



## **EVERYDAY DISCIPLES**

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

Romans 8:18-19

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 19, 2026**

**SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!**

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY** The good Seed, which is *“the Son of Man,”* Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in *“the sons of the kingdom”* (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the LORD is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets *“both grow together until the harvest”* (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, *“fear not, nor be afraid”* (Is. 44:8). For *“the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God”* (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, *“the Spirit helps us in our weakness”* (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, *“the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us”* (Rom. 8:18). If you are our guest, we pray that you find the Spirit of God alive and moving in our congregation. We rejoice that you joined us in that Spirit today. Please come again!

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## **CONNECTION CARD READING OR MEMORY WORK:**

Read: Romans 8: 18 - 27 and/or Memorize: Romans 8: 18 - 19

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# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19<sup>th</sup>, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

✠ Preparation ✠

## Welcome and Connection Cards

*Stand*

## Opening Hymn - LSB 915 - Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–78, alt.

Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857

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*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

**L/P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**L/P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**L/P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

*Saturday:*

**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. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our LORD Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

*Sunday:*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6*

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your Name.

I give thanks to you, O LORD my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your Name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men  
seek my life,

and they do not set you before them.

But you, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.

### Kyrie

*LSB 285*

**L/P** O LORD,  
**C** have mercy.

**L/P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L/P** O LORD,  
**C** have mercy.

## This Is the Feast

LSB 171



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**L/P** The LORD be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L/P** Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

*Sit*

*(Sunday only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to meet Cathie Geske in the Gathering Space.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 44:6–8*

<sup>6</sup>Thus 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.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.  
Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
And you are my witnesses!  
Is there a God besides me?  
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 119:57–64; antiphon: v. 89*

ה HETH\*

\*ה ‘Heth’ (khāyt) is the eighth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The letter is associated with the concept of “fence” or “enclosure,” symbolizing protection and definition. Psalm 119 is an acrostic poem where each line of each stanza begins with the same letter, and each stanza (letter) praises God for His law (Torah) and His word. The Psalm for today is the “H” section.

<sup>57</sup>The LORD is my portion;  
I promise to keep your words.  
<sup>58</sup>I entreat your favor with all my heart;  
be gracious to me according to your promise.  
<sup>59</sup>When I think on my ways,  
I turn my feet to your testimonies;  
<sup>60</sup>I hasten and do not delay

to keep your commandments.  
<sup>61</sup>Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,  
I do not forget your law.  
<sup>62</sup>At midnight I rise to praise you,  
because of your just and righteous decrees.  
<sup>63</sup>I am a companion of all who fear you,  
of those who keep your precepts.  
<sup>64</sup>The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;  
teach me your statutes!

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 8:18–27*

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

**[L]/[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who

sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

**L/P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.



*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day - LSB 563 - Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5. When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93

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## Sermon

*"Re-Creation"*

*Romans 8:18-27*

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one LORD Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures**

and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the LORD and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Pax Domini

LSB 180

**L/P** The peace of the LORD be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

*The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*(Sunday only) Please wave to all the worshipers online!*

