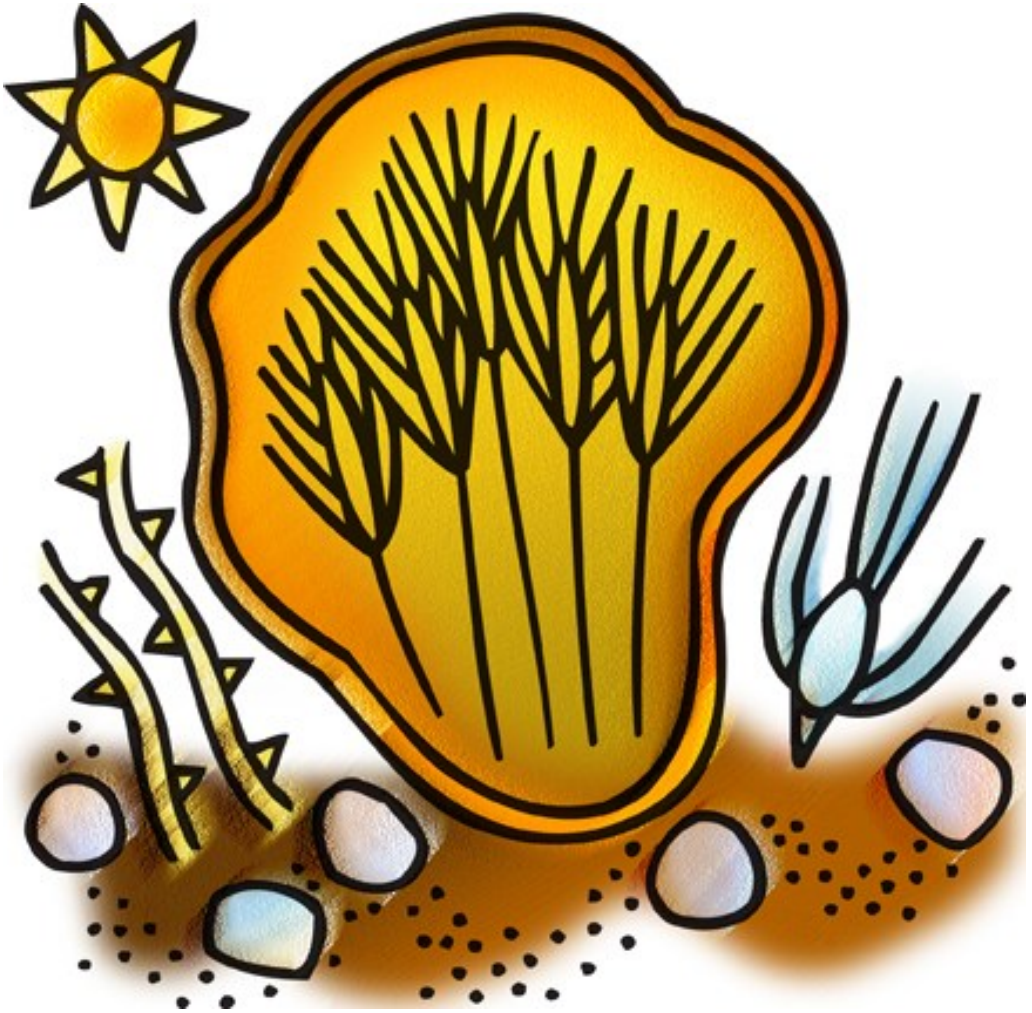


*9:30 AM  
Celebration Worship  
Service*



*July 12, 2026*



Welcome to all, especially visitors! It is no accident that you are here! We've been praying for you. We believe God has brought you here and wants to touch your life. You are among friends.



If you are visiting, please sign in on our guest sign in sheet in the Narthex Hallway.



**At our 9:30 AM service:** words for the hymns are projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.



**For the hearing impaired:** hearing devices are available in the Narthex outside the sanctuary. ELC now has a wifi enabled Assist System. This will allow you to follow along with the service using your personal hearing aids. If your hearing aids are paired to your smartphone, please scan the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store QR code to download the waveCast app. Please see the tech team if you need any assistance.



**Google Play Store**



**Wifi ELC Hears**



**Apple App Store**



**Restrooms:** To locate a restroom, exit the back of the worship area. Take two rights and proceed down the hallway. At the stairs, go left. The Women's Room is on the left, the Men's Room is straight ahead.



**Holy Communion at ELC:** We welcome to the Lord's Table all the baptized people of God. Gluten free options and grape juice are available.



**Nursery:** We have a fully staffed nursery for infants through children six years of age or children of any age with special needs. The nursery opens at 9:15 AM on Sunday morning for our 9:30 AM worship service. The nursery is equipped with a pager system to help parents feel at ease. There is also a private nursing room for those who wish you use it.



**Photo Release Form:** Our 9:30 am AM service is live-streamed to our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. All children coming to the front for the Children's Message or Holy Communion will be visible on the live-feed. If you do not want your child's image online, please do not send them up to the front. If you are ok with it, please fill out a Photo Release Form located on the sign-up table in the Narthex and put it in the offering box.



**Reserved Seating:** Please keep the reserved seats open for people with disabilities and their family members. Thank you!



