

8h Sunday after Pentecost — July 19, 2026

Prelude

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word,

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Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

WOV Pg. 10

L: The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

P: Amen

L: 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 and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage 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

L: 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 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.

P: Amen

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

Dearest Jesus, At Your Word

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Apostolic Greeting

WOV Pg. 28

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

P: And also with you

Gloria

WOV Pg. 29

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you

People: And also, with you

L: 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.

People: Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god.⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God!



Psalm 86:11-17 *chanted responsively*

¹¹ *Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk ¹ in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- ¹ vere your name.*

¹² ***I will thank you, O Lord my God, with ¹ all my heart,
and glorify your name for- ¹ evermore.***

¹³ *For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.*

¹⁴ ***The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.***

¹⁵ *But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.*

¹⁶ ***Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.***

¹⁷ *Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to
shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.*

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

WOV Pg. 31

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

L: Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 13th Chapter. P: Glory to you, O Lord

⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has

done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let them hear.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

L: Trusting in the promises of Christ at the last harvest, we boldly intercede for our neighbors in all their needs.

AM: For the full expanse of the Christian Church, the Body of Christ in the world, that the weeds of wickedness and sin not stunt our growth and fruitfulness. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: For the those who wield power in our world, that they may use their influence to protect all people, especially the youngest and weakest, from the dangers and harm that threaten them, Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: For our verdant planet, that we may tend it well for the sake of ourselves and our posterity, Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: With gratitude for those who came before us, those who occupied this land, and those who built this church, that we may treat both as holy treasures to be appreciated and sustained, Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: For any needs you lift now in speech or in silence..... Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

L: For all these, and all else we need, most compassionate God, we trust in you. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Amen

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The offering is received

Anthem

Call to Praise

Arr. Robert Sterling

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Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation! O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near. Join me in glad adoration! Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the Amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him! Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the Amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him! Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord!

Offertory Hymn

WOV Pg. 35

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving – WOV Pg. 36-40

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is chanted

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

Agnus Dei

WOV Pg. 39

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand-up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott	Kari Machowski	Justin Wade & Family	Our Nursing Home Members
Casaundra Abeling	Charlotte Madia	Eveyln Walters	
Roberta Alteri	Audrey Marquard	Sue Watkins	Dee Gammon
Ben, Sheryl & Nic Ahrens	Abigail Marine	James Weber	Midge Rosenbeck
Michelle Ahrens	Eric Marine	Kim Weissman	Mae Fay
Coni Aparo	Richard Marine	Diane Wright	Francine Aherns
Charlie Blakeslee	Janis Martin	Bruce Yauney	Betty Hilton
Kathy Ann Campbell	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Clayton Young	Walter Joray
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Michael Meyers	Clarence & Priscilla	
Vinni Carey	Brigitte Mueller	Ed	
Our Military Friends			
Carol Cianciolo	Bob Murphy	Jen O.	Lord Jesus, Savior of the World
Emma Cortina	Barbara Nalette	Jaiden	and King of Peace, watch over
Emily Decker	Karen Ness	Steve	our sons and daughters in the
Irene Douglas	Tom O'Brien	Lou W.	service of their Country. Protect
Judy Elliott	Karen Pagano	Todd	them from the physical and
			moral dangers. Keep them
Diane Engle	Maria Payne	Robert K.	close to you and help them live
Jan Eucalitto	Melissa Pilbin	Terry	the commandments. Lord, Jesus
Weston Faith	Lisa & Dennis Polzun	Hagbard	give them courage to serve
Amy Falls	Ed & Susan Regner	Peanut	their country with honor and
Bruce & Liz Falls	Baerbel Roehl	Diane L.	dignity. Be with them when they

			are in danger; strengthen them
Rosemarie Foth	Patricia & Richard Sawitzke	Holly L.	when they face hardship. Above
			All Lord, grant that when their
Steven Fosbrook	Vincent Scarozzo	Lincoln & Sarah	service is finished that they may
Bob Frantz	Jean Schlapfer	Michelle	return to us, sound in mind, body
Christine & Fran Gaffney	Sarah Seelye	Marci	and soul. Amen.
Danise Hall	Paul Smith	Kyle W.	Tyler Quinn
Renate Higgins	Sigrid Smitley		Eric Beuis
Kathleen Hilton	Lori Sola	Ethan & his Marine Unit	Major Zachary Fulton Brandan Holbrook
Shannon Hilton	Deb & Jon Sterling	Jonathan E & his Army Unit	Jonathan Connell Tom Gregg, Fr.
Shaelynn Holmgren	Tom Sterling Sr.	Stefan Nikola J.	Eric Bremer
Bob Hauser	Ruth Ann Stone	Janet	Peter Hutchinson
Rusty Judd	Patricia Switzer	Wendy Fedor	
Brian Kiernan	Diane Tanner	Laurie Otis	Dominic Boscarino
Marge Kiernan	Gloria Thibault	Jackie Fleming	Noah Braatz
Marilyn Killingbeck	Nancy Underwood	John Fleming	Christian Braatz
John Lewis	The Videtto Family	Mae Johnson	Aiden Avenia
David Little	Lucille Videtto		Ben Speaker
Rebecca Little	Carol Vrlík		Noah Roy

Around the Church

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Blood Drive	7/20	1-6 pm
Toastmasters	7/22	7:00 pm
Gerri Seitz Funeral	7/25	1:00 pm
Evangelism Meeting	7/26	11:00 am
Blood Drive	7/30	1-6 pm
Finance Committee	8/5	6:00 pm
Property Committee	8/6	7:00 pm

Tuesdays

New Tai Chi class 10-11:30am \$12

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

Wednesdays

Members Tai Chi 11:00 am

Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290.00
Received	\$3,080.00
Shortfall	\$3,210.00
YTD shortfall	(\$)

Special need - one of our families needs significant help following the storm and some medical issues. Please consider offering some gift cards which are available in the narthex.

Minimalist bulletin

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The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady

Music Director Marcia Newcome

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- VBS is cancelled for this summer.
- Christmas Eve survey please fill it out if you have not already.
- Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.
- Looking ahead, we'll be taking a large group picture of you all on September 20, Rally Day, for use in publicity. Anyone who does not want to be in the picture will be able to exit first.
- Anyone wishing to share a testimony, request for prayer, inspirational moment, please raise your hand at this time.