

Parish Calendar: 8/16/2026

Sunday 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist Outdoor/ last one
10:30am Adult Bible Study/ Sunday School Hour
Monday 6:00-8:00 pm AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Tuesday 6:00-8:00 pm Women's AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Wednesday 6:00-8:00 pm AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Thursday
Friday 6:30-8:30pm GOD AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Saturday 11:00am-12:00pm NCMBC Bible Study Hall
3:00 –5:00pm AA Meeting in Parlor
6:00-8:00pm CA Meeting in Parish Hall

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Office Hours

Monday Office Closed
Tuesday 10:00-3:00pm
Wednesday 10:00-3:00pm
Thursday 10:00-3:00pm
Friday 10:00-12:00pm
Saturday Office Closed
Sunday 8:00 10:30 am

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Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire."

Matthew 15

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026

9:00 am

Here are a few notes to make you feel more at home as we praise the God of new life!

Bulletins are available to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. We encourage you to participate throughout worship by speaking the **bold** print and singing along with the hymns. An asterisk * indicates when you are invited to stand, as you are comfortable.

All are welcome to come forward for communion. The ushers will guide you. Juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please let your server know if you need either of these.

A basket for offerings is at the rear of the sanctuary.

A children’s table is located at the back of the sanctuary, where you’ll find some books and activities to help children feel more at home in worship.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Harry Werner
Organist	Gerry Mass
Assisting Minister	Bert Zahn
Lector	Jane Skowronski
Offering Bearer	Maggie Hernandez
Parish Administrator	Jennifer Lasher-Dobush
Custodian	Vanessa Petrakos

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

Postlude
Praying Together

... for those who are homebound, ill, hospitalized or recuperating:
Gayle Agg, Nora Beach, Vince Besesdnjak, Joan Clarke, Chuck Dickey, Bill Flick, Dan Fleming, Barbara Fossa, Alan Fugo and family, Donna Franz, Risa Gabor, Barb Gaglione, Michelle Garnett, Rosa Garnett, Jane Gradert, Marge (Shriver) Katarzynski, Dorrie Kearns, Dylan King, Karen Kipfsthul, Elaine Knerem, Nel Lanese, Jennifer Lewane, Phyllis Nemeth, Patti Novak, Dick Ptak, Madeline Ptak, Ginny Robinson, Steve Senderak, Claude, Starks, Arlene Stoltz, Barb Toth, Verl Williamson, Maud Wright, Charlotte Zaranka, Wilma Dancy, Bill Helmick, Nancy Helmick, Robert Lambrecht, Laura Mele, Judy Morgan, Kris Sandor, Lois Williams, Eugene Winfrey, the Copeland/Lane Family.

Last Week
General Fund receipts for week ending 8/9/2026: \$ 1326.

Sending Hymn: Go My Children, With My Blessing

WOV # 721

Musical notation (treble clef, key of D major) for the first system of the hymn. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
4 “I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Musical notation (treble clef, key of D major) for the second system of the hymn. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

Musical notation (treble clef, key of D major) for the third system of the hymn. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes.

In my love’s bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son’s sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it’s pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Musical notation (treble clef, key of D major) for the fourth system of the hymn. The melody concludes with a final whole note.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

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With One Voice, setting five: This summer we are worshiping using the Bread of Life setting, a beloved liturgical setting that first appeared in *With One Voice*, a supplement to our Lutheran hymnal. Known for its simple, flowing melodies and accessible congregational responses, this setting has been sung in Lutheran congregations for decades.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit ☩ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh
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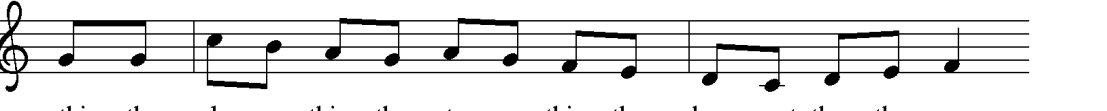
Gathering Hymn: Thine is The Amen, Thine is The Praise
WOV # 801



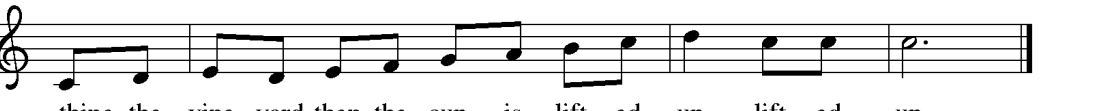
1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king-dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break-ing of the bread
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban-quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
then the ring-ing and the sing-ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel-come to the least



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas-ing at thy feast at thy feast.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
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.

