

Celebration Lutheran Church

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8th Sunday after Pentecost Worship: 10:00am July 19, 2026

We Gather to Encounter God

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Compassionate God,

C: ... we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

L: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn:

Womb of Life

ACS # 948



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less
2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond
3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our
4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have
birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing
friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we
Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er
weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man
are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the
Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en
birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Greeting

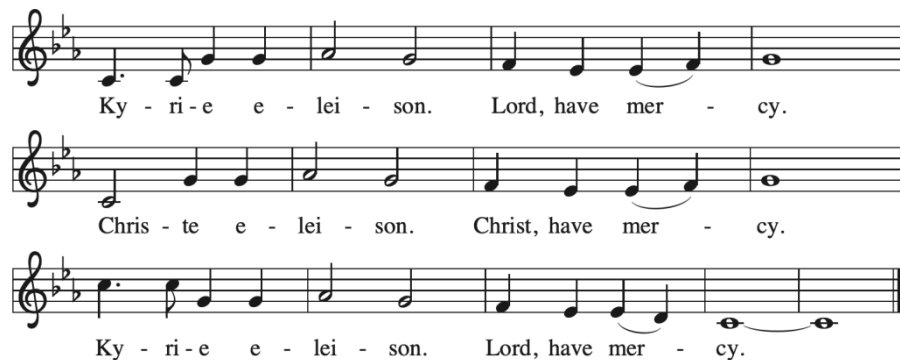
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

We Pray in Song:

Kyrie

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Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

L: Faithful God, most merciful judge,

C: ... 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.

We Hear God's Word

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus 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.

⁷ Who 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.

⁸ Do 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.

Psalms 86:11-17

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

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
 and glorify your name forevermore. R**

¹³ For 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 before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
 slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your
handmaid.

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. R

Romans 8:12-25

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

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but
you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is
that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of
God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with
Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified
with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth
comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation
waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for
the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will
of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be
set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of
the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation
has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor,
²³ and 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. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope
that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees?

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia ACS Page 33



Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

L: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew in the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his
field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed
weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants
came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And 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?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to
him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied,
‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with
them. ³⁰ Let 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.’ ”

³⁶ Then 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.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of
Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the
kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy
who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the
reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up
with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send
his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and
all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will
shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears
listen!”

L: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

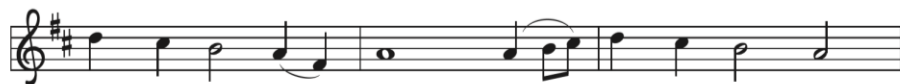
We Respond to God's Word

Hymn of the Day: The Reign of God, Like Farmer's Field ACS #952

Ushers Gather Prayer Requests



1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
2 The reign of God is like a pearl on
3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the



weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.
feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.
kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

Prayers of the People

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. (*We pray especially for . . .*) God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace, **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. **Amen.**

L: God of grace,

C: **... hear our prayer.**

Greeting of Peace

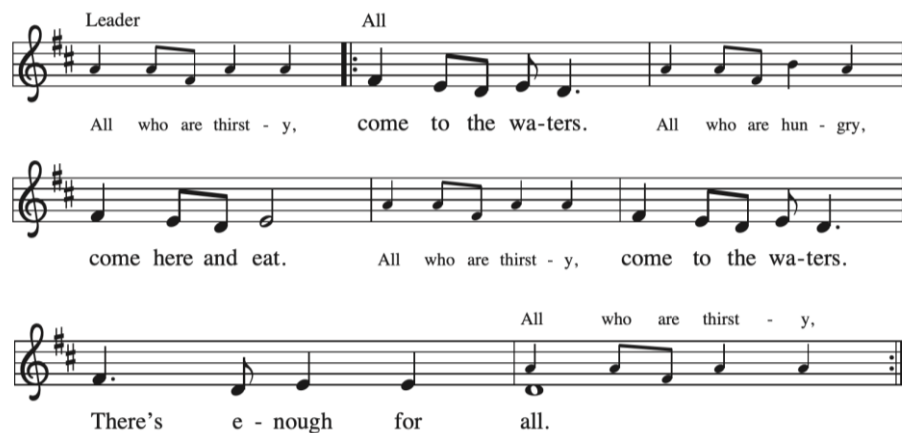
L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you**

We Offer Our Gifts

Offertory Hymn: All Who Are Thirsty ACS # 981

Leader All



All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Loving God,

C: ... we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so 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.

We Share Christ's Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

L: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Prayers and The Story of Our Lord's Supper

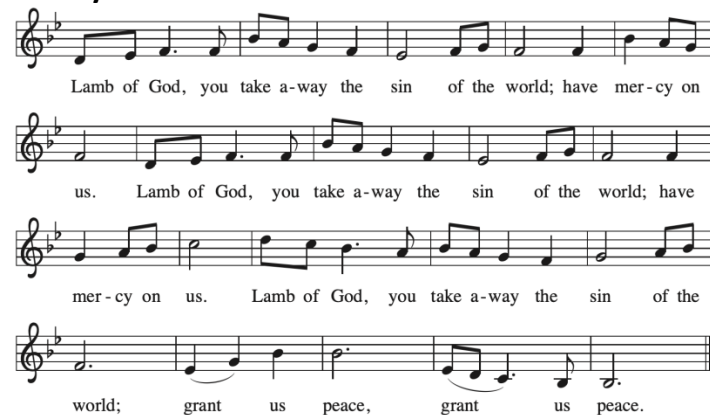
The Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution of our Lord's Supper

Communion Hymns: Lamb of God ACS Page 40



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.

O God, We Call

ACS # 1075



O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn for you.

Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In ACS # 950



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

Dismissal

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

We go to love as Jesus loves us!