

July 19, 2026— Eighth 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 hand rail.

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:** "Praise & Thanksgiving" #689 ELW

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

***Kyrie** #157 ELW

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

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 86:11-17

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

***Gospel Acclamation:** "Celtic Alleluia" #174 ELW

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

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

Hymn of Day: "God Bless Our Native Land" #891 ELW

Sermon: "Rockland, Wheatland, Weedland"

Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #693 ELW

***Apostles' Creed** p. 127 ELW

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.)

MEAL

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!*

***Great Thanksgiving**

p. 206-207 ELW

***Lord's Prayer**

Holy Communion/Kneel or stand at Communion rail



All are welcome to join us in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion, believing the Risen Christ is present with us in the bread and wine, assuring us of GOD's love and forgiveness.

Please receive the bread in your hand and place your empty cup in the side basket. Gluten-free bread/juice are available. To be served in your pew, please raise your hand after pianist is served.

***Post-Communion Prayer**

SENDING

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

***Sending Hymn:** "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" #547 ELW

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

Postlude

In Our Thoughts/Prayers: Sharon Anundson (knee surgery), 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; Eastern ND ELCA Synod Bishop Tessa Moon-Leiseth/ELCA Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry; PEACE

"Trinity Family" to pray for this week: Gary & Bea Tait, Rudy & Jackie Tesky, Carol Thompson

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Our "Thanks!" to those who serve today:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Randy Schlecht **Accompanist:** Amy Anderson

Greeters & Ushers: Gary & Bernadette Botner

Scripture Reader & Communion Assistant: Rochelle Triebold

This Week @ TLC:

Today, July 19th: ***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***

10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

11 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (*Thanks for hosting, Bernard & Edna!*)

5:30 p.m. Music @ Pioneer Park (Featuring the Kringen Accordion Band of Fargo): 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.

Mon., July 20th – Tues., July 21st: Grades 7-12 Youth trip to Mpls

Tues., July 21st: **10:30 a.m.** Bible study @ TLC **12 p.m.** WELCA

Wed., July 22nd: **9 a.m.** Quilters

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. YMCA Summer Food prgm @ City Pk
(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 of all ages!

7:15 p.m. Music @ City Park Bandshell, featuring FM Golden Notes of Fgo-Mrhd. (In case of inclement weather, this will be held at VCSU Robinson Center.)

Thurs., July 23rd: **1-3 p.m.** Sheyenne Valley Memory Café @ Faith:

"LTC MedicAid" by Gwen Coit, LTC MedicAid Eligibility Worker

Next Sunday, July 26th: ***Ninth Sunday after Pentecost/Xmas in July!***

10 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Coffee fellowship (WELCA hosting)

4:30-7 p.m. Epworth Methodist Men's 18th Annual Corn Feed & UWF Bake Sale: Pulled pork sandwiches, sweet corn, ice cream.
Cost: \$12 (Adult), \$7 (6-12 yrs), free for PreK

Summer Office Hours @ TLC:

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

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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

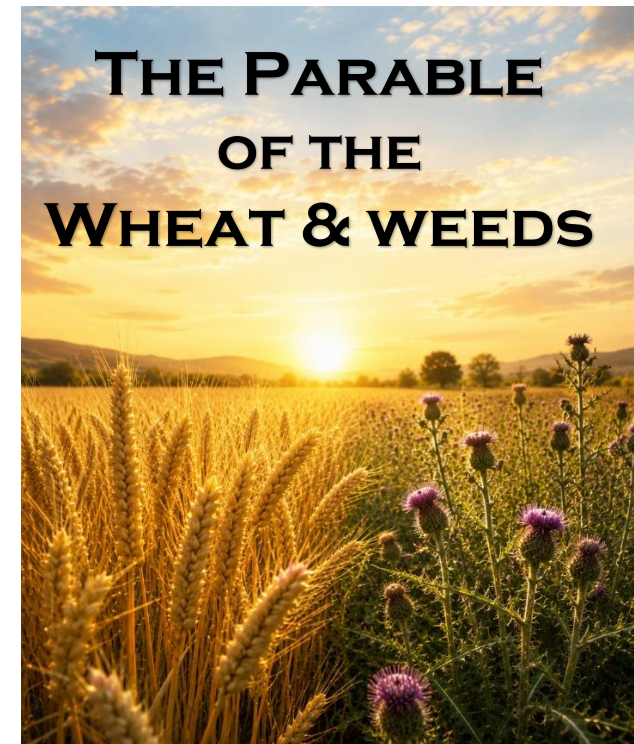
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It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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