

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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ELW SETTING 10
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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!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE **“Prelude on Thaxted”** **arr. David Pettit**
Trumpet: Patrick Cantagallo

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.**

GATHERING HYMN “Oh Holy Spirit Enter In”

ELW 786



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

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 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.

C Amen

Please be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ 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.
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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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—¹³ for 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. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For 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!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and 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.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that 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. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation,

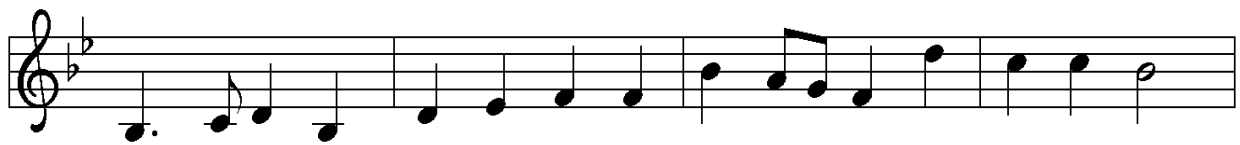
but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

P ²⁴ [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. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And 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?’ ²⁸ He 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. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

“Almighty God, your Word is Cast”

ELW 516

1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,

now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
 but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
 that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.
 Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, *Psalter*, 1562

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 source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. 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 rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Morgan Czerwinski** (daughter of Jackie Murphy), **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 teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. 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

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Gospel Medley”

arr. Emily Wilson

Trumpet: Patrick Cantagallo

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 name and join their unending hymn:



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.

- 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 Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

Please be seated

COMMUNION CANTICLE



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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Amazing Grace” arr. Gary Lanier
Trumpet: Patrick Cantagallo

Stand after all have been communed.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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 is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1 and 2 indicating different parts of the text. The score is divided into six systems, each with a Soprano line and a Bass line. The final system ends with a double bar line.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW 733

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Prelude to Te Deum” Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Trumpet: Patrick Cantagallo

Sanctuary flowers were donated by Mike and Terri Pedersen in recognition of their wedding anniversary.

FELLOWSHIP OUTING AT RAVINIA — This evening, 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.

ABBA CANDLELIGHT EXPERIENCE — Saturday September 5th.

Plan ahead and purchase your tickets for a Lumos Candlelight Experience being held here at LCHS on Saturday September 5th. There will be two performances— 6:30pm & 9:30pm, featuring a string trio performing songs by ABBA surrounded by hundreds of LED candles. This is not a private event and tickets are offered to the public through the Lumos website. A link to ticket sales can also be found on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org. Please plan ahead as Lumos performances do sell out.



PROJECT BACKPACK — For \$35, you can help children start school prepared & ready to learn. Remember to make checks 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. Dates being considered are August 1 at 12 pm or August 15 at 10 am 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).

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 — Our Thursday morning Bible Study meets each week from 10:15 to 11:30. We are currently taking a summer break and will resume our class on September 10. Plan on joining us when we return for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation as we learn from the experts and each other..

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-holyspirit or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.



HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday July 19	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Worship & Music Meeting
	5:00 pm	Fellowship Ravinia
Tuesday July 21	5:30pm	Worship Hymn Selection
Thursday July 23	9:30 am	Prayer Group
Sunday July 26	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion

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