

WELCOME

July 19, 2026

Worship Theme

BY THE SPIRIT
WE LIVE AS
CHILDREN OF
GOD

Liturgist: Pastor Brian Roloff
Guest Preacher: Steve Petersen



OPENING HYMN: #684

Father Welcomes (VS.1-3)

Refrain:

Father welcomes all his children
to his fam'ly through his Son.
Father giving his salvation,
life forever has been won.



V1. Little children, come to me,
for my kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
mercy for your sin.

Refrain:

Father welcomes all his children
to his fam'ly through his Son.
Father giving his salvation,
life forever has been won.

V2. In the water, in the Word,
in his promise, be assured:
those who are baptized and believe
shall be born again.

Refrain:

Father welcomes all his children
to his fam'ly through his Son.
Father giving his salvation,
life forever has been won.

V3. Let us daily die to sin;
 let us daily rise with him,
 walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
 live in the peace of God.

Refrain:

 Father welcomes all his children
 to his fam'ly through his Son.
 Father giving his salvation,
 life forever has been won.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be
with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for self-reflection

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver
of life, uphold us by your power
and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Abba, Father in heaven, you have adopted us into your holy family through faith in Jesus. May we fully embrace our new identity as your children and live out that holy and blessed status in our lives, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 44:1-5



“But now listen, O Jacob, my servant,
Israel, whom I have chosen.
This is what the LORD says—
he who made you, who formed you in
the womb,
and who will help you:
Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant,
Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

“For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out my Spirit on your
offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.
They will spring up like grass in a
meadow,
like poplar trees by flowing streams.

“One will say, ‘I belong to the LORD’;
another will call himself by the name of
Jacob;
still another will write on his hand, ‘The
LORD’S,’
and will take the name Israel.”

THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

John 14:15-27



“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

“Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

NICENE CREED



We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: #502

Children of the Heavenly Father (VS.I-4)

V1.



Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

V2.

God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.

V3.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

V4.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

THE WORD

SERMON TEXT

Romans 8:15b-17



[...] And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”
The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit
that we are God’s children. Now if we
are children, then we are heirs—heirs of
God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed
we share in his sufferings in order that
we may also share in his glory.

SERMON THEME

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RESPONSIVE OFFERING PRAYER



Please stand

P: Lord Jesus, take our hearts and fill them with your love;

C: take our lips and move them to speak of your grace;

P: take our treasures and use them to
serve your church;

C: use our lives to do whatever is
needed to spread the gospel here at
Ascension, in our community, and
around the world, for your mercy's
sake. Amen.

Commissioning of VBS Volunteers





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- ✝ Earlene Mischke's brother, Morris Paulsen, was taken to heaven in an e-bike accident last week.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

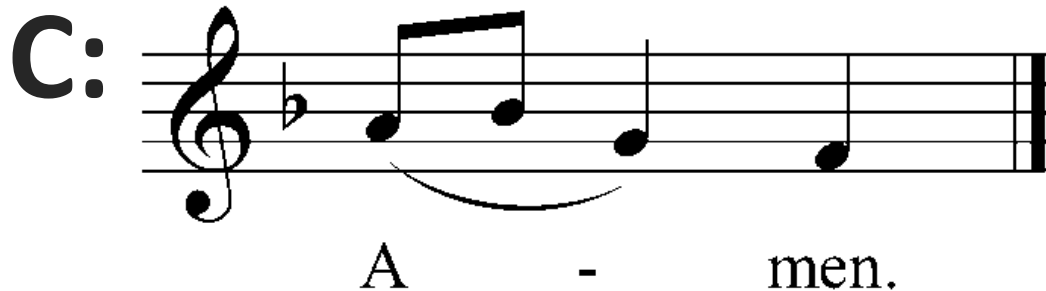
C: Amen.

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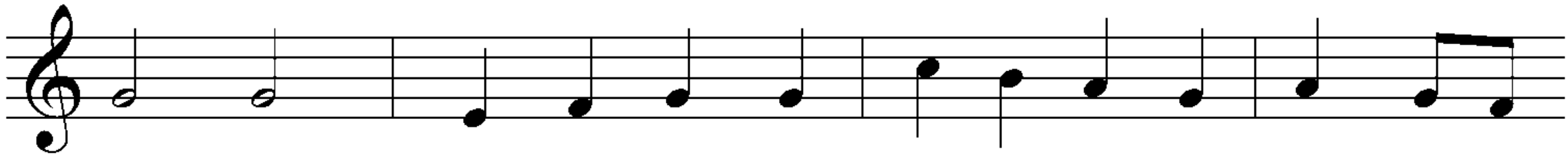
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI: O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

