

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, JULY 12, 2026

### Music and Hymns:

Gathering	<i>Gather Us In</i>	ELW 532
Hymn of Day	<i>Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil</i>	ELW 512
Sending	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	ELW 547
Prelude	Shall We Gather at the River	ELW 423
Communion	Consolation	Mendelssohn
Postlude	What a Friend we have in Jesus	ELW 742

### 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

<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 stronger 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 about 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.**

<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 overflow 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 themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

## **Romans 8:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

## **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.”

<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
Greeters	Theresa Garner	
Lector	Linda Griffith	Linda Hill
Worship	Linda Griffith	Marie Lybrand
	<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>
Ushers	*Need Volunteer (2)	Jim Garner/*Need Volunteer
Tellers	Linda Griffith/Linda Hill	Beth Cleland/Melba Murphy
Offering Pickup	Linda Griffith	Jim Garner
Property	Steve Nivens	Jim Garner
Altar Guild	Isma Boland/ Melba Murphy	Charles and Ruth Nicholson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my beautiful wife Linda and to commemorate our anniversary on 7/27 by Frank Yonce.

- Young Adult Planning Team will meet to discuss Fall Fest logistics, July 15 at 10am in conference room.
- The weekly bulletin is printed on Wednesday morning at 10:30 am. If you have information that you want included, please inform the church office before that time. Thank you.
- August Grapevine Deadline: 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 27, 2026.
- God's Helping Hands current needs as of July 1st are: miscellaneous canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, crackers, canned fruit and Jiffy cornbread mix. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.
- WELCA Community Service Project. This summer, the Cameron Rebekah Circle is collecting TWIN sheets, pillowcases, blankets and pillows for a Scooter Scott project. Two blue containers are in the Cameron Hallway for these items. Money contributions are also accepted. Make check out to Our Saviour WELCA and give it to Ann Satterwhite or Linda Hill. Thanks for your support and help.

Sunday <i>July 12</i>	10:00 a.m.	Choir Practice Chat & Snack
	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Summer Camp Sunday (Holy Communion)
	11:30 a.m.	Summer Camp Sunday (Lunch)
Sunday <i>July 19</i>	10:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion

Those on our Prayer list below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months but may be extended upon request.

*Melanie Amick*  
*Bill Aull*  
*Gary Black*  
*Greg Chapman*  
*Jeannie Chapman*  
*Katie Doble*  
*Dolores Hopkins*  
*Charles Kirby*  
*Marie Lybrand*  
*The family of Anne Moye*  
*Steve Rucker*  
*Herman & Elizabeth Shealy*  
*Marie Shealy (National Health Care)*