

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Announcements, silent meditation, personal confession

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

ELW #10

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

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.

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

And also with you.

P. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, and God raised him up from death that we too might walk in the newness of life. Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C. Amen

P. Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are those whose sin the Lord will never count against them.

GATHERING HYMN

“This is My Father’s World”

ELW #824 (Attached)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 44:6-9

⁶ “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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

PSALM 119:57-64

⁵⁷ You are my portion, Lord; I have promised to obey your words.

⁵⁸ **I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.**

⁵⁹ I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes.

⁶⁰ **I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.**

⁶¹ Though the wicked bind me with ropes, I will not forget your law.

⁶² **At midnight I rise to give you thanks for your righteous laws.**

⁶³ I am a friend to all who fear you, to all who follow your precepts.

⁶⁴ **The earth is filled with your love, Lord; teach me your decrees.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that^[a] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. ²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 13
Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ “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?’ ²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ ²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ 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.’”

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Proper Maintenance”

Pr. Andrew Young

HYMN OF THE DAY

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

ELW #879 (Attached)

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

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.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The peace of Christ be with you always
And also with you.

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***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

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

All who believe in the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come to the Lord's table. (Grape juice is on outside rim of serving tray. Bread is gluten free.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***BLESSING**

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. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

“O What Has Now Been Sown”

ELW #550 (Attached)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastor: Andrew Young

Piano:	Connie Holton
Greeters:	Kelsey Stevens & Heather Geiger
Refreshments:	Bill & Debby Young
Reader:	Heather Geiger
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf
Council:	Debbie Porter/Jinx Sorensen/Nick Sorensen/Fred Haas
Altar Guild:	Sandy Speerstra/Kris Bell/Karlene Swenson

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Continued prayers for Jerry & Karlene's 2-month-old great nephew....at Stanford Medical Center on dialysis for liver failure. Pray that the medical team can determine the cause.

Elaine Gliko, sister-in-law of Jinx & Becky.....for resolution regarding her medical needs.

For the Streich family.....Vickie has been transferred to a rehab facility in Townsend. Visitors welcome!

From Annie K.: Prayers for her parents....for her stepdad who fell and is now paralyzed from the waist down, and for her Mom who is now the caretaker. Please pray for strength and healing.

Mary Gregory, cousin of Becky Murray and Jinx Sorensen.....diagnosed with lung cancer & has started chemo treatments.

Jen Andres continues with cancer treatment. Pray for strength for her whole family!

Prayers for Diane Oddy's sister-in-law, LuAnn, as she has been moved to a long term care facility. Her ALS is quickly advancing.

Dee Feddes's friend Megan continues her battle with ALS.

Kane Tandy – ongoing medical issues.

Jodi Robbins has started a new treatment plan, due to the recurrence of her cancer.

Diane Oddy health issues.

Erin Waynes parents Bob & Judy Ficke, cancer treatment. Prayers for their medical team and recovery.

Dwain and Olive Lavinder, dealing with cancer.

Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.

Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer.

Prayers of Thanks and Praise

Nicole Grabinski Nygren's biopsy came back negative. Praise God!

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya