

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2026



ELW SETTING 10
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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Welcome to **WORSHIP**

We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

**Welcome visitors to LCHS! Please scan this
QR code to share your info with us.**



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

“Cornet Voluntary”

**George Berg
Flute: Amy Dohler**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

P Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P 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.**

P 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.**

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901
 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

GREETING

P Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



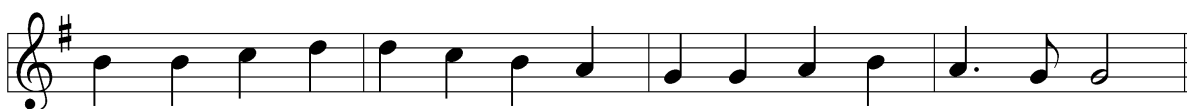
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

FIRST READING**Isaiah 55:10-13**

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING**Romans 8:1-11**

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

A The Word of the Lord.

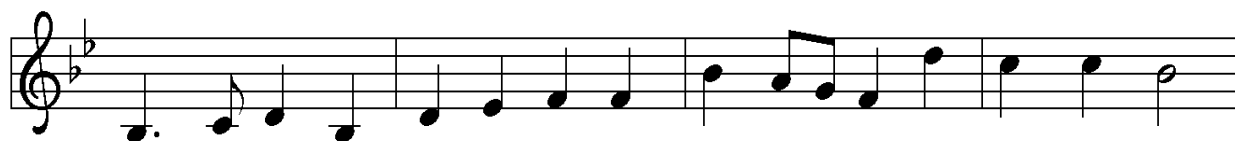
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



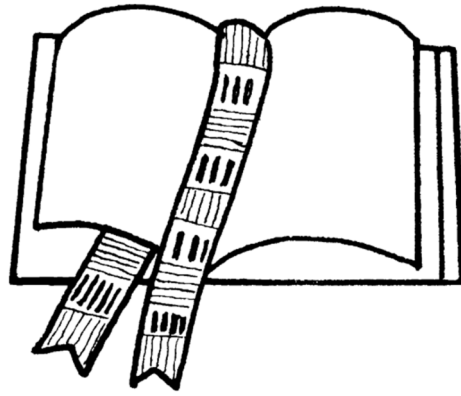
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**



P ¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

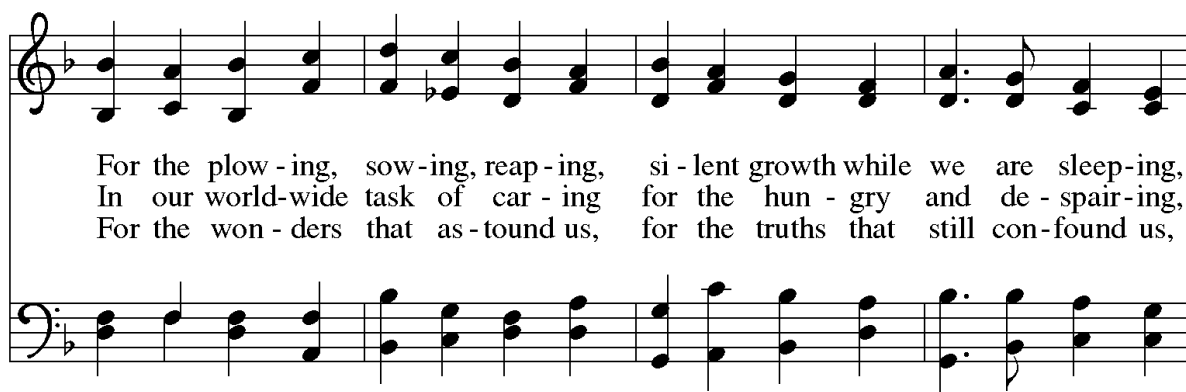
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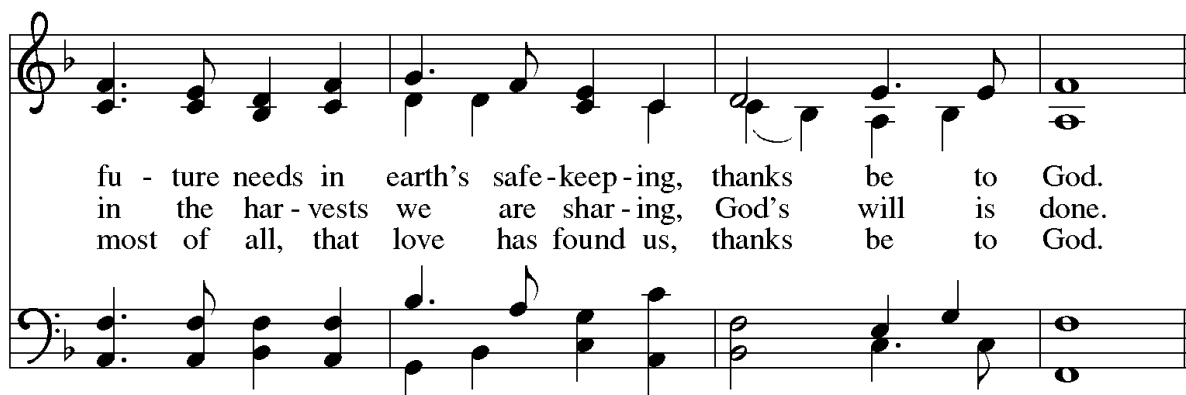
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

