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Thank you for joining us in church and on our online service today.*

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SERVICE OF THE WORD - ELW pg. 213 #2

July 19, 2026

Prelude – “Praise And Thanksgiving” – setting, Franklin Ashdown

WELCOME

(Please rise)

GATHERING HYMN – ELW 520 DEAREST JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

Cong – And also with you.

KYRIE – (ELW 157)

The musical score for the Kyrie (ELW 157) is written for a Leader and an Assembly. It consists of six systems of two staves each, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are as follows:

Leader:
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly:
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen
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HYMN OF PRAISE – (ACS 1089) HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

... lle-nos es-tán el cie-lo y la tie-rra de tu glo-ria.
 your glo-ry fills all heav-en and earth. ... You are ho-ly, God.

Ben-di-to el que vie-ne, en nom-bre del Se-ñor. ...
 ... Bless-ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho-san-na en el cie-lo. San-to-e-res, oh Dios.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. You are ho-ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version
 Music: Argentine traditional
 English text © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

ARGENTINE SANTO
 Irregular

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

Alicia Driver, Worship Assistant

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

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 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. ⁸Do 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.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

(The Psalm will be sung alternatively, beginning with Cantor)

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk [|] in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- [|] vere your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with [|] all my heart,
and glorify your name for- [|] evermore.**

¹³For great is your [|] love toward me;
you have delivered me from the [|] pit of death.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent people [|] seeks my life;
they have not set you be- [|] fore their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- [|] ness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mer- [|] cy on me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the child [|] of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me
may see it and be [|] put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and com- [|] forted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

Alicia Driver, Worship Assistant

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not

receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW 174)



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Pastor – The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Cong – Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Pastor Kelly Reagan

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And 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?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let 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.'" ³⁶Then 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." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be

at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.
Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Kelly Reagan

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 693 COME, YE, THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

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.

PRAYERS

Pastor – God of grace,
Cong – Hear our prayer.

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

Cong – Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong – And also with you.

PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING - “Every Time I Feel The Spirit” – setting, Anne K. Organ

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY HYMN – (ELW 695) GOD, MY LORD, MY STRENGTH v. 1

God, my Lord, my strength, my place of hiding and confiding in all needs by night and day;
Though foes surround me, and Satan mark his prey, God shall have his way.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Cong – Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace.

Cong - Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW 689 PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

(Please be seated)

Postlude

Pastor - Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

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MEASURE OF LOVE – July 12, 2026

Attendance – 46

Total Deposit - \$3390.57

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	July 19, 2026
<u>SUNDAY</u> Service of Word & Prayer ELW Set. 2 – 9:30 a.m.	<u>THURSDAY</u> Al-Anon – 10:30 a.m.
<u>MONDAY</u> Newsletter Deadline	<u>FRIDAY</u> AA – 8:00 p.m.
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY – July 26, 2026</u> Holy Communion Setting 4 – 9:30 a.m.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies for the Huber Heights School District are being collected during July/August 2026. A table is set up the Narthex and lists are available. School doesn’t start until September 8, so we will collect **JULY 19 through August 9**. Thanks for your help. Any questions see Susan Armstrong or Trish Jordan.

MOWING SIGN-UPS

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for anyone to sign up to mow the lawn at St. Matthew. All help is appreciated. For more information, see Ron Bandelier.

