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
 one God,
 bless, heal, and hold you
 today and always.

C. **Amen.**

SONG *"As the Grains of Wheat"*

Refrain: **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of the ' earth be gathered into one in you.**

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

SENDING

L. Hope is alive.
 Go and share the Good News.

C. **We will! Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Members

Bobbie Radi, knee injury

Cole Steele, testing for kidney transplant/dialysis

Randy Sell, cancer

Jodi Sonnichson, hospitalized

Josh Karels, recovering in hospital after liver transplant

Shirley Botten, transitional care

Family and Friends grieving the death of Scott Portz

Family and Friends grieving the death of Kori Heil, daughter of Joyce & Larry Vogt