

Sunday, July 12, 2026
The Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost

Trinity Lutheran Church
11:00am: Meadowlawn
1801 62nd Ave N
727-822-3307



 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

 PRELUDE

 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassionate mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our failure to love as we are loved.

We take time to consider our actions and choices.

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.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest and rejoice in God's love.
Amen.



GATHERING HYMN *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

ELW 533



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in-crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680



GREETING

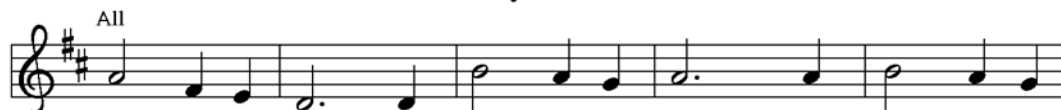
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



HYMN OF PRAISE



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



1 Wor - thy 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

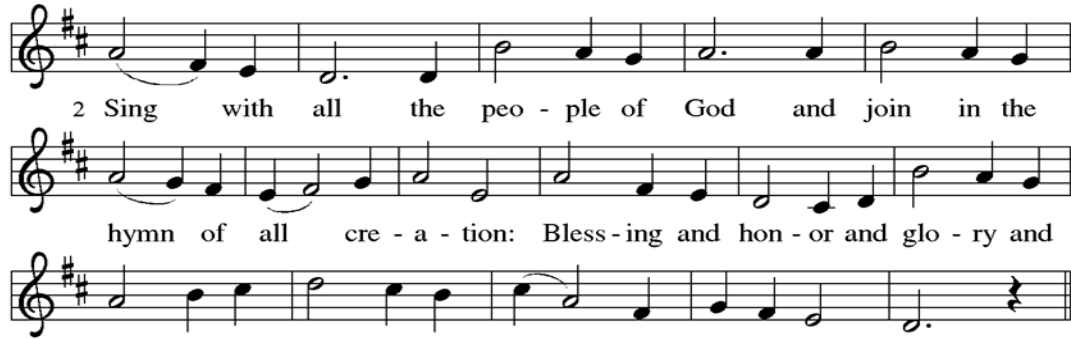


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



2 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 God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

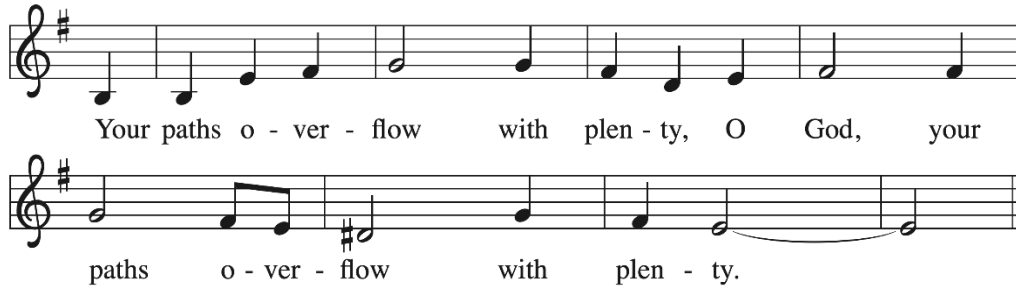
¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 65:1-4, 8-13

The accompanist will play the refrain once as introduction and then all will join in singing; and will repeat the sung refrain when indicated by "R"



¹ *You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.*

² *To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.*

³ *Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.*

⁴ *Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!*

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. R

⁸ *Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.*

⁹ *You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.*

¹⁰ *You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. R*

¹¹ *You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.*

¹² *May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.*

¹³ *May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing. R*



SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung twice.



GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-11, 16-17

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

The good news of God's love according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" ¹¹ He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.



