

WELCOME

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. JULY 18/SUN. JULY 19, 2026



“Through Groaning to Glory”

WELCOME

AS WE GATHER

Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God’s perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

OPENING HYMN

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

LSB 794

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/CwWP2fUw6gQ?si=CR5WN5wdJoJrDmXf>

1. The Lord, my God, be praised,
My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.

**2. The Lord, my God, be praised,
My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned
With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith
The highest heav'nly good.**

**3. The Lord, my God, be praised,
My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son
In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart
And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support
In sorrow's gloomy hour.**

*** 4. The Lord, my God, be praised,
My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host
Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Psalm 130:5

***People:* But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

<https://youtu.be/Dl2zN9JZUNQ>

C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE
Gloria in Excelsis

LSB page 204
Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in Pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Holy Spirit, You intercede for the sons of earth more deeply and more graciously than our words allow. In our weakness and inability, plead for the strength and safety your people, even as You hold Your saints in hope of the redemption to be revealed in Jesus Christ, our coming Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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 him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

LADIES ENSEMBLE

“Make it Well”

MercyMe

EPISTLE

Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who

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

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 13:35b*

Pastor: Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

People: I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather 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 came to 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 is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons 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 gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

LSB 663

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/LQFCJVMWu5w?si=EfUkilkPmMdNTbGT&t=33>

**1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o’ertaken;
For the foe,
Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping**

While the saints are sleeping.

**2 Watch against the devil's snares
Lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares
To deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey Oft are they
Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping.**

**3 Watch! Let not the wicked world
With its lies defeat you
Lest with bold deceptions hurled
It betray and cheat you.
Watch and see
Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm you,
Who but seek to harm you.**

**4 Watch against yourself, my soul,
Lest with grace you trifle;
Let not self your thoughts control
Nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin
Lurk within,
All your hopes to shatter;
Heed not when they flatter.**

**5 But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day,
Strength and faith increasing,
So that still**

**Mind and will
Shall unite to serve Him
And forever love Him.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

CONSECRATION OF MISSIONARIES

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 507, St. 1 & 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

**All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
 proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to
 pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

LSB 550 St. 1 & 3

**1. Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**3. I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

✠DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION✠

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed

- believe Christ's words

- repent of their sins

- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.

How to receive –

- *anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

LSB 728

HYPERLINK

https://youtu.be/YMzt_SfJBDY?si=Ox1aVnga3WVrjRh&t=53

**1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord.
Is laid for your faith in excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**2. "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**3. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor
to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!**

**4. "When through fiery
trials your pathway will lie,**

**My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**5.”Throughout all their lifetime
My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs
will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still
in my bosom be borne.”**

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 378, St. 3

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/HefaT9GP-yw?si=nS2b4zD188zb-rz&t=39>

**All blessing, thanks, and praise to Thee,
Lord Jesus Christ, be given
Thou hast my brother deigned to be,
Thou Lord of earth and heaven.
Help me throughout this day of grace
To praise Thy love and seek Thy face;
And when I stand before Thee
Forever to adore Thee.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

LSB 921

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/lakoanmqGSw?si=xIYM-wrqlaMNNne&t=22>

1. On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace
the harvest raise,
And Thou alone
shalt have the praise!

2. To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord,
and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

**3. O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee
to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT: “Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ known to others”

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- **Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- **Liturgist (Sun.)** Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
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- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
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- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND A PASTOR**
to be considered on Hope's Call List, please see Peter Voigt
(Head Elder) for the form. *You must personally know the
Pastor in order to nominate him.* The completed form will
be submitted to the District President for consideration.

- **WOH WILL BE COLLECTING Back packs and School Supplies for Trina Metz's school, Beach Elementary School Round Lake Beach IL and Melani Wachholder's school Wheatland Center School Burlington WI during the month of July. Here's their wish list: Beach Elementary School- a lot of black dry erase markers, glue sticks, crayons, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, clorox wipes, and backpacks. Wheatland Center School Burlington- Classroom needs are hand sanitizer, clorox wipes, zip lock bags dry erase markers and backpacks. The supplies can be placed in the white bin under coat rack.**
- **TODAY JULY 19TH, immediately following Bible Class in the church basement, at 11am, you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts regarding the Sharing Center. Based on the Sharing Centers advertising of Planned Parenthood in their brochures, the Elders decided that Hope cannot endorse them. A letter was sent to the Sharing Center requesting them to remove the Planned Parenthood endorsement. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is pro-life and opposes Planned Parenthood: However, this is not binding in the conscience of individual members.**
- **LADIES AT HOPE AND FRIENDS are welcome to join our Ladies Luncheon on Thursday, July 23 at 11:30 am. We meet at the Corner Kitchen 100 N Lake Avenue in Twin Lakes. Let us know if you will be attending and/or if you need a ride. We look forward to having you here. Contact Beth Schneider for any questions at 262 - 351- 6578.**

- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP:** We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.

THIS WEEK

Reader:	Jim Tonkinson
Communion:	Mike Gomski
Ushers:	Gary Estes & Dave Peschke
Fellowship:	Dawn Oswald
Altar Guild:	Paul & Carol Trettin

NEXT WEEK

Reader:	Peter Voigt
Communion:	Mike Gomski
Ushers:	Paul & Beth Schneider
Fellowship:	Peter & Tami Voigt
Altar Guild:	Paul & Carol Trettin

BIRTHDAYS

07/20	Alana Fragassi
07/22	Kayvion Bloomer
07/22	Jim Tonkinson
07/24	Susan Keating
07/26	Peggy Tueting

ANNIVERSARIES

07/23

Carol & Wayne Johnson

Calendar of Events This Week

07/20/26–07/26/26

Monday: 11:00am Twin Lakes Seniors

Thursday: 11:30am

**Ladies Luncheon Corner
Kitchen Twin Lakes**

6:00pm

AA Meeting

Saturday: 9:30am

Worship Service

Sunday: 9:00am

Worship Service

10:20am

Bible Study

7:00pm

AA Meeting

