

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 SONG

We Fall Down, Chris Tomlin

Verse

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

CCLI Song # 2437367

Chris Tomlin

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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

ELW p. 184 Setting 8

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

C: Amen

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L: Word of God, Word of Life:

C: Thanks, be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 188 Setting 8



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil, ELW 512



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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

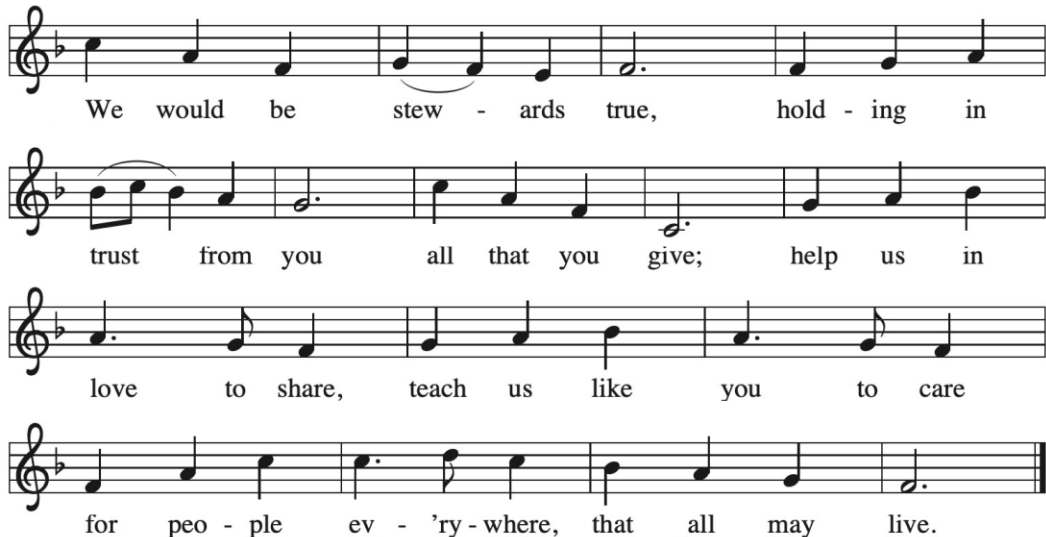
C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

It Is Well with My Soul, arr. J. Raney
Jeremy Mattson, Piano

OFFERING RESPONSE

God of the Fertile Fields, Georgia Harkness



We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
trust from you all that you give; help us in
love to share, teach us like you to care
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

L: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C. Amen

SENDING SONG

Holy Is The Lord, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

Pre-Chorus

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Bridge

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
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DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Too hot to cook? **Mensajes Church** (who is one of our rental churches), can help you out. They will be selling ethnic food in our parking lot Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19, from 7am to 5pm.

BUNCO Night - Join us for an evening of fun on Friday, July 24 at 6-9 pm. This is a free event. Everyone is welcome!

UFO Craft Day - Hello Crafters, please join our fun craft day coming Saturday, July 18 from 8 am to 4 pm. All are welcome at ORLC. Hope to see you there!

Bible Study is every Wednesday at 9:30-10:30 at ORLC. Come join us!

Prayers & Praises of the People:

- Prayers for Sharon Peterson as she continues to recover.
- Prayers for Kathi Kirchoff: prayers for her chemotherapy treatments.
- Prayers for healing for Judy Koza.

Would anyone be interested in having a National Night Out party at ORLC? Let Deb Spencer know if you'd be willing to participate and/or help with it. Her email is djspencer12@yahoo.com.

Great for last minute parties, new parties, or ones that just want to relax.

Ideas:

Ice cream social

Hot Dogs and Lemonade

Block Potluck

About National Night Out

We encourage, ask for and appreciate ALL SAINT PAUL residents to participate on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 for the 42nd Annual National Night Out! Neighborhoods include everyone: homeowners, renters, retail and all businesses are needed to help make our city "the most livable place in America!" Hosting a block party or an event of any kind, large or small, provides a way for people to meet one another and discover how they can keep their neighborhoods crime free and high quality for all who live, work and play there. National Night Out has proven, time and time again, to help people work together to improve the safety of their surroundings.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Rev. Bethany Ketchem
Worship & Music Director	Jeremy Mattson
Director of Choir and Handbells	Alex Carlson
Soundboard & Livestream	Beth Renfors
Lector	Diana Ersfeld

Lessons for next Sunday, July 19:

Isaiah 44:6-8 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Next week's lector: Kathi Kirchoff



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