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We extend a special welcome to all who worship with us in God's House today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make Good Shepherd your church home.



July 12, 2026
The Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost

Please sign the attendance binder in the pew and mark Communion if you partake

If you need communion at your seat, please let pastor know before service.

Order of Service

Divine Service: Setting 1 Page 151
Opening Hymn: 725
Sermon Hymn: 655
Distribution: 686, 628, 634, 652
Closing Hymn: 923

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD

TODAY

9:00am-Divine Worship w/HC
10:30am-Adult Bible Study

MONDAY

TUESDAY

9:00am-Sewing
1:30pm-Friendship Haven

WEDNESDAY

10:30am Lamplighters
5:00pm-Swaddling Clothes

THURSDAY

7:00am-Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY

9:00am-Ardys Mae Bible Study

SATURDAY

5:00 pm – Divine Worship w/HC

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am-Divine Service w/HC
10:30am-Adult Bible Study



In Our Prayers:

Wanda Wiese
Sharon Musselman
Bill Peterson
Sharon McNeil
Norman Prewitt
Mardell Prewitt
Brexton Hines
Ken Ropte
Peggy Anderson
Sandra Fiala
Sherry Richardson
Dorothy Kester
Debbie Monical
Bea Naeve
Marlys Ditzenberger
Caroline Eichor
Deb Diemer

Baptismal Birthdays:

Judy Zoch-July 15
Scott Fishel-July 16

Celebration of Life Birthdays:

Ken Ropte-July 13

Attendance – 23, 59

Gifts to the Lord:

Envelope/Plate - \$3920
Online \$620
Mission Central-\$20
Total of all Gifts: \$4,560

Organist/Pianist:

7/11 & 7/12-Mandy Kastendieck

Elders in Charge of Communion:

7/11-Dwight Wedemeyer
7/12-Ricky Mandernach and
Jerry Bossart

Ushers:

Jerry Bossart and Rich Neumann



JOY Group

Wednesday, July 22nd at
11:30am

Be sure to sign up in the Narthex
for our served meal.

Invite a friend and join us for some
fun, fellowship and great food!

Praise in the Park

Save the Date
Sunday, August 23rd 10:30am

Outdoor Worship at Kennedy Park
at the Bob Heun Shelter.

Bring your lawn chairs and a dish
to pass for the potluck to follow.

*Note we will still have our regular
9am service here as well*

“Quiet Activity Tree” We have activity
bags for your children aged Two to Five
to use in the back of the church. Pick up
a bag before church, use it and return it
and all the items to the tree for the next
service.

The nursery is located in the back of
church. Parents are welcome to take
their children in there at any time during
the service. Please note there is a
changing table/restroom through the
south door in there as well.

Stewardship

As hearers of God's Word, we
steward our hearts and lives so
that His truth may take root and
shape our daily walk as disciples.

“The seed is the word of God.” —
Luke 8:11

Introit

Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: As for man, his days are like grass;

C: he flourishes like a flower of the field;

P: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

C: and its place knows it no more.

P: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

C: and his righteousness to children's children,

P: to those who keep his covenant

C: and remember to do his commandments.

P: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,

C: and his kingdom rules over all.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Collect

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD OF GOD VERSE *833 v 3 Listen, God Is Calling*

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Leader: Help us to be faithful,

All: Standing steadfast,

Leader: Walking in Your teachings,

All: Led by Your Word.

