

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2026

9:00 AM



The kingdom
of heaven
is like a
merchant
in search
of fine pearls

MATTHEW 13:45

Resurrection Church at Saddle Brooke

Please silence your electronic devices during service.

GATHERING MUSIC

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *(a time for quiet reflection to center ourselves for worship)*

*OPENING HYMN

They Will Know We Are Christians



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on-ly Son,



and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored:
and to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu-man dig-ni-ty and save hu-man pride:
and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. _____

*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

Gracious God,

you reveal your kingdom in ways both humble and surprising. Plant within us the seed of your word, fill us with the joy of discovering your grace, and teach us to treasure above all else the life we have in Christ. By your Holy Spirit, shape our hearts to seek your will, trust your promises, and share your love with the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME HOME

THE FIRST READING: Psalm 119:129-136

NRSVue

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰**The unfolding of your
words gives light; it imparts
understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹With open mouth I pant, because I
long for your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious
to me, as is your custom toward
those who love your name.**

¹³³Keep my steps steady according to
your promise, and never let iniquity
have dominion over me.

¹³⁴**Redeem me from human
oppression, that I may keep
your precepts.**

¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your
servant, and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of
tears because your law is not
kept.**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

NRSV

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?

³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



*Gospel Acclamation

Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation, consisting of five staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

NRSVue

³¹ Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise be to Christ!

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Wonderful Words of Life



1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, Won - der - ful words of Life;
2. Christ, the bless - ed One, gives to all Won - der - ful words of Life;
3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, Won - der - ful words of Life;



Let me more of their beau - ty see, Won - der - ful words of Life.
Sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, Won - der - ful words of Life.
Of - fer par - don and peace to all, Won - der - ful words of Life.

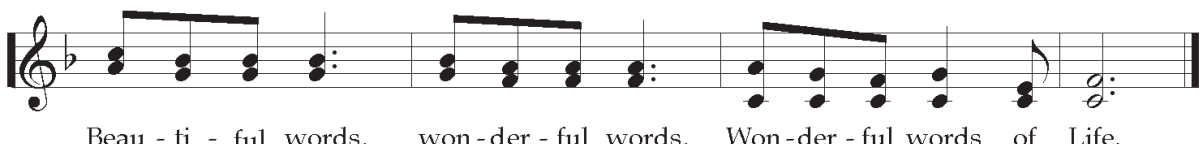


Words of life and beau - ty, Teach me faith and du - ty.
All so free - ly giv - en, Woo - ing us to heav - en -
Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, Sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er.

Refrain



Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, Won - der - ful words of Life.



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TEXT: Philip P Bliss

MUSIC: Philip P Bliss

WORDS OF LIFE

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*APOSTLES' CREED

People of God, what is it we confess to be true?

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

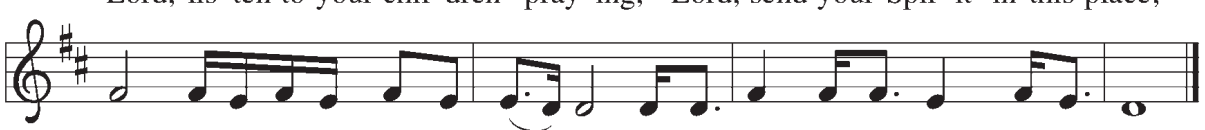
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at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

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;



Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943
Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema
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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Concluding each portion of the prayers the leader says: "Loving Lord..." and the **congregation responds: "hear our prayers."**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

Many services and missions of the church are benefited by your generous offerings.

- ELCA Grand Canyon Synod • Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
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- Marana Food Bank • Canyon del Oro Assembly of God Food Pantry
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- Feed My Starving Children Thank you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Worship the Lord in the Beauty of His Holiness by Gilbert Martin
Resurrection Singers

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose kingdom grows among us, whose mercy is without end, and whose love never lets us go.
Amen.

Trusting in God's abundant grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
too often we overlook the gifts you place before us. We seek what is impressive rather than what is faithful. We cling to the things of this world instead of treasuring the life you offer in Christ. We miss opportunities to share your love, to extend your mercy, and to trust your promises. Forgive us. Open our eyes to your kingdom growing among us, renew our hearts by your Spirit, and lead us in the way of your Son. Amen.

Hear the good news! The kingdom of heaven has come near in Jesus Christ.
Through his life, death, and resurrection, your sins are forgiven. Live in that forgiveness and rejoice in the treasure that is yours through Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

JESUS' PROMISE AND COMMAND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that we receive. This gift of grace is given freely by Christ for all. We welcome people of all ages to come forward to either receive communion or a blessing.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

May the God who plants seeds of faith within you, the Christ who is your greatest treasure, and the Holy Spirit who strengthens and sustains you, ✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Take the Name of Jesus with You



1. Take the name of Je - sus with you, Child of sor - row and of woe;
2. Take the name of Je - sus ev - er, As a shield from ev - ery snare;
3. O the pre - cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
4. At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, Fall - ing pros - trate at His feet;



It will joy and com - fort give you- Take it, then, wher - e'er you go.
If temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, Breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
When His lov - ing arms re - ceive us And His songs our tongues em - ploy!
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him When our jour - ney is com - plete.

Refrain



Pre - cious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;



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TEXT: Lydia Baxter
MUSIC: William H. Doane

PRECIOUS NAME
8.7.8.7. with Refrain

***SENT FORTH**

Called by God's Spirit, we are to be the presence of Christ in our daily lives so that others will follow him.
Go in peace. Share the joy of God's kingdom!
Thanks be to God!

***SENDING MUSIC**

Financial Information Update:

Donations for 2nd Qtr 2026
Received: \$525,965
Budgeted: \$566,429

Attendance for last week:
Oro Valley: 496
SaddleBrooke: 84
Online: 499

God's grace and your faithful financial partnership have enabled us to continue the mission to which God has called us!

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Website Homepage



One Church



Stewardship
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ASSISTANTS

Clergy:

Pastor Carol George

Pastor Erin Morris

Deacon Emma Janzen

Worship Accompanist/

Choir Director:

Peter Yanez

Audio/Visual:

Denis Greenland

Council Representative:

Mimi Heywood

Ushers:

Clayton Thomas, Doug Miller and
Ray Weimer

Greeters:

Paul Wilson, Sue Wilson, and
Hazel Roper

Bible Reader: John Ansay

Prayer Leader: Linda Ansay

Communion Server:

Carol Munk

Altar Care & Communion:

Jayne Poppert

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR RESURRECTION AT SADDLEBROOKE

Sunday, July 26

Deacon Emma Janzen

Sunday, August 2

Pastor Carol George

Sunday, August 9

Deacon Emma Janzen

For any pastoral concerns, please contact Pastor Carol George
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