

Sunday, July 19 2026 Bulletin Insert: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

We lift up in prayer:

Parker Solberg, Janet Hillstrom, Roger & Bev Valentine, Gloria Schultz, Ron Lunz, Marnie Osmond, Peggy Morrison, Michael "Mic" Mickelson, Phyllis Jacobson, Joyce Paulson; Judy Wohlin, for health concerns; Laurie Brothen, mother of Joy White, for health and healing; The family & loved ones of Keith Espelien on his death

GATHERING SONG

Praise and Thanksgiving, ELW 689

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

3 Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.

4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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. Amen.

1st READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴ O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant.

¹⁷ Show 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 comforted me.

2nd READING: Romans 8:12-25

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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

SERMON: Mission Memories with our 2026 Summer Mission Trip Youth!

HYMN OF THE DAY

As the Grains of Wheat, ELW 465

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. **Refrain**

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. **Refrain**

SENDING SONG

For the Fruit of All Creation, ELW 679

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Tuesday's Table Volunteers Needed

We could use more hands to help with our Tuesday's Table Community Meal on **Tuesday, July 21**. The meal begins at 6pm. Sign up online at faithspicer.org – SIGN UP tab, or stop by the Welcome Center.

OWL Band Helping Lead Worship

The Faith OWL Band will be leading our music on **Sunday, July 26 at the 8:30am service at the GLBC Stave Chapel**. Come out for WONDERFUL music and fun!!

ON-SITE DAY CAMP

WHEN: Monday, July 27-Thursdays, July 30, 8:30am-3:30pm (4 days total)

WHERE: Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, New London

FOR: Kids who have completed K-5th Grade

COST: \$90 (use the NLS Onsite Day Camp code during registration)

PREK & K VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHEN: Monday, July 27-Wednesday, July 29, 8:30-11:00am (3 days total)

WHERE: Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer

FOR: Kids entering PreK & Kindergarten (must be potty trained)

COST: \$30 (scholarships available)

REGISTER FOR ONSITE DAYCAMP OR VBS: faithspicer.org – CHILDREN/YOUTH tab – Summer VBS

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