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:10–13

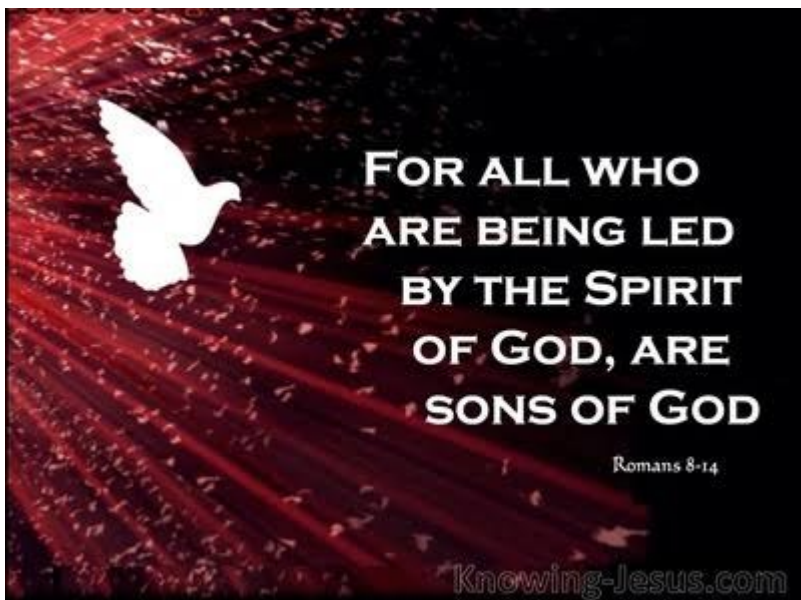
¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, 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 sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . . ¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”



Voters' Meeting Agenda

Sunday, July 26th 11:30am

Following Adult Bible Study

1. Open with prayer
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Board & Committee Reports
 - Trustees
 - Elders
 - Christian Management
 - Christian Outreach
 - Endowment Committee
 - Board of Education
 - Sunday School
 - Pastor
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

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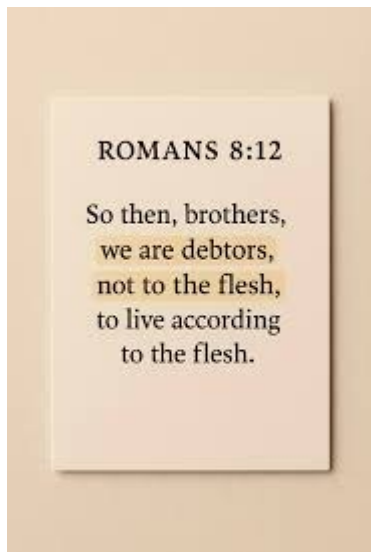
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Stewardship Corner:

Romans 8:12 – “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.



sages, even the deeply ingrained ones about self-reliance. Replace them with truth. Let someone in. Share what you're carrying with a trusted brother or sister in Christ. Reach out to family, friends, your pastor, or a LFS counselor who shares your faith and values. Strength isn't found in isolation—it's often revealed in the courage to seek and receive help.

Lutheran Family Service

www.LutheranFamilyService.org

“Realistically, most of us will never be more than ordinary, but that doesn't mean we're useless. God works through the ordinary, the mundane, and the commonplace. He worked through Esther, and He works through you to bless others in ways you may never know.” *Grace MacPherson* **A Life Quote from** *Lutherans For Life* • lutheransfor-life.org

Building Healthy Families:

Many of us were raised on a familiar script: be tough, don't ask for help, and “pull yourself up by your bootstraps.” It sounds admirable—but it's not a recipe for a healthy life, and it's not what God calls us to. Scripture points us in a different direction. Paul writes in Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” We were never meant to carry everything alone. God places us in community—where we can be supported, and where we can support others in return. So challenge those old mes-

"Knight, Death, and the Devil"

Jesus has triumphed over all the powers of death and hell and He has pledged Himself to be your protector and the armor that you wear. (Ephesians 6:12)

Hear about it on the Lutheran

Hour WHO (1040 AM) 7:30 am. Sunday, KTLB (105.9 FM) at 8:00 am Sunday, KQWC (95.7 FM) at 11:00 am KHBT (97.7 FM) at 11:30 am Sunday. Log on to www.lhm.org for other stations and details.

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED MONDAY 7/20 AND TUESDAY 7/21

The church will be closed to everyone on Monday and Tuesday, July 20th and 21st. The floors are being stripped and waxed Monday and they can not have anything on them during this process.

We will need help moving all of the tables and chairs and other furniture off the tile floors after

the 9am service on Sunday the 19th. Your help is very much appreciated.

All meetings from Tuesday the 21st will now meet on Wednesday the 22nd at the same times.

Sorry for any inconvenience



MEMORY VERSE

*You search the
SCRIPTURES
because you think
that in them you
have eternal life;
and it is they that
BEAR WITNESS
ABOUT ME.*

JOHN 5:39

