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8th Sunday after Pentecost - July 12th , 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

————Gathering————

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. Amen. Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

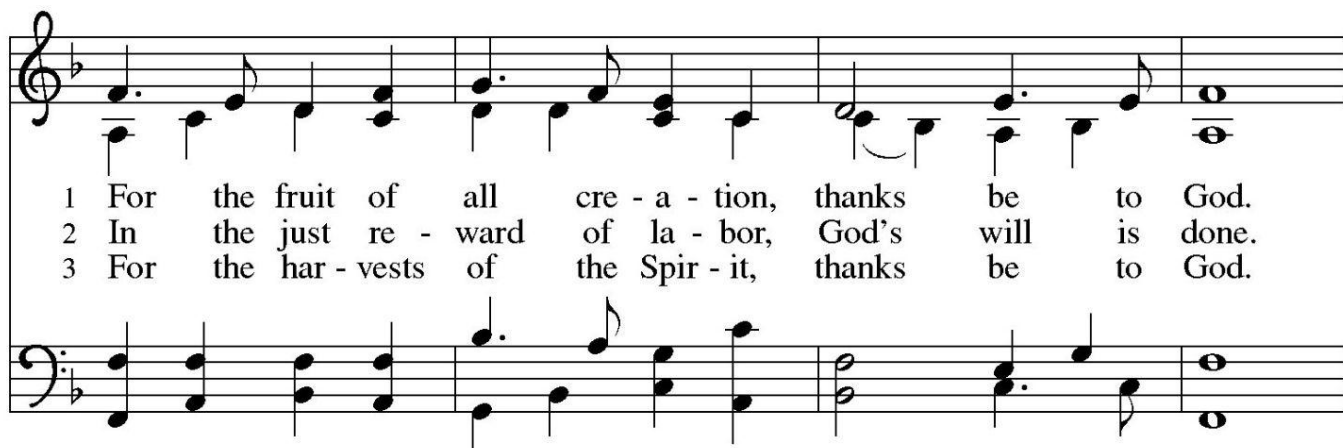
Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

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, Creator, ☩ Redeemer, and Sustainer, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

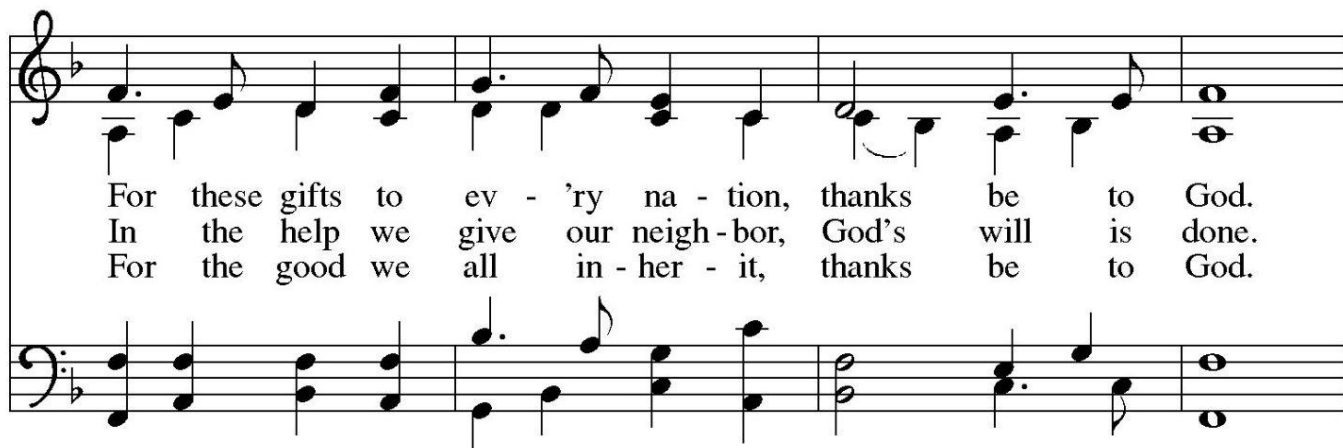
Gathering Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

