

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Painting with 'Bob' – Wednesday, July 22nd at 1 pm

Church Campout – Aug 23-25 at Park Lake. Sign up sheet in our Place of Welcome.

INTRODUCTION

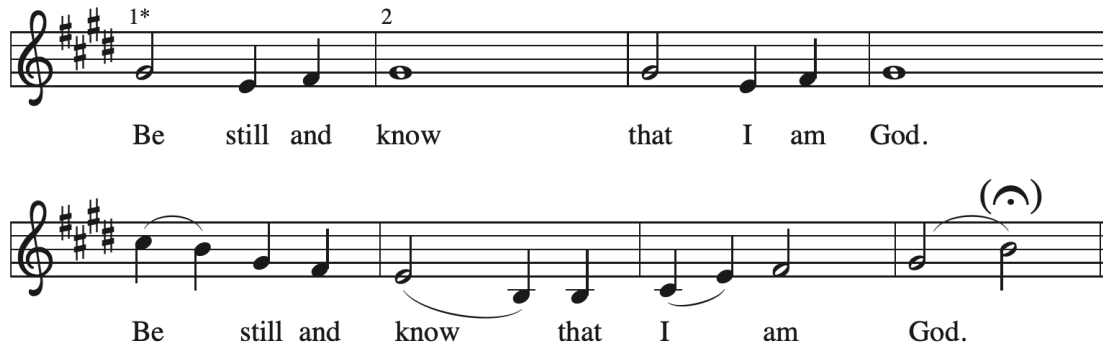
It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from worship we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

We take a moment to center our hearts and minds for worship.

GATHERING

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

"Be Still" ACS 1083



Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Lord, you have searched me out;

O Lord, you have known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
 try me and know my restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
 and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

"Step by Step" W&P 132

O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise

you. O God, you are my God, and

I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn -

- ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my

days. O days, and I will fol - low you all of my

days, and I will fol - low you all of my days, and

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. O God of Jacob, you speak in the light of day and in the dark of night when our sleeping is filled with dreams of heaven and earth; may we be open and watchful to your presence in our midst; through Jesus Christ, your dream made flesh. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 28:10-19a, 20-22

God's graciousness to Jacob is shown in God's revelation of the divine self to the patriarch, who is running for his life after cheating his brother Esau out of the family inheritance. Jacob promises that if God brings him back to the land, he will be loyal to God and give God a tenth of everything.

A reading from Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel. . . .

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you."

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – "Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil" WOV (sing once)

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Today's gospel reading and sermon have been prepared and shared by Rev. Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop, Worship.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON [VIDEO](#)

Silence for reflection

The song leader invites the congregation to stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Bring Forth the Kingdom" W&P 22

Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

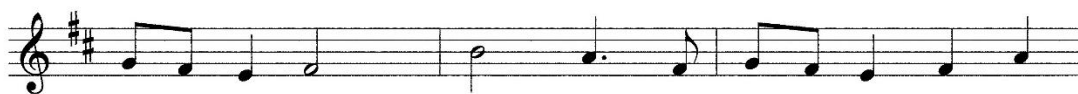


life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

A NEW CREED

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you,

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (WITH SONG)

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

"Come, Bring Your Burdens to God" ACS 1009 – piano only for the first week

*Sing several times here, then hum during the spoken petitions
and sing twice during the prayers and again at the end.*

Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom -
Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your

thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho, U -
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for

ye - s'a - ka - so - za - thi hayi.
Je - sus will nev - er say no.

The musical score is written for piano only, in G major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a repeat sign. The second system ends with a repeat sign. The third system ends with a final double bar line.

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. We place our trust and our hope in you.

God our creator, we give thanks for the beauty of your creation. Sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, and microscopic plants and animals. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see.

**Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.**

God our peace, we yearn for all people to live on your lands and waters with justice and in peace. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. Be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war or imprisoned because of their faith.

God our rock, hold fast to those who are suffering due to loss or illness or injury. We pray especially for Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Janet D, Dave, Austin, Tiffany, Patrick, Linda H, Carol, Murray, Shirley J., Isobel, Jim N., Clayton P, Marlene and Darcy, Doreen, Clayton and Margaret, Sheila, Ray, Nancy, Alan T, and those we name silently now . . . [*silence*]. Be their source of strength to face the days ahead, assured of your grace and faithfulness.

**Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.**

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give thanks for the Audio and Visual Technicians and ask your blessing on them, and they work that they do. Hold in your care Ian and Karen Stewardson and Walt and Delilah Strand, and Pastor Joel, Vanesa and Hans. Let your blessing rest on all who are traveling, and may we share your love wherever we are.

We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. In your mercy, O God, we lift up the longings of our hearts and the needs of our world. Renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

SENDING SONG "May You Run and Not be Weary" W&P 97

May you run and not be wea - ry. May your
heart be filled with song. And may the
love of God con - tin - ue to
give you hope and keep you strong. And may you
run and not be wea - ry. May your
life be filled with joy. And may the
road you trav - el al - ways lead you home.

SENDING

Go in peace, for Christ is with you.
Amen. Thanks be to God!

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