

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street

Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Non-Communion Services

Rev. Glenn Bohmer, Guest Pastor

Pentecost 7

July 12, 2026

Emily Bernau, Organist

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Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn - LSB # 790 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Welcome; Order of Worship – LSB pg. 184

Invocation; Confession of Sins

Psalms 65: 9-13

P: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

C: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

P: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

C: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Kyrie; Gloria in Excelsis – pg. 186-189

Collect and Responses – pg. 189

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Old Testament – Isaiah 55:1-13 "Listen! Whoever is thirsty, come to the water! Whoever has no money can come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk. You don't have to pay; it's free! ²Why do you spend money on what cannot nourish you and your wages on what does not satisfy you? Listen carefully to me: Eat what is good, and enjoy the best foods. ³Open your ears, and come to me! Listen so that you may live! I will make an everlasting promise to you—the blessings I promised to David. ⁴I made him a witness to people, a leader and a commander for people. ⁵You will summon a nation that you don't know, and a nation that doesn't know you will run to you because of the Lord your God, because of the Holy One of Israel. He has honored you." ⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call on him while he is near.

⁷Let wicked people abandon their ways. Let evil people abandon their thoughts. Let them return to the Lord, and he will show compassion to them. Let them return to our God because he will freely forgive them. ⁸"My thoughts are not your thoughts, and my ways are not your ways," declares the Lord. ⁹"Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts."

¹⁰"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so 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 shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Epistle – Romans 8:12-17 So then, brothers, 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 sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall

back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

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(please rise)

Alleluia – pg. 190

Holy Gospel - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 ¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A Sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, 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 produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him 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 has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along 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 he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

(Responses on pg. 190-191)

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn - LSB # 725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”
Sermon

Apostles’ Creed – pg. 192 (Or inside back cover of hymnal)

The Offertory - “Create in Me...” pg. 192-193

Offering

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer – pg. 196 (Or inside back cover)

Benedicamus and Benediction – pg. 201-202

Closing Hymn - LSB # 922

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Announcements and Postlude

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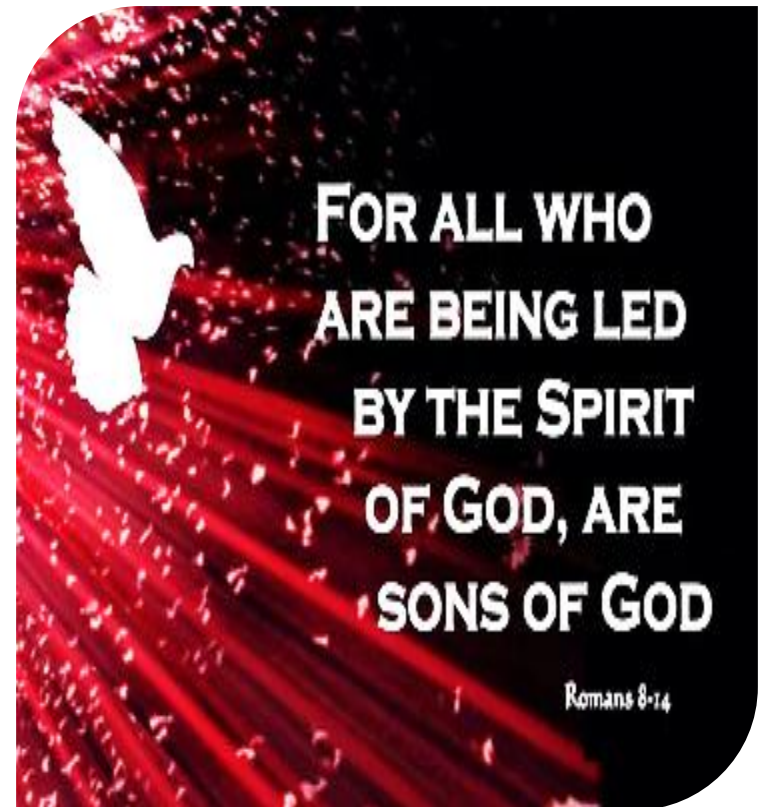
Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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