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Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 26, 2026

10:15 a.m.



As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Paul Manz

*All items in **bold** are congregational responses*

Please stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity,✙ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
- C **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin to God.
- C Compassionate God,
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.**



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God and in honor of ***Pastor Becky and Robert’s*** Wedding Anniversary and ***Pastor Becky’s*** Birthday, by ***Abigail Zielke.***



Church Picnic Pictures
Sunday, July 12, 2026



Just a Reminder:

The Gathering Place for August, usually held here at the Church, will be held at Fair Park. It will be a Pot-Luck Picnic. **Stefan Jones**, Civil War Historian, will provide a presentation of the WWI First Code Talkers.

Watch for the Pot-Luck Signup Sheet.

New Church Directory

Please return by Friday, August 7

Plans are underway to update the church directory this summer. Please fill out this form if you have any changes. If you have any questions or comments, please call **Carol Ryan** in the church office, (330) 533-3531; Monday through Friday, 9:00a, - 1:00pm.

Household Last
Name _____

Phone _____

Please make the following name, address, email address, or phone number corrections.

Greeting

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

Glory to God

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
Refrain
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



Prayer of the Day

- P Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

Please be seated

Stories In the Park-Stories of the Stranger

Join us once again Wednesday evenings in July for Stories in the Park! We will meet for Bible study at Greasel Park, Wednesday evenings at 6 pm starting July 1st, and our theme is "Stories of the Stranger." Bring a chair and a Bible. If it is raining, we will meet at the church.

July 29 Cornelius
Please read Acts 10



CPR and AED Training Certificates

If you attended the training held on June 27th, please pick up your certificate in the church office.

Lutheran Night at the Scrappers—July 31st

We have turned in our list of those who signed up for the game. If you signed up, please make sure to put your payment in the envelope in the Narthex, and please use cash, if possible. Make sure you bring cash to the game to pay for parking. You will go to the box office and tell them your name and church, and they will give you your tickets.



WORD

Daily Scripture Readings for July 27 through August 01

Mon 07/27	Tues 07/28	Wed 07/29	Thurs 07/30	Fri 07/31	Sat 08/01
Psalm 119: 121-128	Psalm 119: 121-128	Psalm 119: 121-128	Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21	Psalm 145: 8-9,14-21	Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21
1 Kings 3: 16-28	1 Kings 4: 29-34	Proverbs 1: 1-7, 20-33	Proverbs 10: 1-5	Isaiah 51: 17-23	Isaiah 44: 1-5
James 3: 13-18	Ephesians 6: 10-18	Mark 4: 30-34	Philippians 4: 10-15	Romans 9: 6-13	Matthew 7: 7-11

Serving in Worship in AUGUST

	08/02	08/09	08/16	08/23	08/30
Greeter/ Usher	Jeff Dombroski	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West	Zack West	Bob Soles
Lector	Chris Eash	Judy McCartney	Pastor Mark- Williams	Norma Thomas	Diana Williams
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
Crucifer					
Acolyte					

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

L Word of God, word of life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Scan for Online Giving



Scan for August Calendar



Psalm 119:129-136

When your word is o - pened, it gives
light and un - der - stand - ing.

1

129 Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.
130 **When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.**
131 I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.
132 **Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name. R**
133 Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
134 **Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.**
135 Let your face shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.
136 **My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching. R**

Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray,
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.**

SENDING

Sending Song Build Us Up, Lord **ELW 670**

Blessing

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

Dismissal

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Lamb of God

Musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God" in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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, Lamb of God."

Please be seated

Communion

Follow the usher’s direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.

Communion Distribution

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness ELW 488

Communion Blessing

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

Second Reading

Romans 8: 26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God’s actions for us. Through Christ’s death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God’s love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Throughout Matthew’s gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near!” Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people’s lives.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent us to Jesus, you Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks: broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for your. 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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

C Amen

Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

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

This invitation is extended to all who receive Communion in any Christian denomination. All are welcome!

Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day Be Thou My Vision ELW 793

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 life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

P Trusting in God’s steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples’ stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. We especially pray for those out loud or in our hearts-

Sean Bandelier, Laurel Froelich, Dr. Ronald Gould, Chris Hunnicutt, Sean Kelly, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, George Lange, Diane Malloy, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Pam Parker, Frank Scott, Staci Thomas, Bob Titus, David Titus, Pearl Torrence and Patty Weiss.

(The names on the prayer list are updated every 30 days. If you wish to continue to have someone on the list, please contact the office.)

God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

P God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community’s part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. 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.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.

MEAL

Offering Response

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray,
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.

Dialogue

.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.