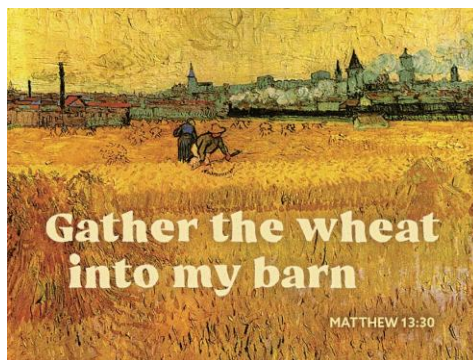




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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 19, 2026

In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LBW No. 389

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner; it must not suf - fer loss.
 stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.
 the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
 this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
 Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer.
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield, 1818–1888, alt.
 Music: WEBB, George J. Webb, 1803–1887

APOSTOLIC 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

Let us pray...

O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the Word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

⁶Thus 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.
⁷Who 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.
⁸Do 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.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk ¹ in your truth;
knit my heart to you that I may ¹ fear your name.
¹²**I will thank you, O LORD my God, with ¹ all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**
¹³For great is your ¹ love toward me;
you have delivered me from the neth- ¹ ermost pit.
¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men ¹ seeks
my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**
¹⁵But you, O LORD, are gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- ¹ ness and truth.
¹⁶**Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant; and save the child ¹ of your
handmaid.**
¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and ¹ be
ashamed;
because you, O LORD, have helped me and com- ¹ forted me.
Gloria Patri (spoken after the psalm)
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:12-25

True spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray to the Father as his children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, 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 have 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, in fact, we 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. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴[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!"

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" LBW No. 368

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord



1 I love your king - dom, Lord, the place of your a - bode;
 2 I love your church, O God! Its walls be - fore you stand,
 3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
 4 Sure as your truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be giv'n



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
 dear as the ap - ple of your eye and grav - en on your hand.
 its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, its hymns of love and praise.
 the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, alt.
 Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, you are the first and the last; and beside you there is no god. Give to your Church the faith and courage to proclaim that in Jesus, crucified and risen from the dead, you have revealed your loving heart to the whole world. Bless this congregation called Trinity, and each of us, sown with both wheat and weeds. Have mercy on us, help us to bear one another's faults with patience and gentleness, and conform us ever more closely to your Son. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our leaders, our communities, our government, and those who protect us. With the whole creation groaning in travail we cry out to you for adoption, justice, and righteousness. Protect the vulnerable, provide for the needy, bless all whose lives are connected to ours, and encourage us all in hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for everyone who suffers this day, especially those we have named or remember before you now. Speedily grant them hope and comfort; and in the fullness of time bring about their full healing of body, mind, and spirit that you have promised in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the lives of all who have gone before us, and who are now at rest in you. Even in our tears, teach us to pray confidently, knowing that you have adopted us your beloved children. And, at the last, gather us to yourself as your fruitful harvest in Jesus Christ, so that with all the saints we too may live with you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord...

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"On What Has Now Been Sown"* **LBW No. 261**

On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



*To joyfully share God's Word and Sacrament in order to
 serve our Greater New Haven neighbors with the love of Christ.*