

9th Sunday after Pentecost — July 26, 2026

Prelude

Prelude on Slane

arr. by Craig Phillips

Tune: Slane, an Irish melody

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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

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

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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

P: And also, with you

L: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P: Amen

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you." Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **P: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 119-129-136 *chanted responsively*

¹²⁹ Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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.

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

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

You Are the Way

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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: Confident that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, we are bold to raise our intercessions for our neighbors.

AM: For the whole Church, the faithful, baptized people of God that the mission to share the Good News of the Gospel may always be our focus and call, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the nations of the world, all our human family, God's handiwork, that peace, justice, and deep mutual concern may create a bond of fellowship that transcends all divisions, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the natural world, our common home, that as a unified human race we may commit to its preservation and sustainability, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For all children, especially those whose lives are filled with fear, trauma, or violence, that good adults may become their refuge, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For all who are victims of the massive fires and floods across North America, that they may be supported in their recovery, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

L: For any other needs you now lift in silence or in speech,.....Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

L: For God's ongoing care for all our needs, we lift our prayers. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**
Amen

Peace

L: 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

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Arr. Timothy C. Evans

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Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. Let not your heart be troubled; be not troubled, his tender

word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; Though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me, watches me. Whenever I am tempted, tempted, whenever clouds arise, when songs give a place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw me closer to Jesus, from care he sets me free; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eyes on the sparrow, and I know, I know, and I know he watches me. He watches me.

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.

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: And also with you.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

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.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music *If You but Trust in God to Guide You* arr. by John Carter

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Jesus, Priceless Treasure

arr. by John Carter

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Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

WOV Pg. 41

L: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

P: Amen

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Dismissal

WOV Pg. 41

AM: Assisting Minister: Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

P: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. by Stephen P. Folkemer

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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

	Andi Craig	Judy Elliott	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 Scarrozzo		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	Rowan	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	Ryan English	Ben Speaker
Rebecca Little	Carol Vrlik	Ethan Troy Danner	Noah Roy
Pam Ewing			

Around the Church

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Evangelism Meeting	7/26	11:00 am
Contemporary Music Reh.	7/29	7:00 pm
Blood Drive	7/30	1-6 pm
Finance Committee	8/5	6:00 pm
Property Committee	8/6	7:00 pm
Community Soup Kitchen	8/9	
Next Concert		
Blue Rhythm Band, Sat. Aug. 29 th – 5:30-7 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
Received	\$3,549
Shortfall	\$2,741
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.

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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.