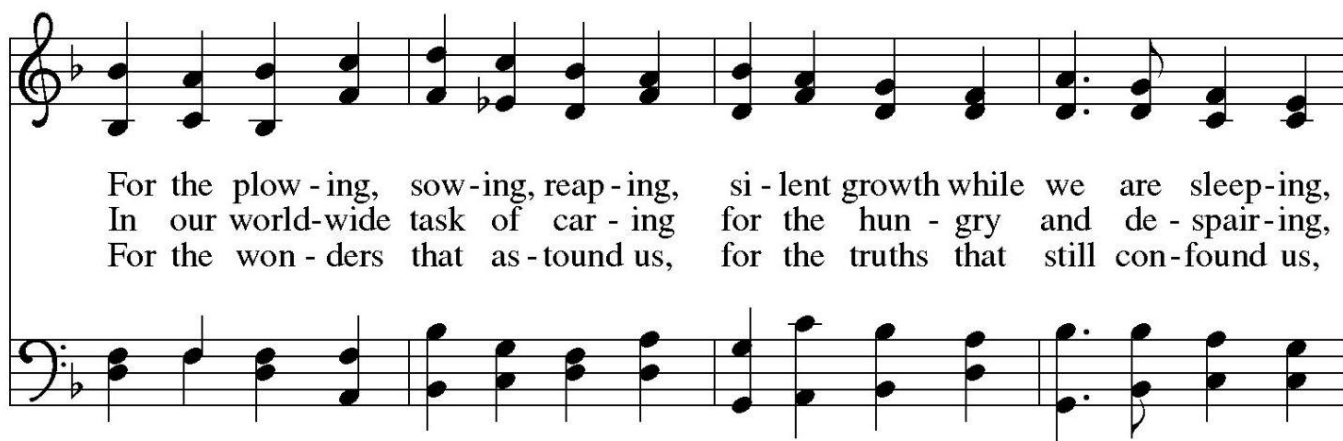
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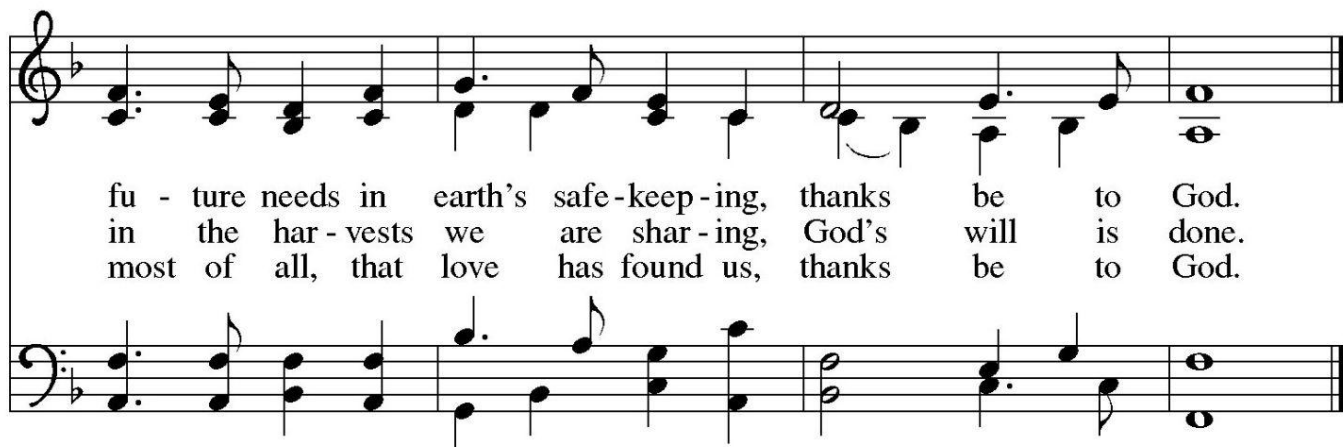
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, **we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

—WORD—

God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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First Reading

Romans 8:1-11

¹Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Acclamation

Emmanuel Lutheran Setting

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹If you have ears, hear!" ¹⁸"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately

falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Sermon

Pastor Daniel Tallon Ruen

Turn and Talk Question:

What’s an example of a seed of grace and growth in your life? Was it something someone once said to you? Was it a relationship? A favorite book or class you took? Was it part of your faith story? How did that seed take root in your life and what grew from it?

