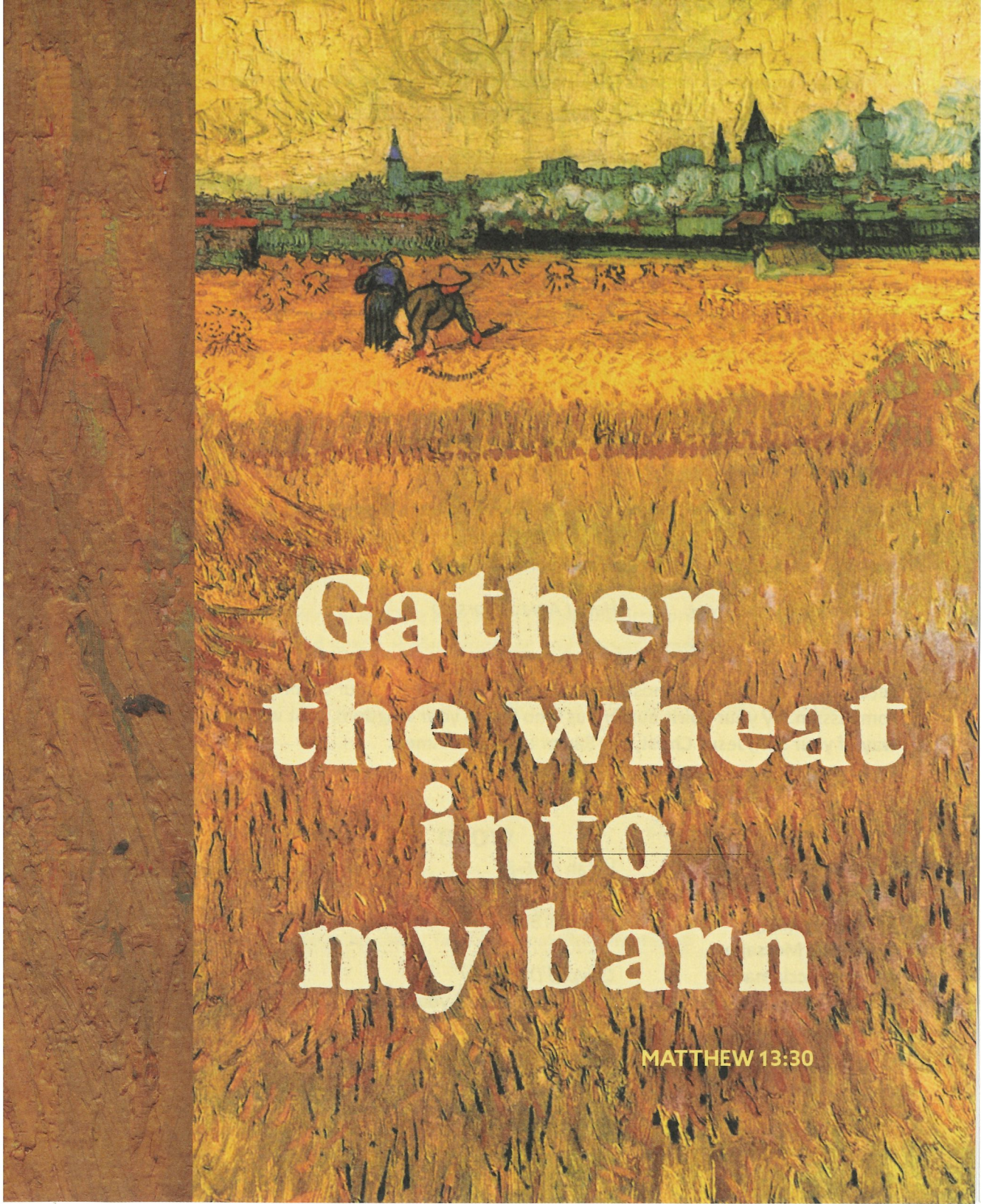




Gather the wheat into my barn

MATTHEW 13:30

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Radio ministry is given in loving memory of Barb Peterson by Barb's loving family.

Congrats to Harold and Vivian Ulrich on their upcoming 70th wedding anniversary (July 28th) & we hope you enjoy your celebrations to come.

Sunday 7/19	9:00am	Worship w/Holy Communion & on Radio & Video
Monday 7/20	1:30pm 7:00pm	Brayside Bible Study Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday 7/21	4:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	AA Meeting (Fireside Rm) Deacon & Trustee Meetings Council Meeting
Wednesday 7/22	8:00am 1:15pm	Bible Study Prairie manor Worship
Sunday 7/26	9:00am 10:30am	Worship & on Radio & Video Youth Board Meeting

Acolytes: Brooklyn Peterson, Peyton Peterson

Lector: Roger Sorenson

Ushers: Tom Donnelly, Dwayne Gross, Linn Thoen

Do you have ice cream buckets with lids? We would love them! We are very low in the kitchen and are in need of more. Please place on the back counter of the kitchen. Thank you.