Communion Hymn



☩ 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.

Hymn of Praise



☩ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, 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 for your glo - ry.



☩ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



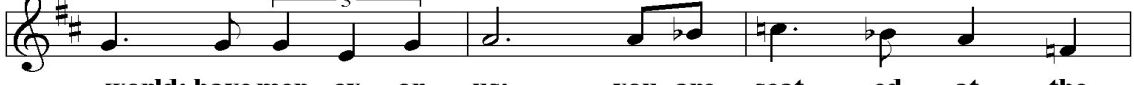
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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.

☩ Glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God in the high - est;
 glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.
 I For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,
 II you a- lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho- ly
 Spir- it, in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.
 ☩ Glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God in the high - est;
 glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 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. In him you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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

Offertory Hymn: Accept. O, Lord, the Gifts We Bring

WOV # 759



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Moment

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

¹ May God be merciful to ¹ us and bless us;
may the light of God's face ¹ shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known ¹ upon earth,
your saving health a- ¹ mong all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and ¹ sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- ¹
tions on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought ¹ forth its increase;
God, our own ¹ God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God ¹ give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth ¹ stand in awe.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

their habitats. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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.

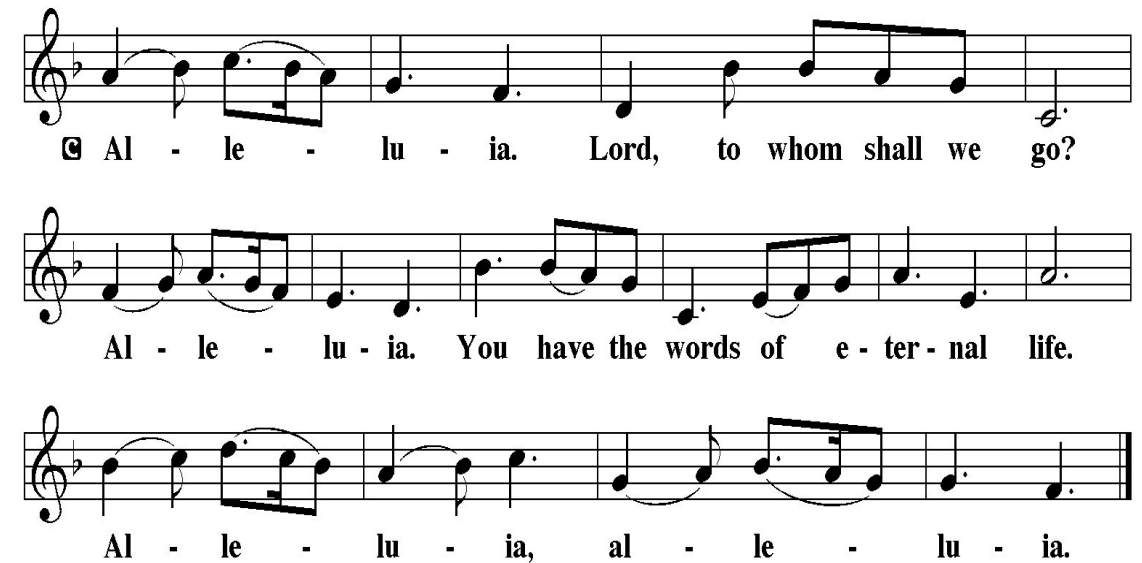
Prayers of the People

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain,
that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your
church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heav-
enly kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you in-
tend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against
carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you O Lord.**

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted."¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."¹⁶ Then he said,

“Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: All My Hope on God is Founded

WOV # 782

1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
3 Great thy good - ness e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,
4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light and life at - tend thee,
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing

our good and on - ly true. God un - known from the
beau - ty spring - ing out of nought. Ev - er - more from God's
for the gift of God's own Son. Christ shall call one and

throne call my heart to be thine own.
store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
all: you that fol - low shall not fall.