*Sit*

## Connection Cards

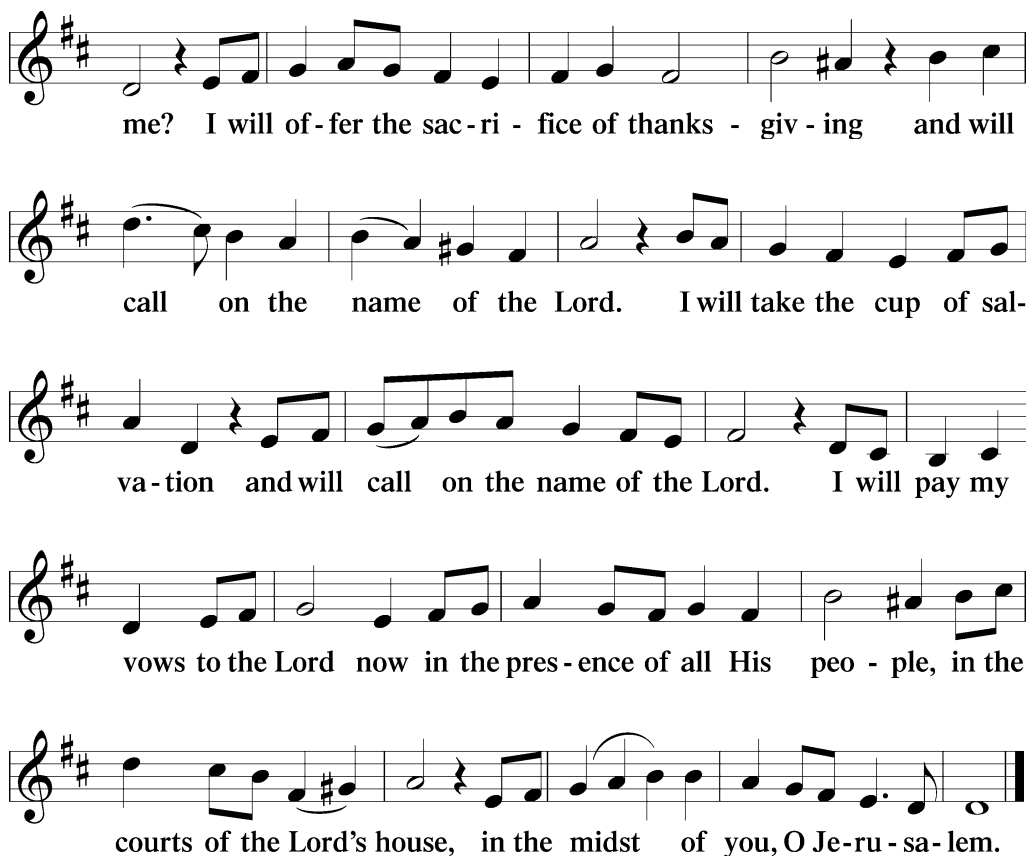
*Stand*

### Offering and Offertory

LSB 176



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

*As Lutheran Christians we understand that the body and blood of Jesus is present in, with, and under the bread and wine. St. Paul exhorts in 1 Corinthians 11(:27-32) that we ought to examine ourselves and recognize the body and blood of Christ in this sacrament. We welcome all to the LORD's Table who are baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and wish to participate with this understanding.*

*Stand*

### Preface

*LSB ???*

**[L]/[P]** The LORD be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L/P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the LORD.

**L/P** Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**L/P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy LORD, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our LORD, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

*LSB 178*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



*Saturday only:*

- L** These elements have been consecrated by Pastor Geske on this altar. We are reminded of the actions and the words of Jesus:

## The Words of Our LORD

- L/P** Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Proclamation of Christ

- L/P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the LORD’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, LORD Jesus.**

- L/P** O LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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