Lutheran Social Service has been our partner in mission for over 160 years! FLCW are inviting our participation in building LSS Project Kits July 1-Aug 16. See narthex display info & shopping lists.

Children's Offering for summer is a noisy offering. We will have adults participating during the month of July, so have your change ready this month!

Our mission as The Welcome Place grows deeper each day. Thank you for your prayers, participation, offerings and tithes to keep our ministry strong.

Sunday, July 12 – Offering \$5,335.02
Attendance – 161



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***Confession and Forgiveness**
Blessed be the holy Trinity, †One God, who compassion endures forever. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin to God.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)
Compassionate God, 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.
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. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Here I Am to Worship

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***Apostolic Greeting**

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***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

Oceans

Worship Team

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17
Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25
Children’s Message
***Gospel Acclamation** Calypso Doxology see insert
P. The Gospel according to Matthew. C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
P. The Gospel of the Lord. C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**
Sermon
Hymn of the Day Better is One Day see insert

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*Prayers of Intercession

(Lord, in your mercy/Hear our prayer)

*Sharing of the Peace

*Offering

*Offertory Music

Light of the World

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*Offertory Prayer

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*Words of Institution

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Communion Distribution

All baptized believers, including visitors and friends, are welcome to come forward down the center aisle, at the ushers’ direction, and depart by the side aisles. Children who do not yet commune will be blessed at the rail. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; indicate this preference to your server. For mobility challenges or personal preference, please notify an usher; communion will be served to you in your pew.

Communion Hymns

see insert

*Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Blessings

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, †bless you now and forever. Amen.

*Sending Song

My Life is in You

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*Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Today's Readings

Sunday, July 19, 2026
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

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.
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or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 86:11-17; tone 4



Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to re- vere your name. ¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name for- evermore. 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 be- fore their eyes. ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kind- ness and truth. ¹⁶ Turn to me and have mer- cy 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 com- forted me.
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Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.
¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And 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?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let 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.’”

³⁶Then 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.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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Gathering Hymn

Here I Am to Worship

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1 Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes,
let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus: So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God. And you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

2 King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor. *(Chorus)*

Gospel Acclamation

Calypso Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all people, let it show. Praise God above, let all heaven sing it, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Well, Amen, Amen, Amen, Oh Amen. Yes, Amen, Amen, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. *(Repeat)*

Hymn of the Day

Better Is One Day

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty,
for my soul longs and even faints for you. For here my heart, is satisfied,
within your presence. I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

Chorus: Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house.
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.

2 One thing I ask and I would seek, to see your beauty, to find you in the place your glory dwells. One thing I ask and I would seek, to see your beauty, to find you in the place your glory dwells. *(Chorus)*

Offering

Light of the World

1 You are the light of the world (light of the world), You are the light of the world.
So shine, shine, shine where you are, You are the light of the world.

2 You are a city on a hill (city on a hill), You are a city on a hill.
So shine, shine, shine where you are, You are a city on a hill.

3 You are a candle in the dark (candle in the dark), You are a candle in the dark.
So shine, shine, shine where you are, You are a candle in the dark.

4 You are a star in the night (star in the night), You are a star in the night.
So shine, shine, shine where you are, You are a star in the night.

Communion Song

He Knows My Name

#131 WT

1 I have a Maker, He formed my heart.
Before even time began, my life was in His hand.

Chorus: He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

2 I have a Father, He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me no matter where I go. *(Chorus)*

Communion Song

Our God

1 Water that turned into wine; opened the eyes of the blind; there's no one like you,
none like you. Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes, we rise; there's no one like you, none like you.

Chorus: Our God is greater. Our God is stronger. God, you are higher than any other.
Our God healer, awesome in power. Our God. Our God. *(Repeat all)*

Communion Song

Holy Spirit

1 There is nothing worth more, that will ever come close. No thing can compare,
you're our living hope. Your presence, Lord. I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves,
where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone in your presence, Lord.

Chorus: Holy Spirit you are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your Glory God is what our hearts long for to be overcome by your presence Lord. *(Repeat)*

Communion Song

We Fall Down

#132 WT

1 We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus, the greatness of mercy and love
at the feet of Jesus.

Chorus And we cry holy, holy, holy and we cry holy, holy holy, and we cry holy, holy,
holy is the Lamb. *(repeat all)*

Sending Song

My Life is in You, Lord

#105 WT

Chorus: My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You,
it's in You. My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

Verse: I will praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength; with all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in You. *(Chorus)*