



Welcome

We are thankful you have joined us today!

Announcements

Hymn In Holy Conversation | 772

Psalm

[Psalm 86:11-15; antiphon vs. 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 seeks 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.

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

Please stand.

Confession & Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and
of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [Matt 28:19b; 18-20]

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a
true heart and confess our sins unto God, our
Father, beseeching Him in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, [Hebrews 10:22]
who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the
Lord, **and You forgave the iniquity of my
sin.** [Psalm 32:5]

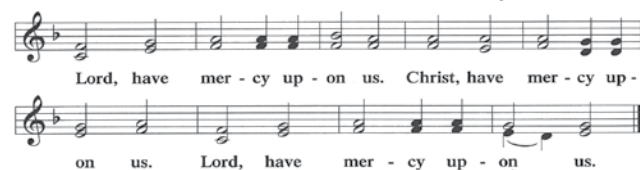
Quiet time for self-examination and confession.

O almighty God, merciful Father, **I, a poor,
miserable sinner, confess unto you all my
sins and iniquities with which I have ever
offended You and justly deserved Your
temporal and eternal punishment. But I
am heartily sorry for them and sincerely
repent of them, and I pray You of Your
boundless mercy and for the sake of the
holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and
death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor,
sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my
office, as a called and ordained servant of
Christ, announce the grace of God unto all of
you, and in the stead and by the command of
my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins
in the name of the Father and of the + Son and
of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

Lord, Have Mercy

[Mark 10:47, Setting 3]



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026 - Setting Three

The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith.

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. Thus, He preserves His
Church in righteousness, because He alone
is "the King of Israel and his Redeemer" (Is.
44:6). 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. 8:26), 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).

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Hymn of Praise-Gloria in Excelsius

[Luke 2:14; John 1:25]



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good-will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** [1 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray...[silence for individual prayer] 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.

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah.

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.
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.
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." [Isaiah 44:6-8]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading is from Romans.

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. For the creation was subjected to futility, not
willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that
the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corrup-
tion and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of
God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning
together in the pains of childbirth until now. 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. For in this hope we were saved.
Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes
for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do
not see, we wait for it with patience.

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. 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.

[Romans 8:18-27]

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Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse. [John 6:68]



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Jesus put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom
of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed
in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came
and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when
the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared
also. 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?' 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?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 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.'

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." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. [Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43]



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

The children are invited forward for a message by Pastor Fitch.

Our Confession of Faith

Please stand to confess the Apostles' Creed printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.

Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less | 576

Sermon

Please stand.



Offertory

Please be seated.

Offering

In Person | Mail to Church | Bank Bill Pay

Please stand.



Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

...let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, have mercy.**

Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert.

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, 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 saying:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



O Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. [Matt 6:9-13]

The Words of Our Lord

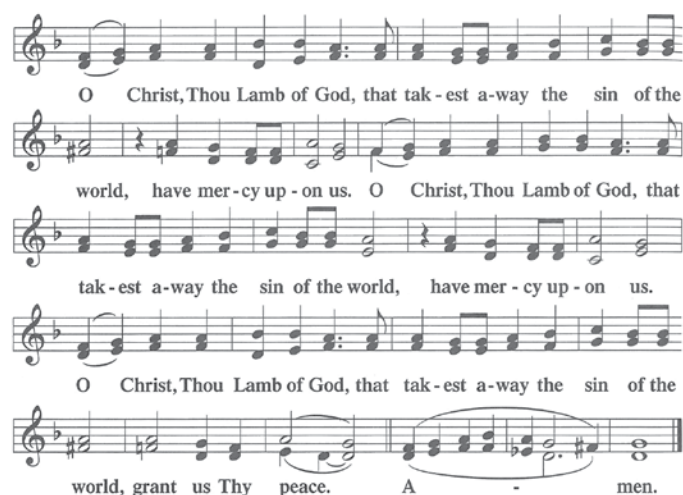
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

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 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." [Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Lamb of God

[John 1:29]



Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.

Hymns

Praise and Thanksgiving | **789**
Rock of Ages | **761**

When all have communed, please stand.

Post Communion Song



Post Communion Prayer

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
and His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Salutation

[2 Timothy 4:22]

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Bless we the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

[Numbers 6:24-26]

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you + peace. **Amen, amen, amen.**

Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing | **643**

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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