



WELCOME TO TRINITY

FAITH. LIFE. COMMUNITY.

8:45am

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We are glad you are here at one of our THREE WORSHIP SERVICES this weekend, each centered around the same scriptures but with three different musical styles. THIS BULLETIN contains information for the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service

A SEPARATE BULLETIN lists the 5:30 p.m. Saturday service here in the sanctuary. The other service we offer is Praise worship in Jack's Place.

We invite you to turn to **pages 15 and following in this bulletin** for HELPFUL INFORMATION for visitors and members alike, such as service participants.

For directions or help with special needs, just ask an usher.

- DIAPER CHANGING AREA - in Gathering Space restroom
- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS for the Sanctuary services
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- HANDICAPPED PARKING - near Worship entrances
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SUNDAY MORNING 8:45 COMMUNION

July 19, 2026

8th Sunday After Pentecost

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS of this service are available from the ushers.

✝ ✝ ✝ GATHERING ✝ ✝ ✝

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THEME OF THE DAY

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

Almighty God Your Word Is Cast - arr. David Lansky
Mark Koehler, organ

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**Please stand, as able.*

✝ *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.

Amen.

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 you and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,

we confess that 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.

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 minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,

I 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.

Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

Jesus Strong and Kind (Hymn of the Month)
Lyrics on the next page

362 Jesus, Strong and Kind

1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
 2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
 3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
 4. Je - sus said if I am lost, he will come to me.

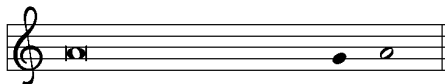
No one else can sat - is - fy; I should come to him.
 No one else can be my strength; I should come to him.
 No one else can be my shield; I should come to him.
 And he showed me on that cross he will come to me.

For the Lord is good and faith - ful; he will keep us day and night.

We can al - ways run to Je - sus: Je - sus, strong and kind.

***GREETING**

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



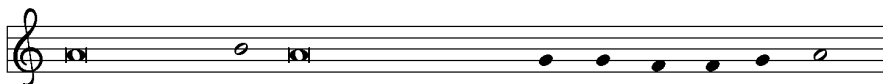
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



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



C Wor-ty 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-



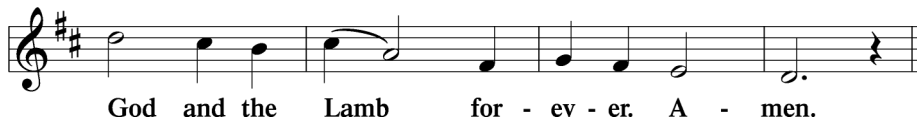
lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of



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



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



*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

✠ ✠ ✠ **WORD** ✠ ✠ ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷Who 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.

⁸Fear 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.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:57-64 *Sung responsively* - Tone 4



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⁵⁷The LORD is my | portion;
 I promise to | keep your words.
⁵⁸**I entreat your favor with | all my heart;
 be gracious to me according to your | promise.**
⁵⁹When I think | on my ways,
 I turn my feet to your testi- | monies;
⁶⁰**I hasten and do | not delay
 to keep your com- | mandments.**
⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked en- | snare me,
 I do not for- | get your law.
⁶²**At midnight I rise to | praise you,
 because of your just and righ- | teous decrees.**
⁶³I am a companion of all who | fear you,
 of those who keep your | precepts.
⁶⁴**The earth, O LORD, is full of your | steadfast love
 teach me your | statutes!**
**Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son
 and to the Holy ¹Spirit.**
**As it was in the be- ¹ginning,
 is now, and will be forever. ¹Amen.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-27

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

²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And 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.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL** *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And 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?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let 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.’” . . .

³⁶Then 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.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Kevin McClain

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

***APOSTLES' CREED**

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**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 Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
 hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

On Eagle's Wings – Michael Joncas
 Barb Bates, soprano

*CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

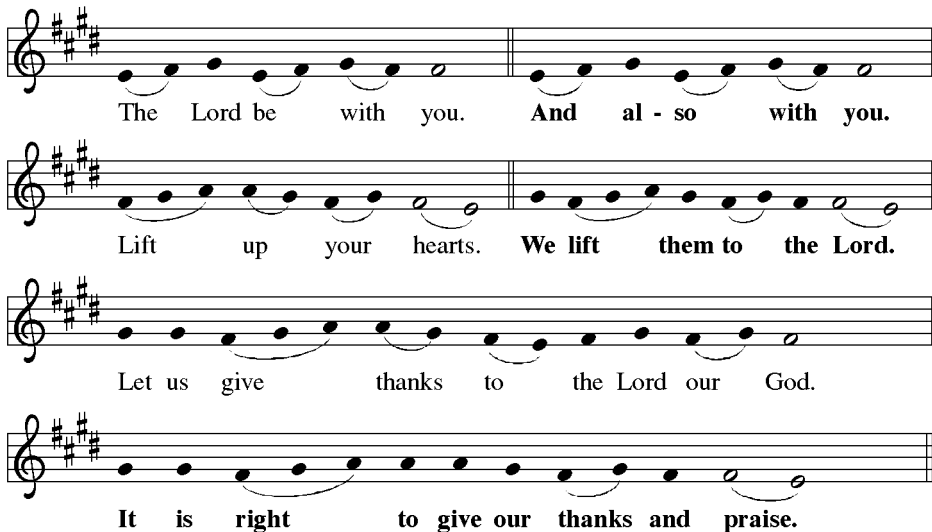
✠ ✠ ✠ MEAL ✠ ✠ ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord Be with You

