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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 19, 2026

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Worship Booklet

KYRIE

Worship Booklet

HYMN OF PRAISE

Worship Booklet

PRAYER OF THE DAY- 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.**

FIRST LESSON - see Celebrate

ISAIAH 44: 6-8

PSALM 86:11-17 see Celebrate

SECOND LESSON - see Celebrate

ROMANS 8: 12-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Halle, Halle, Halle

Worship booklet

THE GOSPEL - see Celebrate insert

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON

HYMN # 824

"This is My Father's World"

APOSTLES CREED

Worship Booklet

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - see Celebrate

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY / OFFERING PRAYER

Worship booklet

HOLY COMMUNION WITH LORD'S PRAYER

Worship Booklet

Thanksgiving and Sanctus

Eucharistic Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Distribution / Lamb of God

Blessing

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING SONG # 545 ELW "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

BENEDICTION / ANNOUNCEMENTS / DISMISSAL

Welcome Pastor Dorothy Worth!!

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Worship

Let us pray for...

Melissa Stoller, **Bishop**, Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod

Peter Asplin and Erin Jones, **Assistants to the Bishop**

Rev. Yehiel Curry, **Presiding Bishop**, ELCA

Bishop Henrik Stubkjær, **President**, Lutheran World Federation

President Modeste, **Tulear Synod**, Malagasy Lutheran Church

HEALING & SPECIAL NEEDS: Refugees & asylum seekers, Rachel F., Rose & Chip, Judy H., Roni, Karin, Tommy C., Darlene & Al, Lana, Dayton, Nan, Sandra, Yuri, Pr. Tony, Mitzi, Fernando, Lynn F. & Zach & Lynn's brother, Noah, Debbie B., Myschel, Janet, Bob, Andrew W., Wael's family, Mark, Sydney B., Pr. Ken, Eric, Mindy, Debbie K., Leilani, Carol G., Debbie, Marion Q., Karen M., Marlene T., Kandy Sue, Robin, Louie, Kat, Hunter, Laura, Pam, Julie H., Jeff C, Pat P, Courtney, Joann, Luis S., Carole & Len, Judy M, Brian P & work colleagues, Lisa V, Debbie C, Barb G., Analisa B, Debbie, Pr Jin, Terry and all with undiagnosed illnesses.

HOMEBOUND: Fran Walsh, Carole Hill

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: Adrian Andreas Florian, Tyrin Johnson, Michael E. Pahira, Jr., Venezuela earthquake

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING: Mary Jane Freund (Concordia Ridgewood-Plum); Shirley & Jack Pickens (William Penn Center); Roni Mayhood (Merakey); Esther Schwab (Seneca Manor); June Minnear (Beatty Point Village); Peggy Ebert (Kane-McKeesport),

CAREGIVERS: Judy M., Chris, Chip, Darlene, Alexis, John, Barbara, Daniel, Dawn

EMPLOYMENT: Tom L., Spirit Airlines employees, Doug M., Justin K.

COUNTRY OF THE MONTH: Venezuela and the United States

MISSION PARTNER: Holy Trinity - East Pittsburgh

CHURCH OF THE MONTH: Hope - Turtle Creek

LUTHERAN AGENCY: Thiel College

SCHOOL OF THE MONTH: Beechwood Elementary in Beechview

CELEBRATE – 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, JULY 19, 2026

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First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

⁶Thus 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.

⁷Who 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.

⁸Do 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.

Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk ¹ in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with ¹ all my heart,
and glorify your name for- ¹ evermore. R**

¹³For great is your ¹ love toward me;
you have delivered me from the ¹ pit of death.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people ¹ seeks my
life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- ¹ ness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child ¹ 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**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, 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 children of God. ¹⁵For 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!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that 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. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

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. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And 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?' ²⁸He 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!"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world (*global concerns may be named*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith (*especially Bishop Nathan Söderblom, whom the church commemorates today*). 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.**