

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

July 26, 2026

Divine Service, Setting One

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #583: God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

Confession of Sins

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

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9-10

P: We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God,

C: **in the midst of Your temple.**

P: As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

C: **Your right hand is filled with righteousness.**

P: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

C: **in the city of our God, His holy mountain.**

P: Within her citadels

C: **God has made Himself known as a fortress.**

P: Let Mount Zion be glad!

C: **Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments!**

P: This is God, our God forever and ever.

C: **He will guide us forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Kyrie (sung)

Mark 10:47

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: 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.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.
Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:16-29 (ESV)

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear His word,
or who has paid attention to His word and listened?

Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until He has executed and accomplished
the intents of His heart.
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

"I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.
But if they had stood in My council,
then they would have proclaimed My words to My people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make My people forget My name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot My name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has My word speak My word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Romans 8:12-17 (ESV)

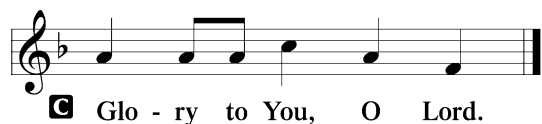
So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:15-23 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Statement of Faith: Nicene Creed

Hymn #655: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Sermon

Offertory (sung)

Psalm 51:10-12

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, everything we have and are truly belongs to You. Our talents, our treasures, and the time to use them, are resources You have given us to do Your work until You return. Grant that we may be faithful managers of all that You have entrusted to us, that Your name may be glorified among us and that we may receive You with joy on the day when You come again in glory. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer (8:00)

(8:00) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

(10:45) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface (sung)

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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



Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns

1. #622: Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared
2. #537: Beautiful Savior
3. #809: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thank the Lord (sung) (stand)

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction (sung)

Numbers 6:24-26

P: 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.



Hymn #924: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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