

**HOLY COMMUNION  
SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK  
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026  
8:00AM**



**ABIDING PRESENCE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AND PRESCHOOL  
ROUTE 25A & SUNKEN MEADOW ROAD,  
4 TRECOTT PATH  
FORT SALONGA, NEW YORK**

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**ORGANIST AND DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - DR. THOMAS ZATORSKI**

**PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR - MS. MARIALAINA SHEEHAN**



**Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
full of compassion and mercy,  
abounding in steadfast love.  
**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being.**  
**Look upon us, your children,**  
**the work of your hands.**  
**Forgive us all our offenses,**  
**and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**  
**By your grace draw us near to you,**  
**our refuge and our strength;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.  
In the mercy of almighty God,  
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
and for his sake, God ✝ forgives us all our sins. **Amen.**

**SONG 508**

**“As Rain from the Clouds”**



1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,  
 2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown  
 3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,



as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.  
 on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.  
 a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.



Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow  
 Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow  
 Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow



and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.  
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We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;  
 We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;  
 We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;



we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.  
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.  
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.



We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,  
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for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.  
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## **GREETING**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

**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.**

**Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON    Isaiah 55: 10-13**

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

## **MEDITATION**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **PRAYERS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up 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, 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. 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 Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he(+) who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT TABLE**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;

beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,

we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.  
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

## **BLESSING**

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray: We thank you, God of heaven and earth,  
that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ,  
broken and poured out for us.  
Pour us out into a broken world.

Channel our common life toward the common good,  
following the way our Savior leads us  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

### SONG 677

### *“This Little Light of Mine”*



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
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Text: African American spiritual  
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

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**NO MONDAY EVENING WORSHIP JULY & AUGUST**

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**Daily Bible Readings for Year A (July 12 – July 19)**  
**From *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP***

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Sun 7/12	<i>Lectionary 15</i> Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Mon 7/13	Psalm 92 Leviticus 26:3-20 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Tues 7/14	Psalm 92 Deuteronomy 28:1-14 Ephesians 4:17—5:2
Wed 7/15	Psalm 92 Proverbs 11:23-30 Matthew 13:10-17
Thurs 7/16	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 41:21-29 Hebrews 2:1-9
Fri 7/17	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:9-17 Hebrews 6:13-20
Sat 7/18	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:18-20 Matthew 7:15-20
Sun 7/19	<i>Lectionary 16</i> Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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