

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street

Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Communion Services

Paul E. Kaldahl, Pastor

Pentecost 8

July 19, 2026

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Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn - LSB # 892 "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

Welcome

Order of Worship – Divine Service 5 LSB pg. 213

Invocation; Confession and Absolution

Psalms 119:57-64

P: The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

C: I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

P: When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;

C: I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.

P: Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.

C: At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your just and righteous decrees.

P: I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.

C: The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

Kyrie - LSB #943 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, E-le-i-son

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Gloria In Excelsis - LSB # 947 "All Glory Be to God on High"

Salutation and Collect of the Day – pg. 214

P: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6-11 Thus 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. ⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any." ⁹ All who make idols are nothing. Their precious treasures are worthless. Their own witnesses do not see or know anything, so they will be put to shame. ¹⁰ Nothing comes from making gods or casting metal idols. ¹¹ Everyone associated with the gods will be put to shame. The craftsmen themselves are only human. Let them all get together and take their stand. They will be frightened and ashamed together.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Romans 8:18-27 ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as

we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please rise)

Holy Gospel - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So, the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Creedal Hymn – LSB #545 "Word of God, Come Down"

Sermon

(please rise)

Prayer of the Church – pg. 215

Nicene Creed – (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering *(hymn will be sung during the offering)*

Offering Hymn - LSB # 575 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

(please rise)

Preface to Holy Communion - page 216

Lord's Prayer – pg. 217 (Or inside back cover)

Words of Institution – pg. 217

(please be seated)

Distribution of Holy Communion

Hymns - LSB # 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB # 628 "Your Table I Approach"

LSB # 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

LSB # 507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Post-Communion Collect – pg. 218

Benedicamus and Benediction – pg. 218

Closing Hymn - 930 vs. 1-2, 5-6 "All You Works of God"

Announcements and Postlude

✠ ✠ ✠ **HOLY COMMUNION** ✠ ✠ ✠

Dear Visitors and Friends: Our practice of close communion is the historic practice of the church. Through it we practice love and fidelity to God's Word, prompting us to care for all of God's people in this unique way. Please understand that our communion practice does not deny that the members of other denominations are Christians! Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17). When we commune together, God unites all who commune, not only in saving faith, but also in truth, regarding what the scripture teaches about the Lord's Supper. In 1 Corinthians 11 Paul tells us that this expression of unity must be honest and truthful.

For this reason, the congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of “Close Communion.” ***If you desire to receive the Lord’s Supper and are not a communicant member of First English Lutheran Church or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning.*** Rather, we invite you to ask the pastor about how you might become a communicant member of our congregation.

It is our sincere prayer that our careful administration of the Lord’s Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you this morning, but instead that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift. **Thank you for understanding, and God bless you!**

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion. You can find those preparation instructions on the white cards on the back of the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. We invite small children to accompany their parents, if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

✝ ✝ **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** ✝ ✝

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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