We plow the fields and scat-ter the good seed on the land. But
You on - ly are the ma - ker of all things near and far. You
We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good, the
it is fed and wa-tered by God's al - migh - ty hand, who
paint the way-side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star. The
seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food. No
sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain, the
winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed; much
gifts have we to off - er for all your love im - parts, but
bree - zes and the sun-shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
more to us, your chil-dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
what you most would trea-sure, our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.
All good gifts a - round us
are sent from hea - ven a - bove.
so thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all his love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815, tr Jane Campbell, 1817-1878, alt
Music: ALL GOOD GIFTS, Stephen Schwartz, b 1948

 THE 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 OF INTERCESSION

Gathered in this place by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

After each petition:

God of grace, hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Trusting that you hear all our prayers, we commend them to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

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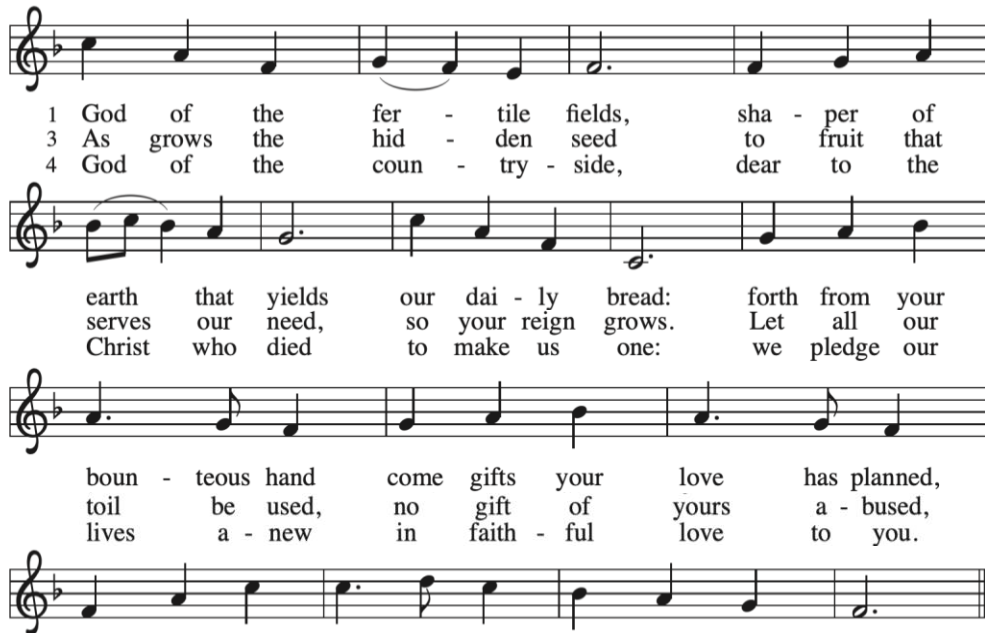


THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the anthem, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN *God of the Fertile Fields*

ACS 1063



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died, to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us share freely of your love,
that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

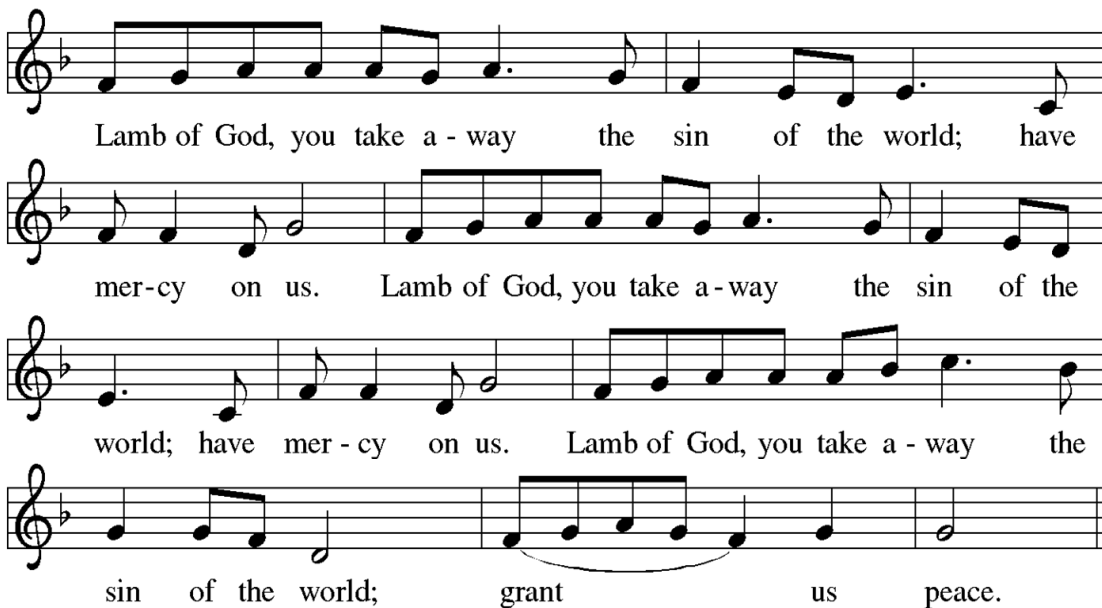
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

With these gifts, heaven has come near.