Hymn of the Day

Lord Let My Heart be Good Soil

(Red Book) ELW #512

Capo 2: D E F#m G#m G A D/F# E/G# Em7 F#m7 A B

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.

DM7 EM7 A7 B7 D E F#m7 G#m7 G A D E Em7 F#m7 G A A7 B7 D E G A D/F# E/G# Em7 F#m7 G A B D/F# E/G# Em7 F#m7 G A B D/A E/B G/A A/B D/A E/B G/A A/B D/F# E/G# G/A A/B Em/D D F#m/E E

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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Announcements

————MEAL————

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offering Prayer

Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Emmanuel Lutheran Setting

Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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Communion Distribution Songs

Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here

*No hay nada mejor que Tu presencia Señor
Quien podrá comparar tu gracia y amor.Tu presencia Dios!*

*Al probar y al ver es mas dulce amor
Que libera mi ser y sin verguenza estoyTu presencia Dios!*

Chorus: Bienvenido Santo Espiritu. In-un-danos con tu pres-en-cia Dios.

*Mi corazon an-hela mas de Ti. Y ser llen-ado con tu-u glo-ria Dios!
.....Tu presencia Dios!*

*There's nothing worth more that would ever come close,
Nothing can compare, You're our living Hope, Your presence, Lord.*

*I've tasted and seen, the sweetest of loves,
When my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone, 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. Your presence Lord*

*Bridge: (3X, back to English chorus)
Let us become more aware of Your presence.
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness*

Welcome Table

*I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table, I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.
I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table, I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.*

*I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey, I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey, some of these days.
I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey, I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey, some of these days.*

*I'm goin'-to cross that river Jordan, I'm goin'-to cross that river Jordan, some of these days.
I'm goin'-to cross that river Jordan, I'm goin'-to cross that river Jordan, some of these days*

Woke Up This Morning

*Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.*

*I'm walking and talking with my mind...
Ain't nothing wrong with my mind....
I'm singing and praying with my mind.....
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

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Post-Communion Blessing ...Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

————SENDING————

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
 3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need

D Bm Em D no 3rd

I know not how to ask or what to say; I on - ly
 help me to see your pur - pose and your will, where I have
 to serve my God and all hu - man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment

D Bm Em Bm F#m

know my need, as deep as life, and on - ly
 failed, what I have done a - miss; held in for -
 of my life in love out - poured: my life in

Bm Em A D

you can teach me how to pray.
 giv - ing love, let me be still.
 you, O Christ, your love in me. A - men.

Bm D Em D no 3rd Bm A⁷ D no 3rd

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Flowers given today by Pr. Karen Davis Thompson and family in memory of Glenn E. Davis, all those killed in wars and their widows and orphans.

Flowers are also given by Hob and Shelley Weiss in memory of Shelley's mother, Martha Suppan, who would have been 105 today.

Would you like to help beautify our Sanctuary by sponsoring Altar flowers? Flowers may be dedicated "in honor, in memory, or in celebration" of a person or occasion. This dedication will be printed in the Sunday bulletin, and you may take the flowers home following the worship service. *To sponsor flowers, use the sign-up poster on the bulletin board between the Office and the Fellowship Hall. Contact office@sapl.org with any questions*

Welcoming Statement

Welcome, unique and beloved child of God. St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community striving to love each other and the world more boldly. We are people of strong, uncertain, and undiscovered faith. We vary in age, family structure, physical and mental ability, and economic circumstance. We are diverse in sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity. We differ in appearance, ethnicity, and culture. Gifted and imperfect, wounded and healing, we are made whole by God's infinite love and grace. We invite you to experience that love and grace with us, to find rest here, find a family, and be fed. We promise to honor your unique experience and gifts as we journey together in Christ, embracing the work of anti-racism, LGBTQIA+ rights, social and economic justice, and environmental care, to mend and heal a broken world for the glory of God.

