

July 12, 2026— Seventh Sunday after PENTECOST

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Welcome to you who are visitors among us; please sign our guest book, take a “Welcome” bag home, and do come worship with us again. *To those of you looking for a church home, we invite you to join this community of faith, as we seek to grow and serve in God’s grace and love.*

***: Please stand, in body or spirit.**

Large print bulletins are available at the back table.

“Busy Bags” for small children’s use during Worship on back handrail.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Confession & Forgiveness**

L: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

L: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn:** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” #533 ELW

***Apostolic Greeting (C: And also with you.)**

***Kyrie** #157 ELW

***Prayer of the Day** (*Today’s Readings* insert)

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 65:1-13

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

***Gospel Acclamation:** “Celtic Alleluia” #174 ELW

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 9:9-13

***Responses:** “Glory to you, O LORD”/“Praise to you, O Christ.”

Hymn of the Day: “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” #890 ELW

Sermon (*Video of Pr. Regina Hassanally, Bishop of SE Minnesota Synod*)

Hymn: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” (sing 2x) #512 ELW

***Apostles’ Creed**

Prayer Song: “Come, Bring Your Burden to God” Text by Barbara Clark
Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God; Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no. (Sing 2x)
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Prayers of Intercession: (L: God of grace, C: Hear our prayer.)

THANKSGIVING

Our Tithes/Offerings to God

***Offertory Hymn:** “Give Thanks” Text Henry Smith
Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because GOD’s given Jesus Christ to us. (Repeat)...

And now let the weak say ‘I am strong’, Let the poor say ‘I am rich’ because of what the LORD has done for us (Repeat)... Give thanks!

***Offertory Prayer**

***Lord’s Prayer**

SENDING

***Blessing (C: Amen!)**

***Sending Hymn:** “For the Fruit of All Creation” #679 ELW

***P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

In Our Thoughts/Prayers: Tim Yokom (Jerry’s brother), Marleen Pytlik (@ St. Raphael), Madonna Bacher-Slack, Bea Tait, Annitha Plecity, Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef’s sis-in-law), Don Clark, Nicole Wieser; Casa de Fe orphanage; PEACE

“Trinity Family” to pray for this week: Marlin & Tammi Severson, Susan Smith, Tim & Shonagh Sorenson

Our “Thanks!” to those who serve today:

Lay Leaders: Diane Kracht & Kathy Hoefs

Accompanist: Amy Anderson

Scripture Reader: Pat Beil

Greeters & Ushers: Bruce Anderson & Jason Anderson

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This Week @ TLC:

Pr. Diane is on vacation through Monday, July 20th. Please call the church office if you have a pastoral emergency.

Today, July 12th: **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

10 a.m. Worship (Thank you to Diane Kracht & Kathy Hoefs for leading Worship today while Pr. Diane is on vacation!)

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Breakfast Fundraiser @ TLC: all free-will offering proceeds will benefit Casa de Fe (House of Faith), an orphanage in Ecuador. Hosted by TLC Mission team.

5:30 p.m. Music @ Pioneer Park (Featuring Kolby Tangen on acoustic guitar): Bring your lawn chairs/blankets. A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, this event will be moved to The Vault on Central Ave.

Tues., July 14th: **10 a.m.** Bible study @ Bridgeview Est.

Wed., July 15th: **9 a.m.** Quilters

11 – 11:30 a.m. Summer Food prgm @ City Park (free food for youth ages 18 yrs & younger; no eligibility requirements)

5-7 p.m. Summer Grocery Store @ VCHS (use door W6): free food program open to everyone!

7:15 p.m. Music @ City Park Bandshell featuring The Original Buffalo Alice Band (In case of inclement weather, this will be held at VCSU Robinson Center.)

Thurs. – Sun., July 16th -19th: WELCA Triennial in Des Moines, IA; attending from TLC are: Jeanne Wobbema, Linda Anderson, Patty Beil, & Sue Martin.

Next Sun., July 19th: **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion (Pr. Randy Schlecht leading)

11 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Bernard & Edna Elsner hosting.)

Summer Office Hours @ TLC:

Tues.—Thurs., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed Mondays & Fridays)

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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

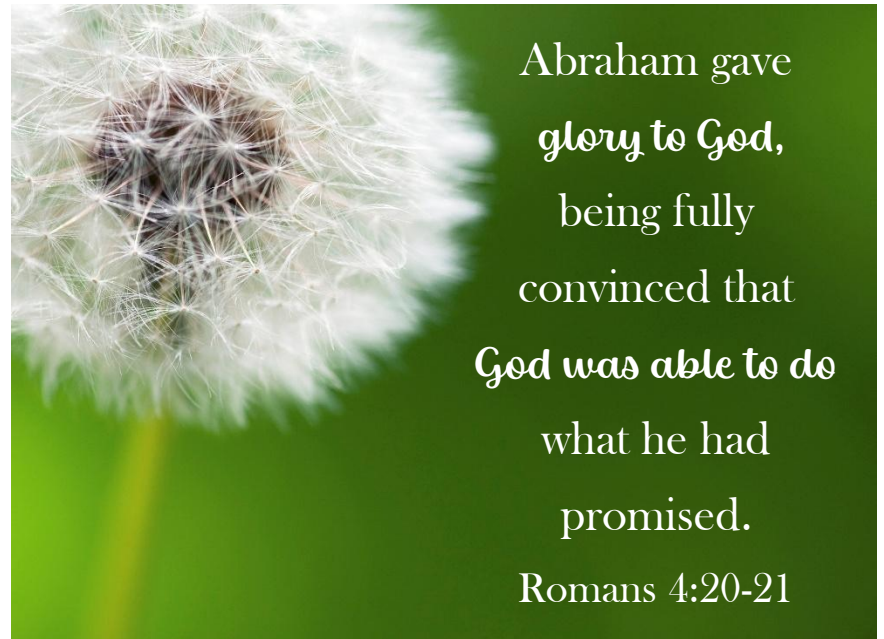
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Our Mission: "Love God. Love Others."

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Abraham gave
glory to God,
being fully
convinced that
God was able to do
what he had
promised.

Romans 4:20-21

Today's sermon is from the closing worship service at Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly (June 7, 2026). The preacher is Pastor Regina Hassanally (Bishop of Southeastern Minnesota Synod). In his letter to the Romans, Paul holds up Abraham as one who believes that God can and will do what God promises to do – even impossible things. In the Gospel reading, Jesus declares that he has not come for the people who have it all figured out, but for those who need God. It is a good time, then, to be the Church and to live as the people of God knowing that the Spirit is at work in, through, and for us – doing the impossible – for the sake of God's glory in this world.