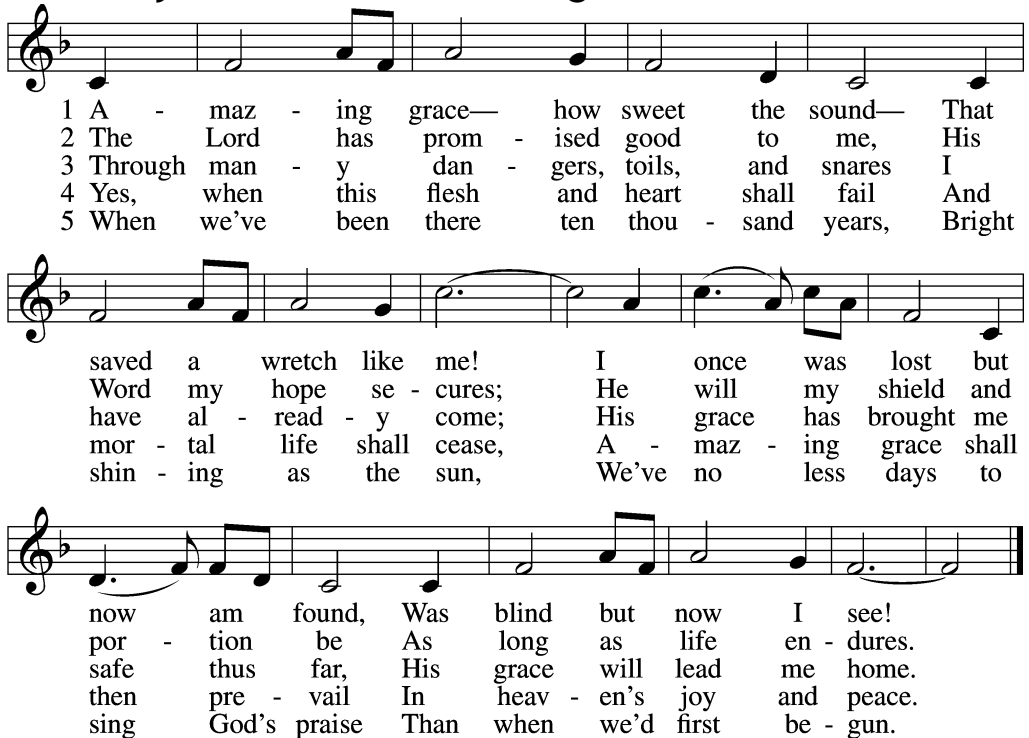
LSB 180

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The leader or pastor and those who assist them receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*

## Distribution Hymn - LSB 744 - Amazing Grace

sts. 1–5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1–4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond

Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati

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## Distribution Hymn - LSB 748 - I'm But a Stranger Here



1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;  
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;  
 3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.  
 Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;  
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;  
And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.  
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.  
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807–35  
Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900  
Text and tune: Public domain

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 182*



 Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Benediction

**[L]/[P]** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**[C]** Amen.

*Sit*

## Announcements

*Stand*

## Closing Hymn - LSB 813 - Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give  
2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the  
4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner  
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy  
saints on earth Pour out the strains of  
chant and song, Through gate and porch and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.  
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.  
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.



5. Still lift your standard high,  
 Still march in firm array,  
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend  
 Till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

6. At last the march shall end;  
 The wearied ones shall rest;  
 The pilgrims find their home at last,  
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

△ 7. Praise Him who reigns on high,  
 The LORD whom we adore:  
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 One God forevermore. *Refrain*

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 Tune: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916  
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*Our elders offer a ministry of prayer. If you would like personal prayer or for them to gather others to pray with you, please speak to anyone whose name tag says "Elder" on it.*

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**P** Pastor or Presiding minister; sole pastor, Liturgist

**C** Congregation

**L** Leader or Lector; an Elder, one of the Readers, or another lay person

**A** Assisting minister; an Elder, Commissioned Minister or other trained worship leader

**L/P** First worship leader on Saturday/Second worship leader on Sunday

**All:** Pastor or Leader and the congregation speak together

**△** Doxological verse; the congregation stands in praise and honor of the Holy Trinity

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS July 19 - 26, 2026 (at church unless noted)**

Sunday:      Worship/Communion, 9:30 AM  
                 Mission Team Meeting, 10:30 AM  
                 Prayer Shawls, 10:30 AM  
Mon. – Fri.:   Camp-in-Daigua Week 4 – Christmas in July!  
Wednesday:   Open Table, 6 PM  
Saturday:      Crafternoon, 10 AM – 2 PM  
                 Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM  
Sunday:        Worship/Communion, 9:30 AM  
                 Prayer Shawls, 10:30 AM

### **SERVING AT WORSHIP IN AUGUST**

This week we will be working on the servers' schedule for the month of August. If you plan to be away from worship any weekend, please let us know so that we do not schedule you to serve. Thank you.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

Jean Buckner is donating a very nice cabinet to hold our prayer shawls. We need someone with a truck willing to pick up and deliver it to church. If you can help, please contact the church office. Thank you.

### **THANKS TO THOSE SERVING JESUS**

We thank Lisa Serron, Linda Benivegna, Lisa Brahm, Hugh Shipley, Glenn Banke, Doc Tessendorf, Sandy Voigt, Stephanie Cheney, John Pilecki, for their work in the office and building, and Bob Jauch & Dave Chrisman for cutting the grass. We also thank all who serve at worship this weekend. There are many "angels" in our congregation and community who go about living out their vocations as the Body of Christ. We know they do this not to be recognized, but because God has called and led them to do what they do. God bless you all and thank you to all!