Welcome, unique and beloved child of God.

Prayer Concerns

For Matias Lee Hacker (Sonia Ellis' friend's grandson), Kristin Shardlow, Ellen Healy, Brad and Liv Lane (friends of the Eklunds), George Copa (Dona Leonhard's husband), Michelle Christianson, Dolores Rivard, Phil Aaberg (cousin of Blaine Thrasher), Leah Crosby (daughter of Janet Crosby, SAP neighbor and friend of Pastor Daniel and Clare), Rose Syring, Gene and Marsha Collin (parents of Chris and Karin Collin), Nathan Storhoff (nephew of Solveig Storhoff), Lynndelle and Erik Pratt, Rohini Anderson (friend of Lisa Gray), Kim Hansen (friend of Brenda Hansen), Robb Scott (spouse of Kathy), Jim Larson, Jean Bendt, Sabrina Raatz (great niece of Elaine Phillips), Dorothy Wallevand, Roy Klebe (friends of Karin Collin), Mary Gibson (friend of Peggy and Mickey Dobbins), Scott Reidel, Paul Rogness, Kari Smebye, Georgia Nygaard (friends of Peggy and Mickey Dobbins), Sharon Satre, Mike Satre (son of Sharon Satre), Berit Griffin, and Chad (friend of Peggy and Mickey Dobbins).

And we pray for peace in the world and for our military personnel, as well as all people affected by war, political unrest, and natural disasters.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

To prepare for worship next week: Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

What is a House?

Houses at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church are a small group ministry that enables meaningful connections and opportunities for serving together. Houses provide worship support for a dedicated month each year and meet regularly to grow in faith and prayerful support for one another.

The July House

Bill, Molly, Jude and Willa Breen; Dorothy Carlson; Barbara Currin; Kari Donald, Ian and Will Van Schyndel; Christine Elsing; Larry and Billie Gaenzle; Ev Hanson-Florin; Perry Hanson; Paul Hoeft; Michael Johnson; Mary Mergenthal; Roald and Shelley Sateren; Karen Titrud; Shelley and Hob Weiss; Sally Worku

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Daniel Tallon Ruen

Presiding: Pastor Jill Rode

Reader: Bill Breen

Ushers: Michael Johnson, Paul Hoeft, Molly and Bill Breen

Tech: Bjorn Gangeness

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————Worship at St. Anthony Park Lutheran————

Notes on our Worship Seasons

Our tradition observes the western liturgical calendar. Our year begins with the season of Advent, followed by the festival of Christmas, the Epiphany season, Lent, Holy Week (featuring something we call 'The Triduum,' or 'Three Days'- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, & Holy Saturday), the great festival of Easter, and then finishes with the festival of Pentecost and the long, 'green season' over the summer and into the fall. Then, we do it all over again!

Our Vision Statement proclaims St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church will be a 'dynamic worshiping community.' To meet that vision we offer a blended worship style, welcoming many genres and worship expressions. In order to grow in love and appreciation for various modes of the Spirit we rotate settings between the above- mentioned seasons of the church year. A setting is an arrangement of various worship elements that complement the meaning of the liturgical season.

For the Christmas season, we used a setting utilizing carol melodies by Jonathan Orwig. During the time after Epiphany, we used the call-and-response Puerto Rican setting, during Lent we used the Taize setting we have done in the past. For the Easter season we used "People Get Ready". For the beginning of the summer, we returned to a more traditional setting, ELW #3, and for the next few weeks we will do the Emmanuel Lutheran djembe setting.

We pray you experience the resurrected Christ in our midst as we worship together!

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