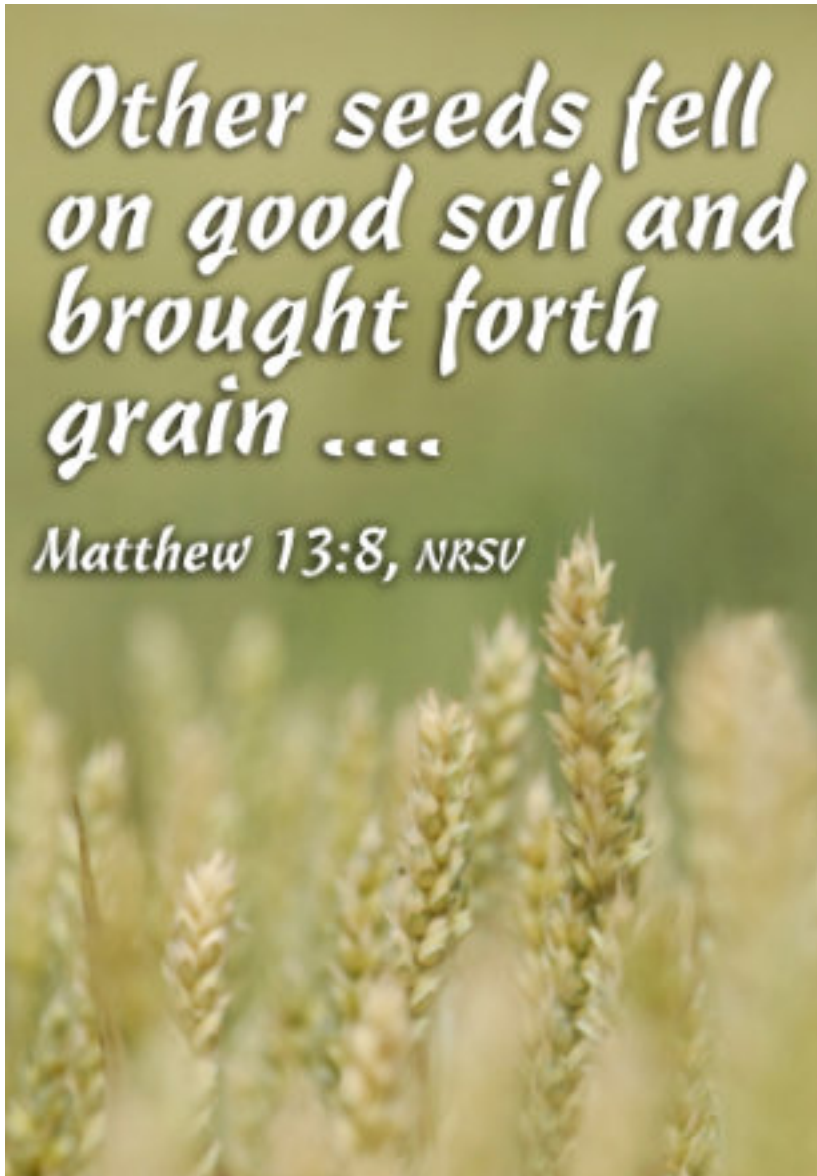


THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Lectionary 15
Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA
July 12, 2026
10:00am

*Other seeds fell
on good soil and
brought forth
grain*

Matthew 13:8, NRSV



Welcome

And thank you for worshipping with us today.

If you are a visitor, we are so glad you came! We hope that you will fill out a yellow or green card in your pew and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at the *Welcome Place* as you leave today. We hope to see you again soon!

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service and will learn to participate at a young age if present. If your child needs to leave for all or part of the service, a fully staffed nursery is available at both services for infants through age five. The nursery is located in the lower level of the church. Please ask an usher if you need help locating it.