### **SERVING ON JULY 25 & 26**

**SATURDAY:** Jenny Tessendorf, Glenn Banke, JoAnne VanBuren

**SUNDAY MORNING:** Tammy Beattie, Kathey Drennan, Sandy Voigt, Amanda & Jared Reding, Laura Ouimette, Addy Modzel, Sandy Voigt, Kelly Brainard-Nichols, Bob & Barbara Jauch, Cindy Hemingway, Gary & Colleen Pardaise, Bob & Sandy Smith, Fred Salvagni, Doc Tessendorf

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

### **OPEN TABLE, JULY 22 @ 6 PM**

We have welcomed some great guests to our community dinners so far. After sharing a nice meal, we have enjoyed interesting discussions about a passage of scripture. It has been a wonderful way to share our faith with our neighbors. Please sign up on the connection card to join us for the next dinner on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00. You may also sign up to help with preparations. We hope you can come!

### **CRAFTERNOON – JULY 25, 10AM – 2PM**

Join us for Christian fellowship and service on Saturday, July 25 between 10:00 and 2:00 p.m. at church. We are making No-Sew prayer shawls for Family Promise of Ontario County to share with children and adults. If you can cut with scissors, you can make a prayer shawl! Church is providing fabric, scissors and lunch. To have enough supplies and food, this is your last chance to sign up. You can sign up on your connection card, on the Wittenburg Door or contact the church office. Anyone who wants to make more than one prayer shawl and wants to take one with them is welcome to do so.

### **SAVE THE DATES FOR COMMUNITY PICNIC AND OPEN HOUSE**

**August 30: 11 am - 3 pm**

Community Picnic and Open House to celebrate end of Summer and kick off Sunday School. There will be food, games, and much more! Hot Dogs, Chicken Nuggets, Chips, and drinks will be provided. Dish to pass for other options available. Watch for more information! If you have questions or want to help out for these activities, or any other mission team offerings, see Steve Hemingway.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES**

If you are having any family get-togethers this summer - what if you packed a few Operation Christmas Child boxes as part of the fun?!? It could be a great way to engage kids in providing some joy - both physical and eternal- to children who are in sad places of the world. Please help yourself to free boxes in the OCC collection box in the coatroom. Attached to the boxes are lists of suggested items. Multiply the joy of being together by giving some of that joy to others!

### **CAMP-IN-DAIGUA MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE TO ORDER**

We have Camp-in-Daigua SWAG (Shirts, Wearables, And Gifts) available for pre-order. Please call/text Cathie Geske at (585) 369-5696 form more details, or talk to her after service. Thanks for supporting, and advertising, our new outreach ministry!

## **NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION FOR FALL LITTLE LAMBS!**

Do you know someone with a child who is ready for preschool? Suggest Little Lambs! We are now accepting registration for the 2026/2027 school year. If they have questions, they are free to call the church office and Miss Kelly will return their call. Remember, word of mouth is the best advertisement!

## **SUPPORT**

### **A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM Everyday Disciples – Sharing Christ – Changing Live Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going**

Pray this prayer ...

Praying "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" is a powerful statement to God, from us, that we are embracing His greater purpose rather than continuing to pursue our own agendas.

Instead of asking God to grant our exact wants and wishes.... May we pray for the wisdom and strength to pursue His path and acknowledge that His vision and plan encompasses the bigger picture of eternity and it is for the good of all. As we submit ourselves to God .... let us pray for Him to give us the wisdom to see things from His perspective and the strength to follow wherever He may lead.

Beginning at Matthew 6:9

"Pray then like this: 'Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.'"

*For a better understanding read the surrounding verses*

**\*\*Check out the prayer resources in The Study Room at the rear of the sanctuary**

## **CARING NOTES**

- Leon & Theresa Pfuntner as they both deal with health issues
- Donna Allhusen, daughter of Mary, as she deals with health issues
- Delores Furnum as she deals with health issues
- Marlene Pawlukewicz, (spouse, Joe) as she deals with health issues
- Jonathan Allhusen, son of Mary, (wife, Andrea, son, Christian), as he deals with health issues
- Steve Schneider (spouse, Barb) as he deals with health issues
- Sandy Pittenger, as she recuperates
- Pastor Don & Roxann Muller at the death of Don's sister Ruth Boselli
- Ron & Kathy Chapman, at the death of Ron's brother, Don