Please be seated

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.
- A God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit.
God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation.
God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.**

A God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially **Amelia Eastman**, **Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Jim Detjen** (brother of Mary), **Dylan Glenner**, **Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-Marie and Jonathan Glenner), and **Luke Livingston** (grand-nephew of Scott and Jan Schwanke). God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand**, **Ruth Berman**, **Gordy Duprey**, **Elizabeth Falato**, **Marian McBride**, **Cathy Nathan**, **Tom Weglarz**, **Allison Wittich**, **Valerie Farran** (friend of the Wittichs), **Deb Fedro** (friend of Robin Saydak), **Kat David**, **Jacob Gombar** (cousin and uncle of Jeanne Nelson), **Mick Garrison** (family friend of the Fencels), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Larry and Lorraine Mulvaney** (Friends of the Weglarzs), **the Chase Petersen family** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Gary Ringham** (friend of Nila and Arnie Bilstad), **Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks** (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari**, **Lenita Spears**, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz), **Julie Webb** (niece of Chris Miller). God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith especially Bishop Nathan Söderblom, whom the church commemorates today. We lift up our prayers for the family and friends of **Alex Trachtenberg**. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Please stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

SECOND OFFERING FOR WORLD HUNGER

MUSICAL OFFERING **“Seeds, Scattered and Sown”** **Feiten/Jirsa**
Women’s Summer Choir

Please stand as the offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in

all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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 of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

name and join their unending hymn:

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and

for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

C **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

P The kingdom of God is set before you.



Eat and rejoice.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated

**COMMUNION CANTICLE
COMMUNION MUSIC**

“Aria”

**Manz/Meuser
Flute: Amy Dohler**

Stand after all have been communed.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,

for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;

a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,

the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

The musical score consists of two parts, 1 and 2, with lyrics. It is written in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The score is arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and bass lines. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit

to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
bless you and give you peace.

1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731-1789

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN “On What Has Now Been Sown” ELW 550
ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Sonata No.1 in F major mvt. 2” Benedetto Marcello
Flute: Amy Dohler

Sanctuary flowers were donated by the Bettikers in honor of Curtis’s birthday.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN — July 14, 5:30—6:30 pm
Youth volunteer opportunity. All are welcome to join us at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville.

FELLOWSHIP OUTING AT RAVINIA — Sunday, July 19,
performance begins at 5pm. Join us for an evening of Beethoven’s famous “Pastoral” Symphony and Violin Concerto” at Hunter Pavilion. We will stake out a lawn area with flags and balloons an hour before the performance. General lawn tickets are \$17 and are available online or at the gate. Bring your own picnic foods or take advantage of Ravinia’s three on-site restaurants. Pack a blanket and a chair and enjoy beautiful music under a canopy of trees with good friends.

PROJECT BACKPACK — Project Backpack ensures that homeless, at-risk, & foster children receive a backpack with all the necessary supplies for a successful school year. For \$35, you can help children start school prepared & ready to learn without shame. If writing a check, remember to make it payable to the church and mark your envelope with “Project Backpack.” You can also make a donation by scanning the QR code or via a link on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/volunteer. **All donations are due no later than Sunday, July 26th.**

HELP PACK BACKPACKS — If you would like to join us to pack the backpacks please sign up in the Gathering Space. We will be able to do it here at

the church if we get at least 20 volunteers. Please reach out to Kelly with any questions (kellywittich@yahoo.com).

SUMMER CHOIR — **July 26th.** Have you ever wanted to give singing a try? This is the perfect opportunity. No prior choir experience or membership is needed—just a willingness to lift your voice in praise. So, all you wonderful singers hiding in the pews, come out and “Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!” We will learn our anthem together before the service, so no advance preparation is necessary. Rehearsal begins at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome— Invite a friend and come sing with us! (Ages 10 and up).

WORSHIP & MUSIC SURVEY — The Worship & Music Committee is seeking input from the congregation. Your feedback will help inform future planning for worship, music, seasonal celebrations and congregational engagement. The anonymous survey can be found at www.holyspirit-elca.org/survey or printed copies are available in the gathering space. Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts.

PRAYER GROUP — Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

QUILTERS — Quilting Ministry meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. Our next unit will be studying the Book of Acts, and how the Holy Spirit was poured out into followers of Christ to speak boldly, bring people together to form churches, and reach out to others as the first missionaries of the church. As we examine the beginnings of the church, we find meaningful connections between the early church and the church today. Everyone is welcome as we learn from the experts and each other, and we always close our time together in prayer.



ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE — Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap “Process” to complete your donation. Please scan the QR code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.



LIVE STREAM — Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday July 12	8:30 am	Summer Women's Choir
	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday July 14	5-6:30 pm	Feed My Starving Children
Thursday July 16	9:30 am	Prayer Group
	10:15 am	Bible Study
Sunday July 19	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	5:00 pm	Fellowship Ravinia

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