Children Worship and Wonder is a ministry designed to help our youngest members experience worship in a way that is meaningful to them. Using a storytelling format, children hear the stories of God, wonder together about their meaning, and respond through hands-on activities. The worship space is set up to encourage reverence, quiet listening, and creativity, helping children grow in faith as they learn to worship God in their own way. Children are dismissed for CWW after the Gathering Hymn at the 11:00 service. Note: CWW runs September through May and will resume in the fall.

If you have a **prayer request** or would like a **pastoral visit**, please fill out a green card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Adults and children who receive **Holy Communion** in their home church are invited to receive the sacrament with us. All others are invited to the table to receive a blessing. We use **grape wine** and **wheat bread**. Gluten free wafers are available (please let Pastor know when you come forward if you need one). The fullness of the sacrament is available in either form: if for reasons of health or conscience, you can only receive the bread or the wine, please let Pastor know. After each morning service we invite you to join us for **refreshments and conversation** in the gathering area adjacent to the worship area.

In order to **prepare for worship**, please: keep **silence** for 10 minutes prior to worship for prayer and meditation; **silence** all electronic devices; **refrain from talking** during the **prelude**, which is the beginning of our worship service.

Our Mission

As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect and proclaim God's unconditional love.

Our Vision

To provide an active and visible Lutheran presence in the Lexington area by:

- maintaining our doctrinal, spiritual, and liturgical heritage;
- creating a community of disciples committed to growing in their spiritual lives;
- engaging in a vigorous lifestyle of evangelism;
- working to preserve the dignity of all God's people.

Prelude

Now the Green Blade Rises

arranged by Evelyn Larter

Pat McGrannahan, flute

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

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.

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.**



Greeting

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Canticle of Praise

Tu - ya es la glo - ria, la hon - ra tam - bién;
 1 Yours, Lord, is the glo - ry, and hon - or as well;
 2 Yours, Lord, the do - min - ions, and pow - er as well;
 3 To you I sur - ren - der my be - ing, my life;
 4 Glo - ry in the high - est, and on earth as well.

tu - ya pa - ra siem - pre. A - mén, a - mén.
 yours, Lord, now and al - ways.
 yours, Lord, now and al - ways. A - men, a - men.
 all, Lord, I sur - ren - der.
 Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

We sit.

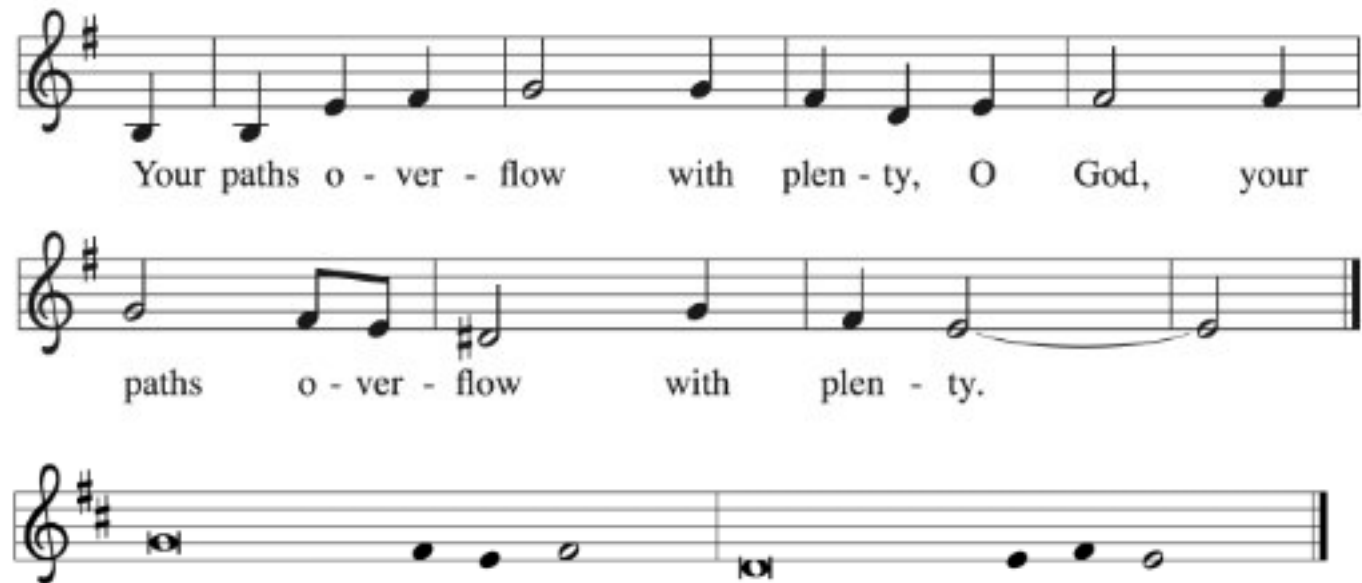
First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