## **SERVING OUR LORD**

### **The Ministers**

Rev. Steven R. Geske, Pastor

Rev. Don Muller, Pastor Emeritus

Lisa Serron, Office Manager

Linda Benivegna, Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Cheney, Music Director

Cathie Geske, Summer Day Camp Director

Kelly Brainard-Nichols, Preschool Teacher

Jennifer Crowley, Preschool Teacher's Assistant

Doc Tessendorf, Building Coordinator

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## **SERVING OUR LORD AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, JULY 18 & 19, 2026**

### **SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING**

ELDER

Richard Landholm

A/V

Mark Carlson

ALTAR CARE

JoAnne VanBuren

### **SERVING OUR LORD SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30 AM**

ELDER

Karyl Hammond

ASSIST MINISTER

Cindy Hemingway

SERVICE SHEPHERD

Bob Smith

A/V TEAM

Amanda & Jared Reding

LECTOR

Kathy Chapman

ACOLYTES

Ian Reding

ALTAR CARE

Hope Murray

KID'S WORSHIP

Cathie Geske

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Bob & Sandy Smith

USHERS

Ron Chapman

GREETER

Lisa Serron, Leslie Smith

HOSTS

Doc Tessendorf, Jenny Tessendorf

OPENERS & CLOSERS

Lisa Serron, Doc Tessendorf

## ONGOING PRAYERS

### Connected to Good Shepherd by family or friendship:

**Pat & Mark Gunn, Tashi & Emma Benivegna, Kerri Eames**, family & friends of Benivegna's; **Donna & Jonathan Allhusen**, daughter & son of Mary; **Marsha Johnson, Theresa Pulver**, family & friends of Terry & Linda Savage; **John & Sandy Beatty, Allison Sacheli and Rena Faulkner**, friends of Bill Fuge; **Sara Romano**, s-i-l of Vince and Tracy Romano; **Erin Smith Bernard**, daughter of Bob & Sandy Smith; **Thomas & Judy Brainard**, parents of Kelly Nichols; **Charles Bucher**, brother of Jean Bucher; **Debbie Hendershot**, d-i-l of Don & Gayle Hendershot; **Tim Genaway & Slade Tiller**, friend & son of Tammy Beattie; **Marilyn Lane**, friend of Sandy Voigt; **Chad Wood**, son of Fred & Sandy Salvagni; **Gary Pohlman**, brother of Mark; **Monica Reding**, mother of Andy; **Summer Miller**, friend of Sandy Voigt; **Steven Engel**, friend of Pfunter's; **Joan Trost**, mother of Greg.

***Please review this prayer list and let the church office know of any updates or if the prayer has been answered.***





In our **PRAYERS** today we remember:

- **Bart and Deborah Adams** – ongoing health issues
- **Bill and Judy Ballway** – ongoing health issues
- **Mary Anna Chard** – at rehab for foot injury
- **Bill Fuge** – broken foot
- **Cathie Geske** – possible leg nerve damage; EMG being scheduled
- **Robert Joslyn** – ongoing health issues
- **Shirley Perryman** – ongoing health issues
- **Leon and Theresa Pfuntner** – ongoing health issues
- **Sandy Pittenger** – ongoing health issues
- **Jacki Scheib** – ongoing health issues
- **Steve & Barb Schnieder** – ongoing health issues
- **Melodie Mawak** – niece of Jean Bucher, injuries after a car accident
- **Bob Purvis** – friend of Glenn Banke, surgery after a fall
- **Frank Cardavale** – friend of Mark Serron, brain tumor
- **Cindy R.** – friend of Jill Persson, breast cancer
- **Bob Chrisman** – brother of Dave Chrisman, in rehab after surgery
- **Judy Dreesen** – niece of Dorothy Cherry, cancer surgery
- **For the family of Jonathan Cornell** – friend of Brian & Bev Edwards, as he has gone to be with Jesus

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEKEND**  
**NINETH SUNDAY AFTER**  
**PENTECOST**  
**July 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM**  
**Divine Service, Setting One**  
**-With Holy Communion-**