Come, let us share in the feast!

LAMB OF GOD



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.



COMMUNION HYMN *As Rain from the Clouds*

ELW 508

1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
 2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown,
 3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,

as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
 on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
 a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.

Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
 Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
 Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow

and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
 We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
 We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;

we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.

We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
 for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: AFTON WATER, Jonathan E. Spilman, 1812–1896



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

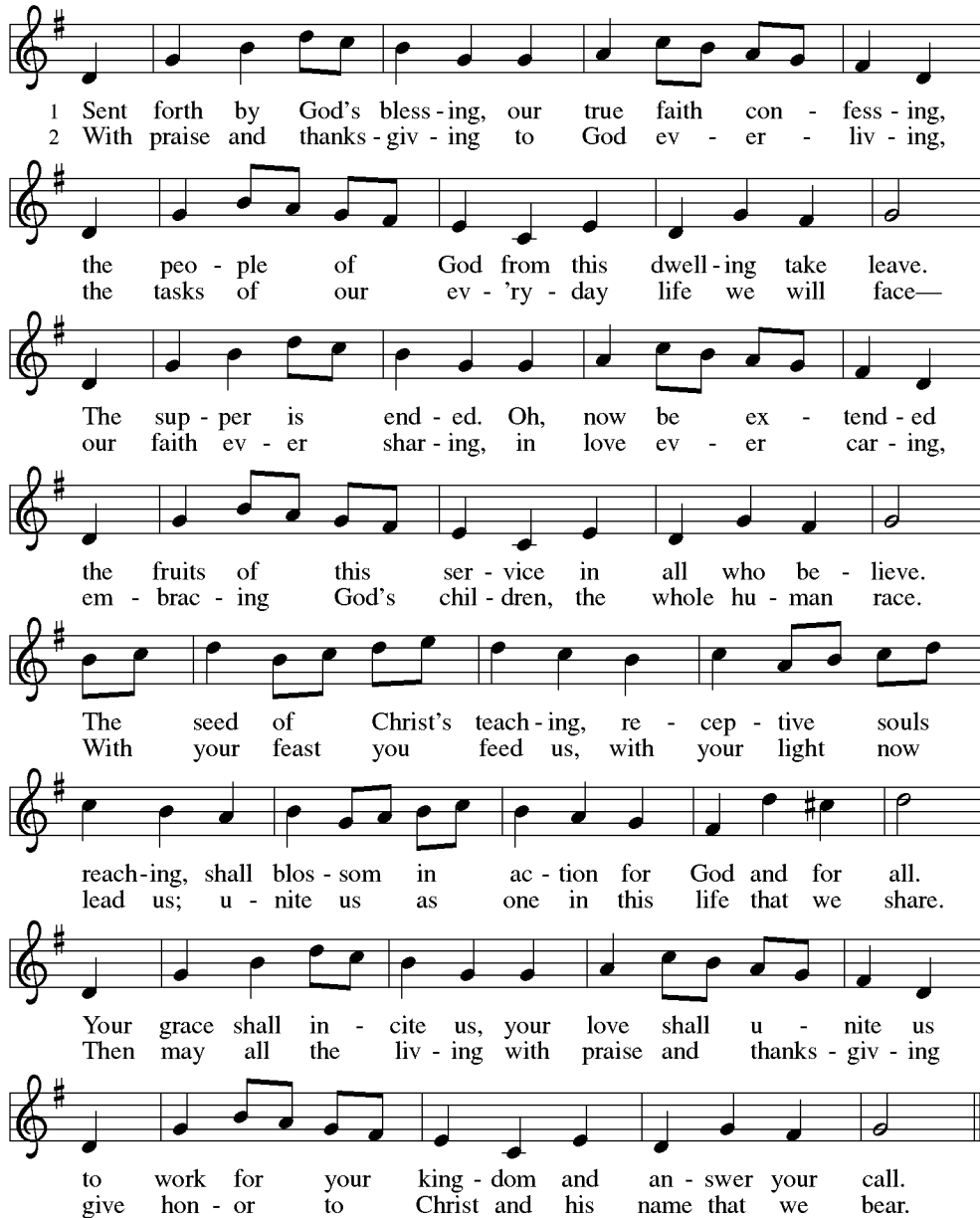
Let us pray. Compassionate God,
 through the gifts of bread and wine
 our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
 Strengthen us that we may share your love freely,
 as you have shared with us.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit sustaining us now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May our God, † Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live the good news.
Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE [Livestream ends]

 Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.

Thank you to those serving this month: (MLC) = Meadowlawn Campus (DTC) = Downtown Campus

Date	Loc	Time	Lector	Communion Assistants	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
07/05/26	MLC	11:00 AM	Betty Herzhauser	Aimée Fox, Frances Guido	Bartelt Family	God Bless America!
07/12/26	MLC	11:00 AM	Gretchen Frederick	Marty Snapp, Violet Prepost		
07/19/26	MLC	11:00 AM	Lou Carter	Margarita Rodriguez, Gary Bartelt		
07/26/26	MLC	11:00 AM	Gary Bartelt	Phil Rearick, Aimée Fox	F. Guido	For the glory of God

Birthdays this week:

07/13 - Stephanie Larson 07/16 – Joe Haynsworth
07/15 - Teri Fitzpatrick 07/18 – Barbara Miller

Anniversaries this week:

- None -

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (07/12)

9:00am – City Church Worship (DTC Sanctuary)
11:00am – Trinity Worship (MLC Sanctuary)
12:00pm – Fellowship Hour (MLC CommUNITY Room)
12:30pm – All Ages Education (MLC CommUNITY Rm)
7:00pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Monday (07/13)

Bulletin Items Due

12:00pm–WELCA Women of Grace Lunch at Cheddar's

Tuesday (07/14)

11:00am – TLC Staff Meeting (MLC Library)
6:00pm – Church Council Meeting (MLC Library)

Wednesday (07/15)

9:00am – Quilting Circle (MLC CommUNITY Room)
11:30am – Community Meal (DTC 3rd Floor)
1:00pm – Grace & Games (DTC 2nd Floor)
6:00pm – Bible Study (MLC CommUNITY Room)

Friday (07/17)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (DTC 1st Floor)
9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (MLC CommUNITY Rm)
6:00pm – Film & Faith (MLC CommUNITY Rm)

Saturday (07/18)

9:00am – Hope Chest (MLC Thrift Store)

Prayer List:

For those suffering from cancer: **For those homebound:**

Jim Tallon	Lorna Holder
Whitney & Greg Corrigan	Shirley Taylor
Rick Jackson	Betty Aker
Frank Durilla	Judy Milanese
Rev. Ernest Knoche	Petra Young
Ron Oughton	Sally Evans
Bob Sockrider	
Frances Guido	

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:

Janet Crim	Leonard
Paula Smith	Robert & Brenda Meredith
Vickie Clark	Brian Schutzbach
Luke Mendenhall	Shakira
Guy Smith	Pr. Tom Snapp
Joyce Dare	Will Diefel
Cecil Miles	Terri Craig
Linda Miles	Jerry Barnard
Bob & Irma Kay	Mike Lederhouse
Corinne	O'cerion Johnson Jr.

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

The family & friends of Bob Burke
The family & friends of Marion Cheslock
The family & friends of Jan Estabrook
The family & friends of Pete Regan
The family & friends of Barbara Hann



	This Month (as of 07/09/26)	YTD Actual (as of 07/09/26)	YTD Budget (through 07/31/26)
Income	2,975.00	164,961.50	170,819.81
Expenses	(7468.90)	(243,173.26)	(261,999.11)
Net	(4493.90)	(78,211.76)	(91,179.30)
Cash available in Bank Accounts:			56,507.84
Balance in Investment Accounts:			770,805.41