

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street

Spencer, Iowa 51301

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

Rev. Peter Maisenbach, Guest Pastor

Pentecost 9

Emily Bernau, Organist

July 26, 2026

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Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn - LSB # 648 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"
Welcome

Order of Worship – LSB Divine Service I pg. 151

Invocation; Confession of Sins and Absolution

Psalms 125

P: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**C: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and
forevermore.**

P: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

**C: Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who
are upright in their hearts!**

P: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

Kyrie – pg. 152

Hymn– LSB # 947 "All Glory Be to God on High"

Collect and Responses – pg. 156

P: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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 – Deuteronomy 7:6-9 "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. ^{ESV}

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Epistle – Romans 8:28-39 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those 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 among many brothers. 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 shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also, with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure 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. ^{ESV}

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

(please rise)

Alleluia – pg. 156

Holy Gospel - Matthew 13:44-52

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure - ⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value - ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net - ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

New and Old Treasures - ⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” ESV

(Responses on pg. 157)

Sermon Hymn - LSB # 743 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Sermon

Apostles' Creed – pg. 159 (Or inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering and Offertory - "What Shall I Render..." pg. 159

Prayers

Lord's Prayer – pg. 162 bottom left-hand side (Or back cover)

Benediction – pg. 166

Closing Hymn - LSB # 924 “Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Announcements and Postlude

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AND WE KNOW

that in all things GOD works for the GOOD

of those who LOVE him,

who have been called

according to his PURPOSE.

Romans 8:28



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