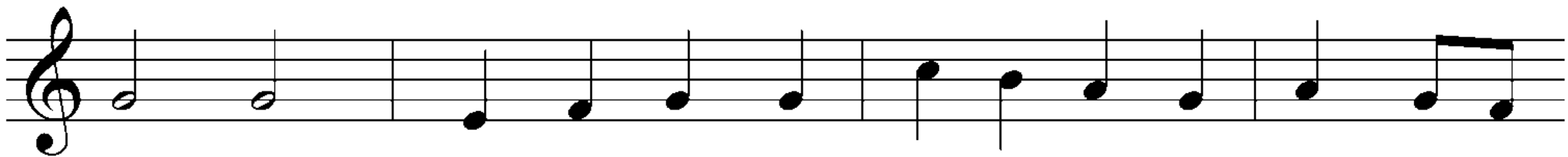


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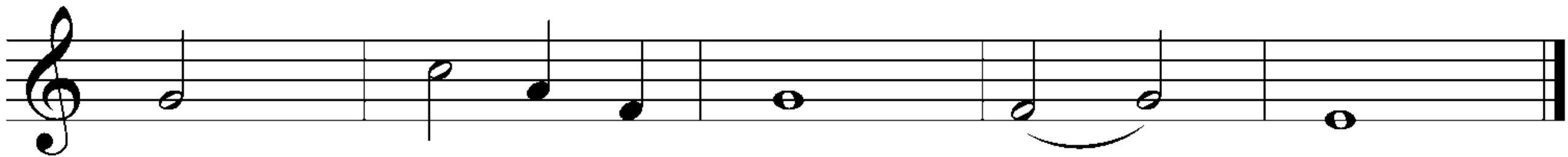
O Christ, Lamb of God, You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on__ us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us Your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Communicant members of Ascension Lutheran and other churches in fellowship in the WELS or ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to help anyone to take this step.

Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center tray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#670 I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

V1. I come, O Savior, to your table,
for weak and weary is my soul;

O Jesus, you alone are able
to satisfy and make me whole.

Lord, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.



V2.

O grant that I in manner worthy
may eat and drink and be restored,
and, dwelling on your boundless mercy,
look only unto you, O Lord.
Lord, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

V3.

I should not be your sheep, dear Savior;

I stray in sin's accursed terrain.

And yet you pardon my behavior;

my faithful Shepherd you remain.

Lord, may your body and your blood

be for my soul the highest good.

V4.

O let me loathe all sin forever
as death and poison to my soul,
that I through willful sinning never
may see your judgment take its toll!
Lord, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

V5.

Your holy heart has one obsession,
one blessed thing it burns to do—
to cleanse the sinner from transgression;
so I, a sinner, come to you.

Lord, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

V6.

My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me,
by all this weight of sin oppressed!
Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me
and feed me as your grateful guest.
Lord, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

V7.

Within me, Lord, your vision traces
a heart of deep humility
that mourns its sin and yet embraces
the merit you have earned for me.
Lord, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

V8.

By faith I call your holy table
the testament of your deep love,
for by your gift I now am able
to know the heart of God above.

Lord, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

V9.

This meal with blessing is abounding;
to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,
to angels joy, to hell confounding,
and life for me in death's dark hour.
Lord, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

V10.

My heart has now become your dwelling,

O blessed, holy Trinity.

With angels I, your praises telling,
shall live in joy eternally.

Lord, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

The Blessings of
The Lord's Supper

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
LIFE AND SALVATION



PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #713 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (VS.1-3)

V1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.



V2. I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

V3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONNECTION CARD



Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. There is a tablet in entryway or scan the QR code.

Please fill out and submit.





2026 WELS YOUTH RALLY

CHRIST THROUGH US

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20



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DATE**

CHURCH PICNIC

July 26 @ 3PM

Please bring:

- your own meat to grill
- side dish or dessert to share

Grills, charcoal, grilling utensils, paper plates, napkins, plastic ware, bottle water and lemonade will be provided.

**NEW
LOCATION**

West Medicine Lake
(Shelter 2)

1920 W. Medicine Lake Drive

Vacation Bible School

TROPICAL TREK

A vibrant tropical-themed graphic for Vacation Bible School. The background features a bright blue sky with white clouds, green palm trees, and a sandy beach. A large, light-yellow banner is strung across the scene, held by wooden poles decorated with white flowers and green vines. The banner displays the event title in large, stylized letters. To the left, a wooden signpost with three horizontal planks provides additional information. On the right, a friendly-looking spotted pig and a small green sea turtle are depicted. At the bottom, a red crab is visible on the left, and a decorative border of white and red flowers runs across the center. The date and time are prominently displayed at the bottom in large, bold, red letters with white outlines.

Jesus Comes to Seek and Save

Mark
Your
Calendars

JULY 21-23 | 9AM-12PM

THANKS FOR SERVING

- † Guest Preacher: Pastor Petersen
- † Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- † AV Team
- † Serving: Flock #3 – Brian Stein

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