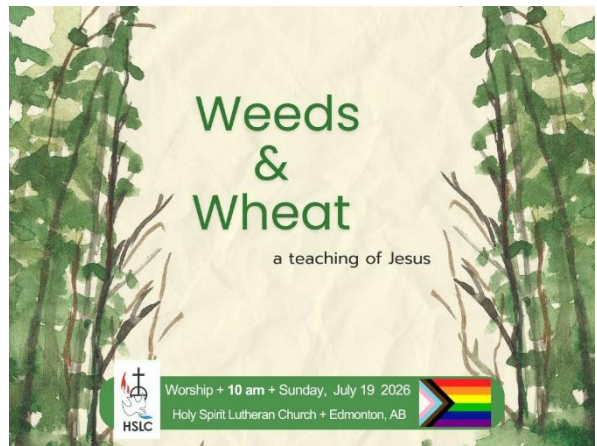




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## July 19, 2026 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Service of the Word

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Worship Host: Suzie Petersen

### Welcome

**Gathering Song** “Come, All You People” (ELW 819)

### Greeting

**Kyrie** – Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

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

### Prayer of the Day

### Children’s Time

**First Reading** Isaiah 44:6-8

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. <sup>8</sup> Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

**Psalm 86:11-17**

Psalm Tone ELW 16

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk <sup>l</sup> in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to re- <sup>l</sup> vere your name.

<sup>12</sup> **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with <sup>l</sup> all my heart,  
and glorify your name for- <sup>l</sup> evermore. R**

<sup>13</sup> For great is your <sup>l</sup> love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the <sup>l</sup> pit of death.

<sup>14</sup> **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent  
people <sup>l</sup> seeks my life; they have not set you be- <sup>l</sup> fore their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are gracious and full <sup>l</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kind- <sup>l</sup> ness and truth.

<sup>16</sup> **Turn to me and have mer- <sup>l</sup> cy on me; give your strength to your  
servant, and save the child <sup>l</sup> of your handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it  
and be <sup>l</sup> put to shame;

because you, Lord, have helped me and com- <sup>l</sup> forted me. R

**Second Reading** Romans 8:12-25

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

**Gospel** Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,<sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup> He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” <sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

## **Sermon**

**Song of the Day** ‘*You Are the Seed*’ (WOV 753)

## **Inclusive Creed**

**We believe in God, source of all life, source of all love.**

**Creation within our past and our future.**

**Mother and Father of all that’s to be.**

**We believe in God. Christ of our history.**

**Link with eternity. One with our humanness.**

**Revealing our hopefulness.**

**Traveler before us, the sign of the way.**

**We believe in God, spirit of newness, spirit of power  
wisdom and wonder, mystery and miracle.**

**God moves in freedom, transforming the earth.  
We believe in the Church, born of our struggles.  
Open to changes, centered in loving, and moving and growing.  
Heart of the community turned to the world.  
Amen**

### **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”* Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy **refrain only**

### **Offering Prayer**

### **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.**

### **Blessing**

### **Community Life**

**Sending Song** *‘When in Our Music God is Glorified’* (ELW 851) vs 1,5

### **Dismissal**

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