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

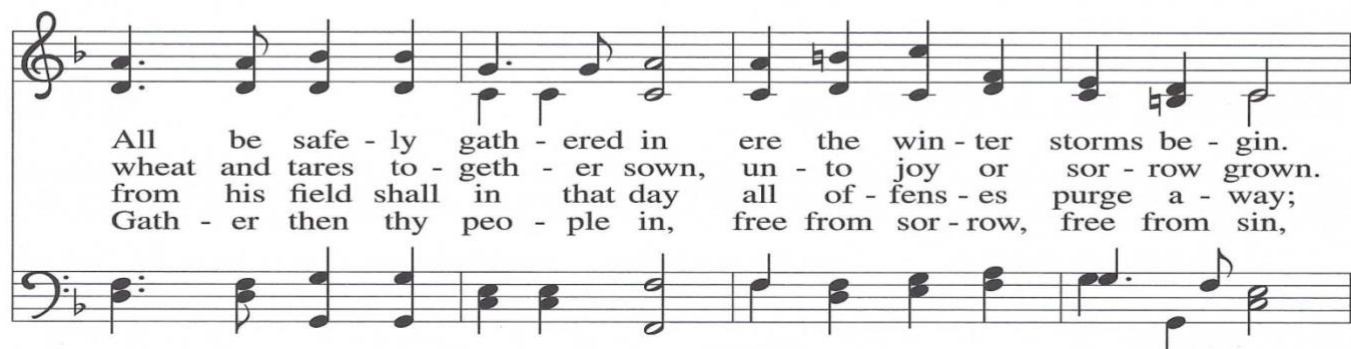
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 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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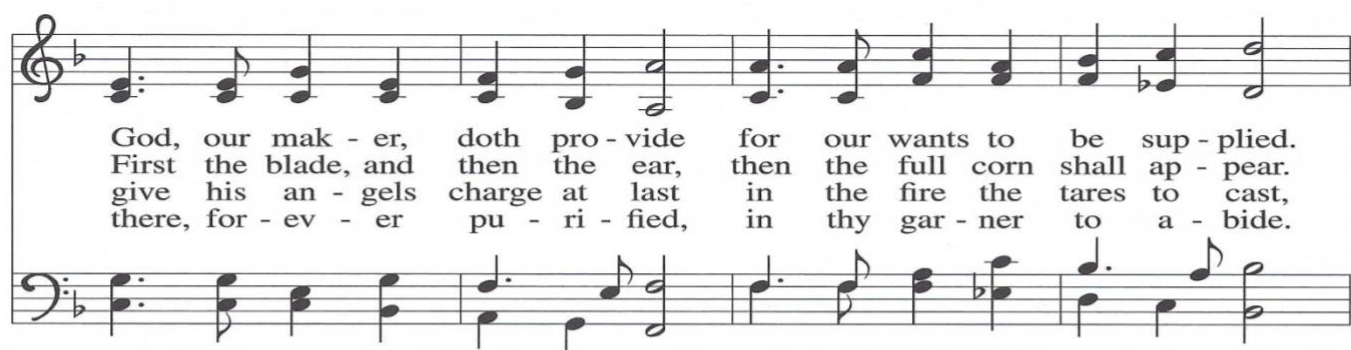
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



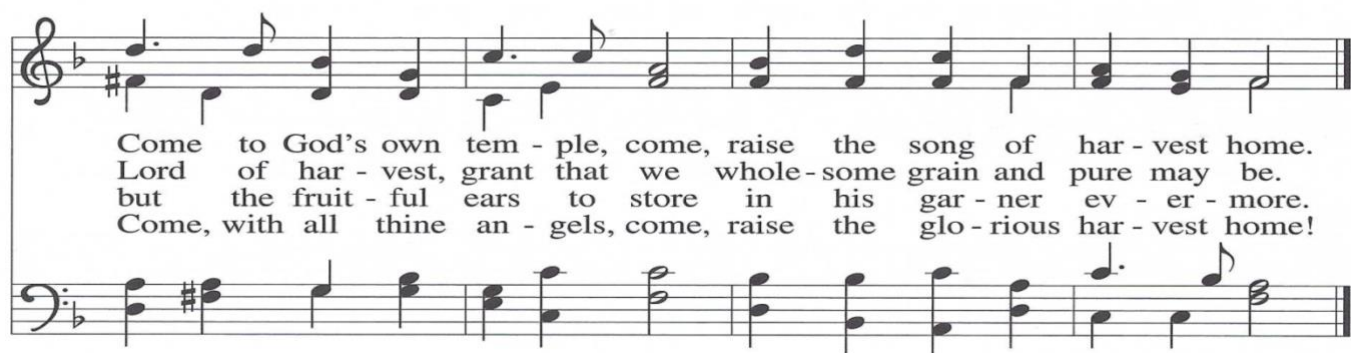
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
 Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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Praise and Thanksgiving

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1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
 Music: Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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