



# Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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## July 12, 2026 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Service of Holy Communion

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Council President: Karen Oko

Musician: Isaac Courneyea

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Worship Host: Margie Nunweiler

### Welcome

**Processional** *“We Are Marching in the Light of God”* (ELW 866) 3 vs

### Greeting

### Prayer of the Day

**Song** *‘My Lighthouse’*

### Children’s Time

**First Reading** Isaiah 55:10-13

<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.

**Psalm 65:[1-8]9-13** (Psalm Tone 16)

[<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;

to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>**To you, the one | who answers prayer,**

**to you all | flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are strong- | er than we are,

but you blot out | our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell there!**

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness | of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.

<sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains | by your power;**

**you are girded a- | bout with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring | of the seas,

the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy. R**

[<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is | full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;**

**with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year | with your goodness,

and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup>**May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,**

**and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain; let them shout for | joy and sing. R

**Gospel Verse** - Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

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

<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."

## **Sermon**

**Song of the Day** *'May This Church Be Like a Tree'* (ACS 1042)

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Faye P, Pr. Rod A, Carola U, Darlene & Randy F, Anna E, Pathma D, Brenda K, and those we hold dear in our hearts.*

## **Peace**

**Offertory** *"As the Grains of Wheat'* NTF, refrain only

## **Offering Prayer**

**Thanksgiving at the Table** – *spoken*

## **Alternate Lord's Prayer**

**Loving God, through the Spirit's revelation,  
may Your true nature be honored everywhere.  
May Your reign of love come.  
May desire of Your heart for the world be done,  
in us, by us and through us in the power of the Spirit.  
Give us the bread we need for each day.  
Forgive us.  
Enable us to forgive others.  
Keep us from all anxiety and fear.  
For You reign in the power  
that comes from love which is Your glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

## **Communion Songs**

*'Lamb of God'* Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

*'Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil'* (ELW 512)

*'God of the Fertile Fields'* (ACS 1063)

*'For the Wholeness of the Earth'* (ACS 1067)

**Blessing**

**Dedication & Blessing of the Processional Cross**

**Community Life**

**Sending Song** *'Go to the World'* (ACS 991) vs 1,4

**Dismissal**

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