**Background Checks:** Mandatory background checks have been completed for all of our Nursery & Children's Ministry Volunteers.

**July 12, 2026**

**The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

*Once the prelude starts, we ask you to take an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart, helping to create a reverent and welcoming atmosphere for worship.*

### **WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING**

#### **TEMPLE TALK**

Stewardship

Pam Wagaman

*Please Stand*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** 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.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN  
GREETING**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**ELW 879**

**P** 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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

<sup>10</sup> 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,  
<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

**L** The word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

**Romans 8:1-11**

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> 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, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> 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.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

**P** The holy gospel according to St. Matthew 13th Chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> If you have ears, hear!"

<sup>18</sup> "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> 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."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Rosalie

**SERMON**

Pastor Rosalie

*Please stand*

**THE 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**

**Members of Our Congregation:** Gary & Bobbi Biesecker, Don Cool, Cindy Hahn, Ellen Hess, Bill Kipe, Karla Oller, Paula Kline, Art Koenig, Lena Rowe, and Carolyn & Lamar Sease. Pray for Dr. Bob and others as they travel on their mission trip.

**Friends of the Congregation:** Hilda Carey, Kevin Carey, Ron Cordell Sr., Barbara Dutton, Robyn Haskins, Terry L'Heureux, Jordan Kefauver, Debra Lensbower, Diana Miner, Amanda Morningstar, Kristy Murphy, Larry Parks, Bob Schwoyer, Spahnolgtli Family, and Paul Tressler.

*(Names will be posted for a month. If you would like to have them on longer, please contact the church office.)*

**PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Word Grow in Me*  
Pastor Rosalie and Hayley Martz

Kurt Johnson

*Please stand*

## MEAL

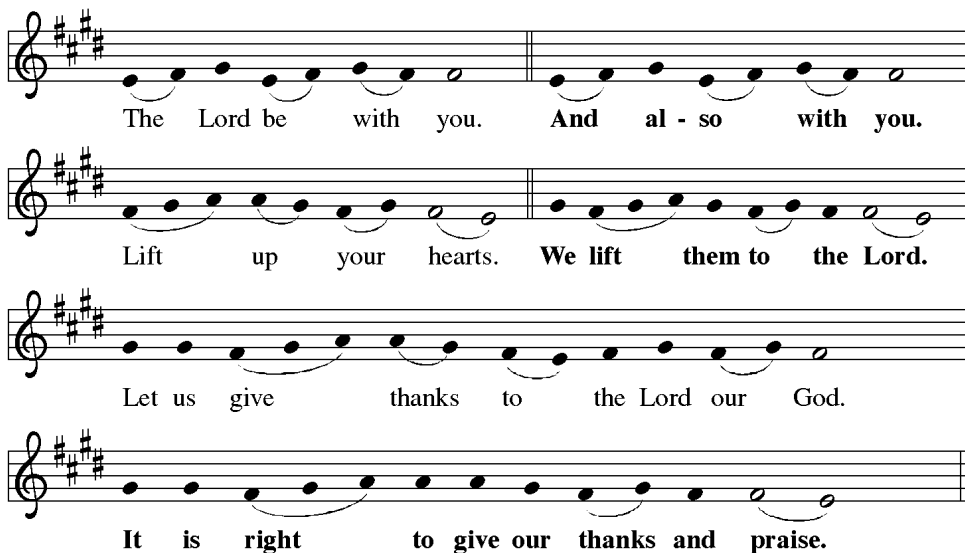
### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Loving God, 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.

**C** Amen.

*Thank you for your continuous support of ELC ministries. Your generosity is making a difference. Please place your offering in one of the boxes at the entrance to the Sanctuary.  
You are a blessing!*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

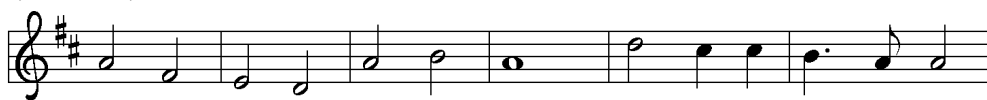


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION SONG



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.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*At the direction of the ushers, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. We welcome to the Lord's Table all the people of God. Gluten free options and grape juice are available. After receiving the bread and wine, you may kneel at the altar for a quiet prayer, or you may return to your seat. After all have returned to their places, the presiding minister will invite the assembly to stand for a table blessing.*

*Please stand*

### **TABLE BLESSING**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## ***SENDING***

### **BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**ELW 547**

### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Elijah Kring
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Noah & Riley Walker
<b>Audio Visual</b>	Rich Luquette & Ethan McDonald
<b>Children's Message</b>	Pastor Rosalie
<b>Children's Worship</b>	Michelle Kring
<b>Communion Asst.'s</b>	Andy Rovelstad & Sean McDonald
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Chuck & Teresa Morningstar
<b>Greeters</b>	Barb Cahill (W) Shirley Clapsaddle (C)
<b>Lector</b>	Drew Reed
<b>Nursery Helper</b>	Lily McDannell
<b>Ushers</b>	Team E

**Mission Statement**  
 Gathering in Community, Growing in God's Word, Going in Service for Christ.



Altar Flowers

*In loving memory of Jenny and Dick Frantz  
 by Jeff & Patti Geesaman & Family.*



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