

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, JULY 19TH

Music and Hymns:

Gathering	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People Come</i>	ELW 693
Hymn of Day	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	ELW 781
Sending	<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	ELW 612
Prelude	<i>Rejoice, Ye Poor in Heart</i>	ELW 874

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ 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.⁷ 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.⁸ 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

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ 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!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ 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. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ 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. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ 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?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ 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.’” ³⁶ 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.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

SERVERS	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Greeters	*Need Volunteer	
Lector	Linda Hill	Pam Hanfland
Worship	Marie Lybrand	Gail Marcum
	JULY	AUGUST
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 honor of our talented musician, Tammy Lorick, by Pastor Joanna Gragg.

- 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.
- SAVE THE DATE – Treasure Find and Fall Fest – Saturday, November 14th

Sunday <i>July 19</i>	10:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday <i>July 26</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
Gerald Bush
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Dolores Hopkins
Charles Kirby
Marie Lybrand
The family of Anne Moya
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
The Black family as they grieve the loss of their beloved Gary