

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11 and 12, 2026



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THE WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Chad E. Hoover
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Elder: Benjamin Castens (5:00)
Paul Niccum (9:00)
Ushers: Group S1 (Dale Loshe) (5:00)
Group 4 (Bill Bremer) (9:00)

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joyfully dedicated to furthering God’s Kingdom.

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The Order of Vespers ~ Page 229 (5:00)

The Order of Matins ~ Page 219 (9:00)

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord’s Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in!

AS WE GATHER ~ Any gardener will admit they have seen certain plants flourish while others fail. The plants don’t get a choice in the matter. A plant cannot affect the amount of sunlight, moisture, or attention it receives. It simply grows the way it was designed to. You have been planted by the Lord in His garden. You have seen the light of His Gospel, been watered in Baptism, and been nourished by heaven’s food. You have been designed to flourish! A pear tree doesn’t grow pumpkins, and neither do the redeemed fall back into fear or slavery. You are the harvest of the Lord. We grow to His glory.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ OPENING HYMN ↓ *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* *LSB 901*

Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee; come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken; let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; may Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.

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**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee while Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.**

♪ OPENING VERSICLES – page 219 ↑

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips;

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 51:15)

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: make haste to help me, O Lord. (Psalm 70:1)

**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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.**

♪ ANTIPHON – page 220 ↑ (9:00)

Pastor: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: O come, let us worship Him.

♪ VENITE ~ *O Come, Let Us Sing* – page 220 ↑ (9:00)

(Psalm 95:1-7)

**People: O come, let us sing to the Lord,
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
The strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

♪ ANTIPHON – page 221 ↑ (9:00)

Pastor: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: O come, let us worship Him.

PSALM 65:9-13 ↑

Pastor: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

People: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

Pastor: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

People: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

Pastor: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓

Isaiah 55:10-13 (ESV)

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

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ HYMN ↓

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB 545

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav’n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.**

**Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav’n to die, crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, Your love outpouring.**

**Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be; loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken, heal the world, by sin now broken.**

**Word that speaks God’s tender love, one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

EPISTLE READING ↓

Romans 8:12-17 (ESV)

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ↑

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (ESV)

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on

rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,
²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: Thanks be to God.

♪ RESPONSORY – page 230 ↑ (5:00) (Psalm 86:11; 119:105)

Pastor: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Pastor: Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

♪ RESPONSORY – page 221 ↑ (9:00) (Psalm 119:89; Luke 11:28)

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓ Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast LSB 577

Almighty God, Your Word is cast like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend and righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe this holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold the fruits of peace and joy.

So when the precious seed is sown, life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive its saving pow'r may know.

SERMON ↓

♪ CANTICLE ↓ Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing LSB 584

Faith and truth and life bestowing, open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing, scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, shallow earth or stony ground.

May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing, bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory give us ears to hear Your Word.

♪ KYRIE – page 227 ↑ People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy. (Mark 10:47)

LORD’S PRAYER – page 227 ↑ (Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

COLLECTS – page 227 ↑ Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer. People: And let my cry come to You. (Psalm 102:1)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑ Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have called all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting

life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

COLLECT FOR PEACE – page 233 ↑ (5:00)

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

COLLECT FOR GRACE – page 228 ↑ (9:00)

Pastor: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

♪ BENEDICAMUS ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ BENEDICTION ↑

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

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!

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.

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!

POSTLUDE



*Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel
in the offering plate as you leave.*