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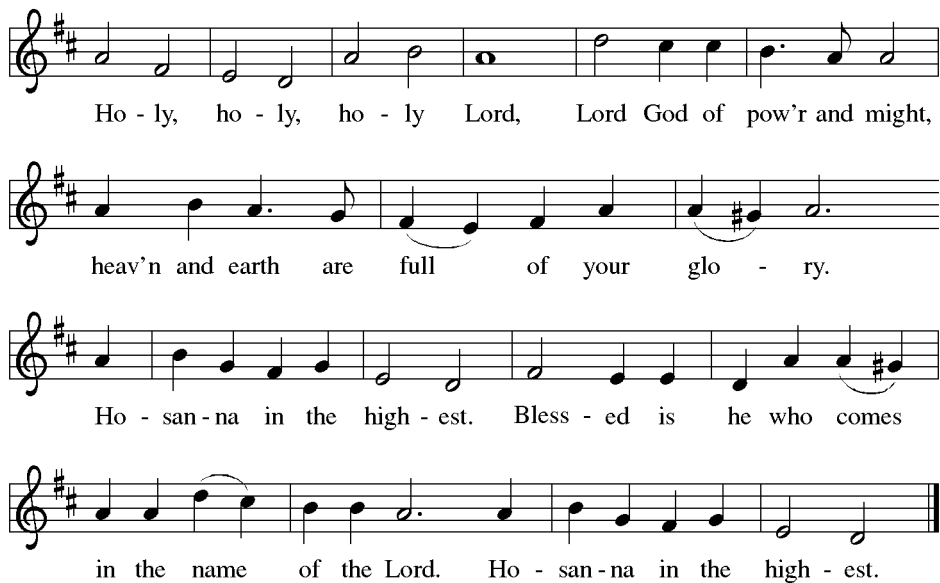


*PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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:



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (I)

During the minister's prayer, the congregation responds with several phrases as listed below.

...Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
 ...now and forever. **Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Let us feast on Christ, the bread of heaven.
Amen.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS who believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are welcome to receive communion.

Please sign a COMMUNION CARD, located in the pew rack, if you have not done so yet this year, and hand it to the usher who directs you.

Communion will be served to all people at the altar rail. If you are NOT PHYSICALLY ABLE to move to the altar, please advise an usher and the elements will be brought to you.

You will be served the hosts first, then offered a plastic cup of wine or grape juice, and then a basket to dispose your plastic cup in.

CHILDREN who do not yet commune are invited with their families to receive a blessing.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS and GRAPE JUICE WHICH WILL BE IN GRAPE COLOR CUPS are available at the altar and the pews. Please indicate your desire to the communion deacons.

You are encouraged to SING the hymns and RESPOND "Amen" as the elements are received.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

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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.

SOLO *Nothing Else* - Coday Canes
Aidan Chandler, tenor

ELW 681 *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

***TABLE GRACE**

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✙ ✙ ✙ SENDING ✙ ✙ ✙

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN**

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

***DISMISSAL AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.** Please share God's peace with one another.

***POSTLUDE**

On What Has Now Been Sown - arr. Bradley Sowash
Mark Koehler, piano

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*We invite you to the Olive Tree Café after the service for goodies and Goldberry coffee.
The Café is located in the north office hallway on the Walnut Street side of the building.*

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICES: 8:45

PRESIDING MINISTER - Pastor Kevin McClain

ASSISTING MINISTERS - Pastor Ben Mollohan, Vicar Gage Garlinghouse, Stan Kopp

ORGANIST - Mark Koehler

COMMUNION DEACONS - Pastor Kevin McClain, Pastor Ben Mollohan,
Vicar Gage Garlinghouse, Stan Kopp

LECTOR - Ann Miller

GREETERS - Jeff & Linda Gray

USHERS - Usher Team #1, Gary Goon, Captain, John McNutt, Co-Captain

SOUND - Chris Vanderzyden

PRO PRESENTER - Jason Breining

CAMERA OPERATOR - Michael Prezioso

RADIO - Tom Stoll

NURSERY - Anna Little

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please contact Wendy Shreffler at the Church Office.*

SANCTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given by:

> Jim and Melanie Gribben in loving memory of their son Mike's 57th birthday on July 27th,
and in celebration of Jim's 88th birthday on August 16th.

THE LIVESTREAM of the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service is sponsored by Natalie and Doug Scott
in honor of their daughter Leesa and their grandson Jake's birthdays.

THE LIVESTREAM of the 11 a.m. Sunday Praise Service is sponsored by Rick and Amy
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