The growth of the word

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so 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 succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths over-flow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing. **R**

Second Reading Romans 8:1-11 *Live according to the Spirit*

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised

Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand with the presiding minister to greet the reading of the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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(cantor) The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart. (repeat alleluia)

Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 *The parable of the sower and the seed*

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!" ¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears

the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

We sing the acclamation; then we sit.

Sermon Pastor Dana Lockhart

We stand to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day ELW 330 *Seed That in Earth is Dying*

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 Intercession God of grace, hear our prayer.

Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share the peace of Christ with one another and then sit.

We stand.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory XXX setting by XXX

Offering Hymn ACS 962 *In This Feast of Love*

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have promised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Offering Prayer

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...join their unending hymn:

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
 your glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .
 . . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to, e - res, oh Dios.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

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 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional
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Eucharistic Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

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

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.

THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sunday, July 12

10:00am In-Person/Livestream Worship
11:00am Eucharist Minister Training

Monday, July 13

6:15pm AA

Wednesday, July 15

6:00pm AA Faith House

Thursday, July 16

7:15am Men's Group

7:00pm Under 40s Trivia Night

Friday, July 17

5:00pm Children and Families Summer

Serving Today

Assisting Minister	Leslie Hughes
Organist/Pianist	Kathy Egner
Cantor	Emily Hayes
Sacristan	Phyllis Hasbrouck
Ushers	Kerstin & Ole Wendroth
Greeter	Diana Shappley
Counters	Teri Applegate/ Debbie Rosenberg
Livestream Operator	Helen Born

During Communion

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arranged by Sondra K. Tucker
Pat McGrannahan, flute

After all have communed, we stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Hymn ELW 550 *On What Has Now Been Sown*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude XXX XXX

Ministers
Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
Parish Administrator
Director of Music
Youth Assistant
Learning Center Director
Facilities Manager

All Members of Faith
The Reverend Dana Lockhart
The Reverend Ron Luckey
Victoria Rusk
Kathy Egner
Paige Barricklow
Courtney Herald
Parker Taul

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Worship Servants for Next Sunday (July 19)

10:00

Assisting Minister	Shane Hadden
Organist/Pianist	Kathy Egner
Cantor	Barbie Moore
Sacristan	Phyllis Hasbrouck
Ushers	Charlie Hamilton & David Templar
Greeter	Val Dutcher
Counters	Teri Applegate / Debbie Rosenberg
Livestream Operator	Jonathan Delap

COMMEMORATIONS

Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566 | Friday, July 17



Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

Photo circa 1947. From the family archives of Richard Detmer.



**ARE YOU CALLED TO HELP BRING
HOLY COMMUNION TO PEOPLE WHO
ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP
IN PERSON?**

Pastor Dana is looking for a small group of people to bring communion to congregation members in their homes. This is part of our effort to rebuild our Prayer and Care team and to be able to offer more regular home communion visits.

Details are flexible: we would ask for a commitment of making at least one visit per month.

We are open to people who would like to be assigned to a specific person, as well as people who might be comfortable visiting a variety of members.

For more information, please contact Pastor Dana.

Trainings will be held after worship on July 12th.



**Mark your calendars for the Mid-Year
Congregational Meeting July 19..**

**2026 MID-YEAR
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