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**The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost      8:00 AM & 10:30 AM      July 12, 2026**

**OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS LOVE AND ZEAL: A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!**

*"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11*

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Organ Prelude:** Almighty God, Your Word is Cast. . . S. Johnson

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn:** LSB 901 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

**Invocation**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *Amen.*

**Exhortation**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C:** *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**Confession of Sins**

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C:** *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

**Absolution**

**P:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *Amen.*

**Hymn of Praise:** LSB 950 – Splendor and Honor (vs. 1-3)

Splendor and honor, majesty and power  
Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev'ry blessing,  
For by Your bidding was the whole creation  
Called into being.

Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,  
By whose self-off'ring we are made God's people:  
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations,  
Called to God's service.

To the Almighty, throned in heav'nly splendor,  
And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,  
Be adoration, praise, and glory given,  
Now and forever.

**Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray,

**C:** *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. Amen.*

**Scripture Readings** (Back of Bulletin)

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 55: 10-13

**Epistle:** Romans 8: 12-17

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**P:** the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** *Thanks be to God!*

**Hymn of the Day:** LSB 577 – Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

**Children’s Message**

**Message from the Word:**

**Sermon Series: I Want Faith Like...Abraham (Part 1)**

**Sermon Text: Hebrews 11: 8-12**

**Apostle’s Creed:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offering**

**Responsive Prayer**

**P:** The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**C:** *slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*  
**P:** As for man, his days are like grass;  
**C:** *he flourishes like a flower of the field;*  
**P:** for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
**C:** *and its place knows it no more.*  
**P:** But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
**C:** *and his righteousness to children’s children,*  
**P:** to those who keep his covenant  
**C:** *and remember to do his commandments.*  
**P:** The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
**C:** *and his kingdom rules over all.*

**Prayers/Lord’s Prayer**

**Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (10:30 a.m.)**

*The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.*

**Communion Hymn: Agnus Dei** (LSB p. 180)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn:** LSB 725 – Children of the Heavenly Father

**Post-Communion Canticle:** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Closing Hymn:** LSB 921 – On What Has Now Been Sown

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** Trumpet Voluntary . . . W. Goodwin



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIRST-TIME VISITORS:** Welcome, guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

**FOR KING AND COUNTRY:** We have two extra tickets to the August 10<sup>th</sup> concert at the Wisconsin State Fair. They are \$48.00 each. Call or email Beth in the church office if you would like them; 414-421-2060 or bethb@ourshepherdlutheran.org.

**NEW TEEN YOUTH GROUP:** Announcing a new teen youth group for ages 13-17, led by Morgan Zeige and Aleksia Poellet. The group will meet for Bible study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fish Building conference room. Gatherings and events will be announced as they are scheduled.

**SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY:** On Saturday, July 18, 2026, we are asking for 8 volunteers to bag and distribute food to those in need from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Please sign up using the link on our website.

**SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST:** On Saturday, August 1, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers. We make and serve breakfast for those in need beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please sign up online if you can volunteer, see our website for the link.

**The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.**

**Listener Responses to The Word Today**

**Pakistan**

- "I'm 40 years old. I have two children. By the grace of God, we are all content. The Word Today radio programme is one that I enjoy listening to. I was anxious regarding my children's tests. They never study at home and constantly play outside. I'm asking God to guide them in life and for them to be successful. Continue to pray for them."
- "I tune in to The Word Today Punjabi radio programmes to hear the Word of God. My faith is strengthened by it. Although being a committed churchgoer, I have never fully comprehended the Bible. Nonetheless, these programmes provide a clear understanding of the Bible. I now talk about my ideas with my family as a whole. It represents a major victory in my life. I now frequently listen to this programme. I appreciate TWR's great service, and I thank them."

**Nepal**

- "Thank you so much for providing me with a Bible. Since I accepted Christ, I've been listening to the The Word Today radio programmes on FM stations every day, and I've been praying for a Bible as well; I had a small New Testament Bible. Even though I had money and could afford to buy the Bible, I did not value having the entire volume. But when I learned more about the Bible and its significance, and how carrying it with us and reading from it on a regular basis could make a difference in our lives, I became excited to have it and begged for a Bible copy. I received a Bible copy, which I intend to read and obey daily."
- "I am a church leader. When I heard about the The Word Today Nepali radio programme which would be broadcast from local FM stations, I was overjoyed. I dreamed that many of people would hear God's Word and come to know the truth. Many people are hard-hearted and reject the gospel on a regular basis, and do not allow us to share the gospel. Now the radio programmes will give them the opportunity to hear the good news. [I believe] it will undoubtedly work in their favour. As a result, we will continue to pray for TWR Nepal's radio."

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Teen Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

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